

February 4, 2020 Session - Queen's Park Arena

Refuse Board

inconvenience, inconvenience, inconvenience, Who wants to wait for a train?

Dumbest thing NW council have ever done. Garbage loads inevitably increase + council will likely need extra trucks to handle it. "Savings!" More likely extra costs

creating a parking lot where a recycling depot once stood sends a strong message about our City's priorities. The encouraged additional cars will fossil fuel consumption, traffic congestion, noise, and highlights that we do not value climate initiatives. Valuing cars > climate, bad look...

make moves to divest from fossil fuels + antiquated energy sources

distance to travel a big issue

traffic on Braid and Brunette. The volume of traffic going into recycle with be from 4 cities. Long line ups

availability of zero waste food/products is basically non-existent

many grocery stores produce area is at least 60-70% veggies + fruit packed in plastic. Changing from plastic packaging is a long term, national/international project.

consider increase congestion, increase fossil fuel consumption and decrease in people willing to travel

make a new recycling depot on the city owned land behind the justice Institute and on the old B.C. gas site on 12th and 3rd. (1 depot for west end/1 depot for east end)

how much gas and idling cars will be added to the environment? Increase gas = increase in \$. And decrease in compliance

if you want people to get on the "band wagon" it needs to be easy and accessible? Especially for people without autos

a permanent recycling in NW for glass, Styrofoam , plastic bags

ban plastic mesh bags used on fruits and veggies. Tiny pieces get into food or down drain when cut open

give incentives (ex: tax breaks?) for companies/researchers to develop truly compostable material for food packaging. Yes, I agree just about everything is wrapped or bagged in soft plastic

Get creative

we need a recycling depot in new west!

enforce businesses who sell products (i.e.. Coffee lids) to have recycle options

model bans around Metro Vancouver single use plastic reduction laws. Get it out!

increase distance, increase time, and decrease in compliance

Styrofoam + single use plastic ban (unless required for individuals that need to use straws for example)

direction to contract design with recycling depot remaining didn't happen

allow local commercial business to use depot for yard water - income for NW

decrease size of existing recycling depot

asking how important the recycling depot should have been done before Feb decision

reduce parking space at City Hall. Relocate and provide what we have there

Ban all single use plastic + Styrofoam,etc.

Multi Family issue Provide Direct service from City. Do not contract out.

Education on misuse of resources, incentives for using reusable items, penalties for using single use.

Reduce Board

make proper choices today for a better tomorrow. Is this the proper choice for New West?

tax breaks for business involved in bulk residential supply of household staples

advertise for local businesses who offer bulk products and refillable packaging

restaurant takeaway containers s/b made of compostable products

increase fee or bounty on firms that use Styrofoam

recycling depot needed at Quay. Many older residents

allow restaurants to let patrons to bring in take away containers

give small community grants to individuals or communities to fund alternatives to recycling

increase fees for dumping waste in landfills

make buying in bulk, plastic free, more affordable! More options! So much that is cheap, is plastic.

incentives for driving EV, more charging stations!

City should lead by example. No cups or discount

make a permanent mini recycle area by Bernie legge theatre - glass, plastic bags, Styrofoam

Reuse Board
Recycling depot needed to be closer to Quayside Drive Community
Traffic on Braid + Brunette after 2:30 not going to recycle
City could provide space for a maker space so people could repurpose discarded items. Tools and materials could be contributed by community
Open dialogues with municipal politicians + policy makers to hear and implement plans around community concerns
Ban the use of plastic grocery bags as other cities/municipalities have done. Forces use of recyclable bags + ecofriendly containers
Introducing tares at stores offering bulk options to allow us to bring our refillable containers
Reuse. YouTube is a good resource for reuse/repurposing
Encourage second-hand businesses to reduce textile waste
Ability to re-certify items like car seats that have not expired
Pop ups or mini permanent site near high school Encourage upcycling of resources/materials business startups by students
Get youth involved. Listen to young voices
Try to end stigma regarding repairing and repurposing items. (People calling others "cheap" or "stupid" for not buying new stuff)
Recycle Board
Accessibility of new location (traffic, transit, sidewalks, semi traffic) is very limited compared to ours and will deflect people)
How will you rectify the time between pop-ups or if people cannot attend? Waste will go into the landfill, when it should be going to our depot.
Developed nations have greater responsibility to our earth, to lead our global community in positive change to reduce of CO2 emissions
We are a thriving city in a thriving country. The steps we take need to be bold, drastic and carry impact.
Pop-up events will be confusing to keep track of. We are used to a regular location + hours
Must have a car to use Coquitlam facility. No sidewalks. Too heavy to carry.
Access/distance to new depot. Train tracks or drive around. Increase to carbon footprint
Distance + cost of gas and time will discourage use of the new depot in Coquitlam. Using cars to get there causes more pollution and is worse for the environment. x-ing train tracks is a negative
Will the amount of \$\$ saved by this move go to green development? Where will it go? How will this benefit the global green movement?
convenience is key. Don't make people drive to another city to recycle!
City Council created a green city and has now taken it away. What foolishness. You should be ashamed.
Offer to exchange larger garbage cans in exchange for the smaller ones. There will be more garbage.
More frequent pop ups (at least once per month)
Pick up glass, Styrofoam, plastics curbside. How a green waste somewhere locally.
Add Styrofoam (take out containers + meat trays to collection)
pick up Styrofoam soft plastics, glass in blue bin
option of 2nd compost bin per residence
multiple permanent smaller recycling locations will allow and encourage more participations
Don't have 9 month gap between depot closing and transfer station opening!
frequent pop-ups (2x/month) spread through the city.
despite cost relocate depot to an area in queens park near stock pile area. Every city should have a recycling depot close to where they live.
be able to put everything in blue bin
downsize the depot. Get rid of the non-money making products but keep the products that make money. Only small space is needed.
use "satellite" recycling bins for popular items (glass jars, plastics, plastic bags). Locate them in a few strategic locations in New West. Can be emptied on site or exchanged when full. Bin is about 4ft. cubed and dedicated to single use items. Sustainable (not combustible) way to recycle wood waste (i.e.. clean, non-painted, non-heated wood)
Emulate greenest city action plan in Vancouver
We need a recycling depot in New West
Promise to reopen a recycling depot once community center is rebuilt
provide tax incentives for companies that don't use plastic/styro foam packaging
can we pay?/use a 2nd green bin at single family house? Craft paper bags fall apart in rain
car batteries. Edmonds batteries pay for dead batteries

Keep our amazing recycling depot. Prioritize community and climate health over parking spaces. Let green incentives have room to develop + prosper.
We are capable of more than this giant step back
shredded paper recycling: should it be placed in a plastic bad or a paper bag or box? Communication inconsistency in multi-family

February 6, 2020 - Queensborough Community Centre

Refuse Board

Buddy up with neighbors especially seniors and those less mobile, for recycling trips
Purchase decisions should be based on determining if this will satisfy a need or a want. Only buy needs
Provide incentives for businesses to support refusing
Research what other countries are doing to refuse, reduce + reuse
Education re: health concerns, and bringing own containers (don't think there are any)
Many orgs (restaurants) don't know what to make of take out customers w/ their own containers
Everything is wrapped in soft plastic

Reduce Board

Provide a forum for community members to share how they refuse, reduce, reuse (FB?)
Offer repair programs and workshops to fix products rather than encouraging buying new.
Don't let restaurants use plastic/Styrofoam containers. Should be compostable paper or corn based plastic products.
Partner with industry to hold events to help us reduce items that are hard to recycle

Reuse Board

Exchange/swap workshops for textile reuse
Ban plastic shopping bags
Last week I tried to find someone in the Lower Mainland who repairs umbrellas. Still looking. One of the show repair shops google send me to laughed at me.

Recycle Board

Initiate neighborhood joint recycling days so one vehicle goes to the station not 10
Refundable bottles can be converted to points to pay for electricity?
Improving our waste elimination systems by keeping it accessible and versatile allows us all to contribute to bettering our community and world.
Creative incentives for resident recycling (A'LA Point System)
Put recycling only in the recycling bin
Glass recycling is limited to jars and bottles. Others go in garbage. Fix this. All glass should be recyclable
Glass/Styrofoam is a hassle to recycle
Third bin for hard-to-recycles
Education on other recycling location

February 8, 2020 - Anvil Centre (Downtown)

Refuse Board

my own experience to refuse has been positive - primarily less clutter and decrease in time dealing to recycling
a lack of options at stores for food and products that are not packaged in plastic
convenience
the city could host workshops to support the community in rethinking "refuse" and what that means
Better signage for multi-family bins. Thank you for putting on this forum. Learned a lot.
incentivize and encourage the sale of products that do not contain disposal (incl. recyclable) packaging
have tables @ farmers markets to increase awareness
ban/regulate upstream waste. Reduce pressure on individuals. More "refuse" should happen before recycling
Reduce planned obsolescence. We need to be proactive instead of reactive
consider 2nd hand options
Zero waste - use the refill stop to refill containers (i.e. shampoo, soap, dish soap, etc.)
Zero waste - use the bulk barn to refill containers (ex: a wide variety of food). This is also a good way to reuse glass jays and not have to recycle them
We will not be driving to Coquitlam. We will throw the recycling into the garbage.
Have the City have seminars before "fait accompli"

Reduce Board

Municipality refuse to have recyclable items sold in areas and or tax the products heavily to force manufacturers to change delivery systems

My own experience to reduce has been positive - primarily saving \$

Waste training for citizens to learn how to reduce waste, how to recycle properly, and eventually refuse

The city could hose repair cafes (toasters, clothing, toys, jewelry, etc.) to help the community decrease waste

Design looks great. Good job planning this.

More awareness about location of alternative recycling locations

Have dedicated small recycling facility organized by the city and staffed. Staff transport the recycling to Coquitlam

more forum's like this one should be held at more public places to educate the residents. Royal City Center, Quay Market

Information about location of small recycling centers

All this input from citizens after it is a "done deal"

How to motivate individuals to reduce garbage/trash/waste? Reward individuals with cash or in kind. These individuals are models to speak how they do it.

Ban plastic bags/ saran wrap

More biodegradable products

Bring your own containers for restaurant take-out

Is it possible to have a sealed down depot remain at the same site. (i.e. by the pool)

Retailers/manufacturers should take back their packaging. Make this a provincial requirement. This would incentivize the sellers' reduction of packaging

Encouraging shops that allow people to bring containers to be refilled

Include packaging considerations when buying take-out food (or anything else)

Loose recycling, momentum if local drop off is not available to public. Truck already pickup, cardboard, paper + green waste. Why not expand the pickup to include glass, Styrofoam and soft plastic. This would keep carbon footprint the same as now

Reduce plastic shopping bags and plastic vegetable/fruit bags when shopping. Use bulk shopping more.

Less plastic bags, containers, etc. More glass biodegradable items

Reuse Board

Lack of imagination

Need recycle site

Experience is reuse saves \$ and decrease in clutter

Accept glass and Styrofoam in city pick-up bins

make all restaurants + fast food and otherwise, recycle ALL takeout cups + paper products

City should provide bins for glass containers and a separate one for glass recyclables, especially for multifamily residences. City should also provide bins for plastic bag/other plastic like at the depot but at all residences

Free shop or communal resources registry

Each business should take back their own packaging

Thrift store donations. Thank you Salvation Army

consider maximum use and its power to increase reuse (i.e.. Glass jays for food storage, drinking cups, food serving, funky vases, etc.)

reusable cloth bags

Thrift stores. Donations

Thrift store. New to you Sapperton good for lightly used clothing. Need viable recycling for sewing scraps. No existing facility anymore

Belmont Butcher will re-use egg cartons

refill shop in NW will accept glass containers to fill

Recycle Board

Move depot out of New West and I will have a big problem

Barrier? Braid Street, Brunette Street, Railway. What more is needed to discourage use?

we are responsible for moving a large city boulevard and clearing leaves from a large city tree. What help can you provide to deal with city yard waste that we currently deal with ourselves?

Can you provide homeowners with paper sacks for yard waste cleared by mowing city boulevards and clearing leaves from city trees?

Try. Don't be lazy. Seriously not hard.

no car - glass packaging

pickup of glass, Styrofoam. Senior - no car.. No way to get to new depot
New recycling center will be in the worst possible location. Braid/Brunette intersection plus railway tracks is a traffic hell hole.
Increase awareness of the R's (rethinking, refuse, reduce, reuse...)
There should be a comprehensive recycling depot (like the one that exists) in NW. There is City land where it could be moved. 1) Hume Park 2) behind McBride shopping center - diagonal to post office
No car - glass pickup please!
Begin curbside pick-up of glass + soft plastics with blue bin schedule
Yard waste. Can we find a location in NW for composting? Queens Park?
Most glass pop-ups
Very important to keep a recycle facility in New West. Find a new location. Possibilities include work yard behind McBride Safeway; space in Hume Park; find space in Queens Park??
wrt - recycle centre closing - get info on Alternative Recycling Locations out to citizens
Closure of recycling center. 1) Get info on alternative recycling locations out to citizens. How? Put web link on all info MHs or websites. Highlighted
Pickup more recyclable items at curbside - Ex: sift plastics, packaging, Styrofoam
Suggestions for green waste inside new west. Queens Park (Behind tennis, behind nursery). Essential citizen amenity
Suggest having bins at all high rises for plastic bags, drycell batteries, and Styrofoam. As elder folks don't drive anymore. This was very helpful. Thanks.
Need location to shred documents/bills
Return-it depot in Queensborough
1) figure out how to automate Styrofoam recycling (optical sensor to test density?) and add it to the curbside 2) do regular pop-ups for Styrofoam 3) re-create the recycling yard after pool construction
Tipperary Park pop ups should be monthly
local recycling within community? Walking distance - not involving crossing railway tracks, heavy traffic corridors
More education pamphlets
Why not develop City Property @ 12th and 3rd which is empty and need recycling itself?
Accept soft plastics in the blue bin (plastic bags, etc.)
hold monthly drop-off events for harder-to-recycle items like batteries and lightbulbs, etc.)
More pop-ups for glass. Increase in frequency and increase in location throughout city based on density
Put the various recycling locations info into the electricity bills. "Alternative recycling Locations" chart
The City needs to find out what happens to recycling after contractors take over. Is it taken to Asia and burnt/landfilled?
Fast food company buy back recyclable items. For customers to return items and these companies will be responsible to recycle.
To home depot/Rona/Canadian tire/Costco, etc. To buy back packaging boxes, bags, wraps
Put recycling bins around city for glass, plastic bags and Styrofoam
Quay is densest part of NW and there is nothing offered
Recycle fail. Tea bag wrappers at this event. Compost tea bags and stir sticks at this event
If curbside pickup includes more items (ex: plastic bags, Styrofoam, glass) fewer people would need to go to Recycling Depot
Let people know that they can have 2 blue bins. I only discovered this today or pickup the blue bin each week.
Is there a location in New West for yard waste and composting? All other recycling is manageable at the new depot
Let people know they can have 2 recycling bins
Let people know they can use large paper bags from Home Depot for garden refuse and the City will collect them
February 11, 2020 - St. Aidan's Church (West End)
Refuse Board
Make waste management (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle) mandatory school curriculum
Driving to coquille is not environmentally friendly
For people who claim to be ecologically minded, it defeats the purpose to send people in all directions to disperse their refuse rather than in one central location. More gas, more places to go. Most people will lose patience and we'll end up with more illegal dumping
Cities and province must refuse the allow plastic containers that are not recyclable. Must force manufacturers to take plastic reduction and recycling seriously.
The City should consult with industry and try to convince them to be accountable for what they product. If an industry has for example a box that they product, they should recycle or provide for the recycling of all that they produce. The same should apply for all business and industries.
make it convenient for people to recycle at a facility within out community. A multi use all in one place. Moving out of New Westminster to Coquitlam is a mistake. Driving through industrial also train tracks and Baily bridge

Inconvenient
Reduce Board
The Council has done a great disservice to the people of this city.
Ban single use plastics of course, by the time the city is finished turning NW into one great apartment corridor, we wont need to worry about garden refuse.
Manufacturers need to reduce unnecessary packaging, example, cardboard with plastic insert
Free annual pickup of larger items that don't fit in bins or recycling does accept
Moving it to Coquitlam is inconvenient and gas wise costly
make recycling + other environmental issues part of the elementary curriculum (and high school). Have an annual (or more often) curb pickup items. Ex: old useless items, chairs...) that the city doesn't want in the garbage bins or wont fit.
Start educating people about decreasing the garbage from each household as they buy. Use local paper (Record) for tips and guides. Stop relying on Internet - not everyone has it!
Ban single use plastics in all forms - in grocery stores (plastic underlay for meat), plastic garbage bags, use compostable bags instead
Coordinate with Provincial and Federal governments to phase out plastic and Styrofoam as soon as possible
Have a plan to phase out single use plastic and Styrofoam as soon as possible
Driving will stop people from recycling. Having a facility not in New West is real disappointment. The footprint of our depot is not that large and we certainly can find a spot in our community.
Reuse Board
provide workshops on how to repair small appliances, etc.
Recycle Board
We use the current depot a lot because it ideally located and easily accessed. If you move the depot to Coquitlam. We will not be travelling there. Closing the current depot is a bad idea! Very poor planning on the part of the City.
Greatest barrier: distance to depot. The further the depot is, the fewer people will se it. That is an unfortunate and unavoidable reality. Fewer residents will recycle. Also, the depot is the only place to recycle certain items. There is no where else to recycle them. Unfortunately, New West tax payers are now paying for Coquitlam services.
1) the high school use it for teaching/recycling 2) behind the Justice Institute 3) The City Hall has a large lawn 4) Hume Park 5) Queen's Park parking lot along 1st street use to have rocks + soil 6) Tipperary Park @ 4th Street. The size of our present depot
Temporarily move existing recycling depot to far side of pool while aquatic center under construction. Then when aquatic center is finished, reposition depot in the same area. Do NOT close depot permanently. Council members not attending these info sessions. Why? Cowardly.
To demolish a very popular depot to make parking for 30 cars and an easier driveway for the pool users is a very bad trade! City Council's priorities are unbelievable totally backwards! Council will regret this decision down the road.
Keep it in the City. It is only the size of a city lot!
Place new depot where old high school is.
Re-flexible plastics. Manufacturers should have to package using recyclable compostable materials. Have an annual (or more often) curbside pickup of unwanted items. (Most disappear before they're picked up!
Provide pickup for soft plastic, flexible plastic and Styrofoam
require businesses to provide compost and recycle facilities