

Whereas Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan aims to divert an average of 50-70% of waste from landfills and incinerators by 2015,

Whereas the most controversial part of the Plan is to expand incineration in the region;

Whereas there are several concerns that exist around incineration related to toxicity, pollution and financial feasibility;

Whereas alternatives to incineration such as recycling, repair, reuse and composting create green jobs and small business opportunities that benefit local communities (Institute for Local Self Reliance);

Whereas the City of Vancouver put forward several changes to the plan including setting a waste reduction target rather than reducing a percentage of waste; banning all compostable organics from disposal by 2015; banning all commercial wood waste from disposal by 2015; and removing "combustion" from the waste to energy options;

Therefore be it resolved that the VDLC support the City of Vancouver's proposed changes to the Solid Waste Management Plan.