



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Thursday, November 3, 2016

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The National Zero Waste Council is a leadership initiative bringing together governments, businesses and non-government organizations to advance waste prevention in Canada. Founded by Metro Vancouver in collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in 2013, the Council has united, among others, five of Canada's largest metropolitan regions – Metro Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Edmonton – with key business and government leaders, academia and non-profit organizations in a call for national action and systems change to address waste generation.

A focus on waste prevention and on cross-sector collaboration uniquely positions the Council as an agent of change driving innovation in the design, production and use of goods in support of a circular economy. In just two short years, the Council has strategically grown its membership and network of partners, undertaken national outreach and engagement, and delivered a first set of “lighthouse” projects through its member-led working groups. With a focus on product design and behaviour change the Council is taking action on the factors that drive waste generation in support of a high quality of life, environmental sustainability and economy prosperity while consuming fewer resources and less energy.



## Vision

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Canada united in the achievement of zero waste, now and for future generations.

## Mission

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To act collaboratively with business, government and the community, at the national and international level, as an agent of change for waste prevention and reduction in the design, production and use of goods.



## Guiding Principles

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1. Commit to collaboratively working with business, government and community partners to develop new solutions.
2. Adopt a waste prevention and reduction framework that positions Canadian cities and businesses to compete globally in an emerging resource-constrained economy.
3. Align with global and international initiatives.
4. Stress the economic, social, and environmental benefits associated with the conservation of resources
5. Consider local and global consequence and long term impacts.

## Priorities

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### **Implement National Communication Campaigns**

Develop and support national communication and education campaigns to build public awareness that products and packaging can and should be designed to prevent waste, with benefits for the economy, the environment and lifestyles.

### **Advance Policy Development**

Research and assess opportunities for policy harmonization that will facilitate producers to improve the design of products and packaging, and pursue targeted initiatives to help facilitate this shift in identified product streams.

### **Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Dialogue**

Support and leverage existing initiatives and opportunities that promote best practices and facilitate knowledge exchange between industry, government and other key stakeholders.

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You or your organization can join the NZWC either as a supporter or a member.

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### Member

Be involved in the development of new solutions and partnerships to address waste generation

Excellent networking opportunities with stakeholders from across Canada

Invitations to participate in zero waste webinars, online discussions and workshops

Unlimited access to Members' Area and resources

Quarterly bulletin

Opportunity to participate in working groups and projects

### Supporter

Keep up to date with developments from the Council through regular notifications

Invitations to participate in zero waste webinars and online discussions

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Access to selected educational resources

Quarterly bulletin

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Raise issues and activities for the Council to consider and progress --

Exchange ideas, knowledge and zero waste resources across sectors --

Be involved in research, policy, harmonization and advocacy initiatives --

Show support for waste prevention and the responsible use of resources --

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting --

Reciprocal link on the NZWC website --

No fee No fee

**Eligibility:** Local, provincial, federal or territorial government entities; for-profit businesses or business organizations which are incorporated or have been in business for three years or more; or other public or academic entities which support the guiding principles, mission and vision of the NZWC, are advancing waste prevention through the work of their organization, and are available to contribute to the work agenda of the Council.

**Eligibility:** Individuals and organizations that do not meet the requirements for full membership but support the vision of the NZWC and/or are interested in following the Council's work and progress.

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BECOME A SUPPORTER / ANWELDERIN / ANWELDERIN



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## MEMBERS

### GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

BC Ministry of Environment	City of Vancouver
City of Burnaby	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
City of Edmonton	Granville Island Office, CMHC
City of Fort St. John	Halifax Regional Municipality
City of Markham	Metro Vancouver
City of New Westminster	Town of Cochrane
City of North Vancouver	Township of Langley
City of Port Coquitlam	Vancouver Board of Education
City of Richmond	Ville de Gatineau
City of Saskatoon	Ville de Montréal
City of Toronto	

### BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

A&W Food Services of Canada Inc.	Interface
BASF Canada	Lafarge Canada Inc.
BC Bottle and Recycling Depot Association	London Drugs
BC Ready-Mixed Concrete Association	Metro Inc.
BNAC Environmental Solutions Inc.	Munholland Business Services Ltd.
BSI Biodegradable Solutions	Naturally Crafted Contracting Ltd.
Burnaby Board of Trade	Nature's Path Foods
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	NewSpring Energy
CIAL Group	RecSquared
Connectivitywerx	Recycling Alternative
Dell Canada	Retail Council of Canada
ECODAS	Savers/Value Village
EcoMed Services, Canada	Shape Property Management
Ecoinspire	Shaw Industries
Elements Society	Small Business BC
Green Chair Recycling	Strathcona Business Improvement Association
Green Spark Group	Surrey Board of Trade
Greenomics	SymbiAudit Inc.
HSR Services	West Coast Reduction Ltd.
Immacutec Systems Technologies Inc.	



### **COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT/ACADEMIA**

Canadian Diabetes Association's Clothesline Program  
Catalyst Agri-Innovations Society  
Construction Resource Initiatives Council  
Ethik Boutique Eco-Design Hub  
Food Banks Canada  
Globe Advisors  
Kwantlen Student Association  
Light House Sustainable Building Centre  
One Earth  
PAC NEXT

Ridge Meadows Recycling Society  
Recycling Council of Alberta  
Recycling Council of British Columbia  
Recycling Council of Ontario  
Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Control  
Second Harvest  
Simon Fraser University  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
Society of Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)  
Thompson River University

### **ADVISORS**

- John Coyne, Director, Board of Directors, Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance
- Michael Goeres, Executive Director, Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
- Jared Wright, Director of Advocacy & Government Relations, Union of BC Municipalities

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Zero Waste Canada (ZWC) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that promotes solid waste solutions that eliminate the use of landfills and waste-to-energy plants. ZWC works with all levels of government for responsible resource management and policies, legislation and initiatives that eliminate waste and support continuous reuse of resources. ZWC provides resource management demonstration projects and education, and is a reliable go-to resource that collaboratively promotes social, environmental and economic well-being.

When waste can't be eliminated Zero Waste Canada adheres to the Zero Waste International Alliance's Principle of Highest and Best Use. That is: "We continuously evaluate our markets and direct our discarded products and packaging to recover the highest value according to the following hierarchy: reuse of the product for its original purpose; reuse of the product for an alternate purpose; reuse of its parts; reuse of the materials; sustainable recycling of inorganic materials in closed loop systems; sustainable recycling of inorganic materials in single-use applications; composting of organic materials to sustain soils and avoid use of chemical fertilizers; and composting or mulching of organic materials to reduce erosion and litter and retain moisture."

We are inspired by the progress that has been made with diversion efforts around the globe but demand higher level upstream solutions that avoid and prevent the creation of waste in the first place. Resource recovery is good but avoidance of waste is best and is our ultimate goal.



It is important to note that incineration or waste-to-energy projects do not comply with our zero waste standards. Such projects are ineffective, inefficient and dangerous methods to deal with our waste. Incineration destroys the highest value, the function of objects and leaves nothing but unusable sludge and ash. Incineration is a short-sighted approach to waste whereas zero waste offers a sustainable method by which we can ensure the highest quality of environmental, planetary, animal and human health.

We believe that zero waste is a visionary and perpetual goal that requires creative and unconventional solutions that fundamentally challenge the status quo and 'business as usual.'

In declaring our goal of absolute elimination of waste we join the zero waste community in asking "If you're not for zero waste, how much waste are you for?"

## 10 Our Mission

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## Government Members

As a Zero Waste Canada Government Member, you are committed to 'Getting to Zero' and driving the transformation of a circular society and economy.

Here's how it's done:

The Getting to Zero program enables governments to have an independent review of key performance indicators, and promote their claims

The Getting to Zero program helps to frame efforts within the context of a circular economy and the economic, social and environmental benefits of your efforts

The Getting to Zero program prepares Members for the Zero Waste Canada Recognition Programs and the Facility Certification Program in cooperation with the Zero Waste International Alliance (ZWIA.org)

High focus on education and various networking opportunities

Exclusive opportunities to join Members Only activities across the country, vote at the Zero Waste Canada AGM and participate on the committee and efforts of your choice

Working together and with our Governmental Bodies, we can attain the benefits to the economy, society and the environment that a circular economy has to offer.

Zero Waste Canada Government Membership

Local Government - Population <50,000 \$125.00 CAD ▼



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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October 28, 2016

### **Influenza Season and Flu Clinics Media Teleconference**

Dr. Andrew Gray, Northern Health Northern Interior Health Officer, and Patricia Strim, Regional Nursing Lead, Public Health Regional Communicable Diseases will be available to discuss the upcoming influenza season and flu clinics in the Northern Interior on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Due to a high volume in calls and requests from the media regarding influenza and vaccination in 2016, this is the most efficient way we can support answering your questions and delivering the most up-to-date and correct information about influenza vaccination in northern BC.

**When:** Monday, November 7, 2016

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Teleconference Details:** Teleconference 1-877-385-4099 Participant 7628579#

**Media contact:**

NH media line - 1.877.961.7724

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO**FAXED**

November 01, 2016

To our Honourable Regional District Board members,

The Bulkley Valley Dairymen's Association would like to let our local Regional District know that we do not support a ban on Genetically Modified Organisms.

We believe that the agriculture employed citizens of our community should be free to choose or not choose GMO seeds, whether or not to farm organically, and whether they do or do not use conventional modern farming techniques.

Our local farmers work hard to try and make a living for ourselves and our employees, provide healthy food for our communities while at the same time taking good care of the land in a sustainable manner for future generations. We deserve the freedom to farm with out undo interference from special interest groups. Our practices are legislated by the Federal Government, by our own rigorous industry practices program ProAction, as well as Provincially by the Ministry of Agriculture and related government agencies.

For your own information the Federal Ministry of Health as well as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency have given approval to a wide variety of GMO seeds. These are Federally regulated products. Any ban that Municipalities, or Regional Districts put in place on these products would be symbolic in nature only and would not be legally enforceable. This issue simply is not in our local jurisdiction, and it would be good to advise any individuals who wish to ban GMO products to take their protests to the appropriate Federal Governmental Ministry.

The Province of British Columbia also has a law called the " Farm Practices Protection Act". Provisions in this act state that Towns, Municipalities, and Regional Districts do not have the right to instruct farmers what they can or cannot grow on their farms.

We hope you find this information helpful in all your deliberations on this subject. Keep up the good work on our behalf.

On behalf of the B.V. Dairymen's Association,

President Rick Vandenberg.  
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