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Maple Ridge Council Welcomes Halt of Waste to Energy Procurement Process

Maple Ridge, BC: On May 27, 2014 Maple Ridge Council passed a motion that asked Metro Vancouver to delay the Waste to Energy (WTE) garbage incinerator to review the business case and provide a more thorough cost benefit analysis. In a show of solidarity, Pitt Meadows Council passed a similar motion. Last week, Greg Moore, Chair of Metro Vancouver indicated that the procurement process for a WTE facility has been stopped and the project would be reevaluated.

"I would like to thank our past Council for their leadership on this issue and acknowledge Councillor Bob Masse's work in bringing the motion forward last year," said Mayor Nicole Read. "There were a number of issues that were raised, including the economics of the project, the potential financial impact on communities and concerns from our neighbours in the Fraser Valley Regional District relating to air quality. The announcement and reevaluation of the project is welcome news."

The official announcement came on December 10, 2015 and was posted on the Metro Vancouver www.metrovancouver.org/media-room/media-releases/solid-waste/427/metro-vancouver-discontinues-current-waste-to-energy-procurement-process.

"While the procurement process has halted, it is clear from the communications that this issue will be coming back before us at some point in the future. All of us on Council look forward to renewing the conversation and building on the knowledge and passion from around the table," added Mayor Read.

For more information on the Waste to Energy Procurement Process please contact Mayor Read at nread@mapleridge.ca or by calling 604-463-5221