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Mayor Jamie Ross and Council
Village of Belcarra
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VIA EMAIL: jross@belcarra.ca

Dear Mayor Ross and Council:

Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Metro Vancouver is updating its solid waste management plan, and would like to learn how the Village of Belcarra would like to be engaged in the development of the new plan over the next two to three years.

The *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan* was approved by the Provincial Government in 2011 and requires an update. By applying a framework of resilience, equity and prosperity, the updated plan will build on the current plan's strengths and identify opportunities for accelerated waste reduction and diversion, while reducing greenhouse gases and promoting a circular economy.

A comprehensive engagement program involving a broad range of stakeholders and perspectives will be critical in the development of an updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver's engagement on this project is guided by an [Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel](#), a group of engagement experts established to advise and guide Metro Vancouver staff and Board.

Seeking Your Feedback

Metro Vancouver would like to learn how the Village of Belcarra would like to be notified of engagement opportunities and provide input at various stages in the plan development process (e.g. preferred channels of communication, level and frequency of updates). The information we receive will help shape an engagement program that describes engagement phases, methods and audiences, and strives to align with the priorities and preferences of a broad range of audiences. This pre-engagement phase will close on **May 28, 2021**.

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Metro Vancouver will work closely with municipal staff through the REAC-Solid Waste Sub-Committee to understand and identify opportunities to advance waste reduction and recycling in key priority areas, such as single-use items, illegal dumping, and construction and demolition waste. Although the development of a new solid waste management plan is anticipated to be a two- to three-year process, Metro Vancouver and municipal staff will continue to work together in the interim to advance efforts in these key areas.

An engagement web page has been developed and is available [here](#) or at metrovancouver.org by searching 'solid waste management plan engagement'. The web page describes the project, outlines the phases of engagement, and links to a 3-minute questionnaire.

If you have any questions or comments about the review and update of Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan, require additional information, or wish to schedule an online meeting or presentation with Metro Vancouver, a third party consultant that will summarize feedback, or the Consultation and Engagement Panel, please contact Sarah Evanetz, Division Manager, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, by email at Sarah.Evanetz@metrovancover.org or by phone at 778-995-3476.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Your sincerely,



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