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Via Email: [whiterockcouncil@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:whiterockcouncil@whiterockcity.ca)

Re: City of White Rock Bylaw 2402 - A Bylaw to amend the Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw to provide solid waste collection services to multi-family (MF) and institutional, commercial and industrial (ICI) buildings.

Dear Mayor & Council,

On behalf of the Waste Management Association of B.C. (WMABC), I would like to congratulate the new and returning councilor's to the City of White Rock City Council.

We are providing this letter to the new Council to follow up with our concerns on Bylaw 2402 that was introduced in 2021 and consolidated this past year. Over the past number of months, the City of White Rock pursued the expropriation of our Members' business in the city through By-Law 2402 and the release of an RFP in August. We understand that the implementation of the By-law was delayed for a number of reasons including but not limited to;

- A limited number of responses to the City's RFP for a sole service provider(s)
- Additional costs associated with the By-law itself that had not been previously identified to Council required to implement the By-law
- Concern from White Rock businesses and various Strata organizations relative to the potential for increased cost for waste and recycling services.

Our concerns, as were presented to previous Council last year by Mr. Cam Hantiuk on behalf of the Association, remain the same and we re-emphasize now;

- Limited consultation with impacted stakeholders (residents & industry)
- Removal of choice for businesses and strata and other multi-family properties (MF) with respect to important and required environmental services.
- Reversal of a previous Council decision (2015) to allow business and other stakeholders to make their own supply chain decisions.
- Disincentive for haulers and waste generators to collaborate in the provision and development of efficient and innovative service offerings ie: other container types, service type
- Potential for increased cost to businesses and ratepayers as has been observed in other jurisdictions who have pursued the same approach.

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- Desired outcomes relative to the By-law, and options to achieve same, that were not explored with stakeholders or through the City's Consultants
- Messaging to our member's White Rock customers that were confusing in the absence of clearly defined costs to migrate from a competitive marketplace and timing to a central control approach

We do want to highlight that By-law 2402, Part 9, includes timelines that may no longer be practical and would ask for an amendment of those timelines so that our members are better able to work with White Rock stakeholders who are impacted by these timelines. We understand that there may be other communications with which we are not aware that have gone out to White Rock businesses and other stakeholders and would appreciate receipt of such communications on behalf of our members and their customers in White Rock. It is important that our members and their customers have clarity on this as the issue is currently at a standstill.

By way of background, the WMABC is composed of private waste and recycling service providers, processors and suppliers with over 3,000 employees that provide the majority of the waste and recycling services across the province. As an active participant in the waste management services sector in B.C., we have and continue to provide a critical role in the delivery of efficient and cost-effective waste diversion, recycling and disposal services for the municipal and the Institutional, Commercial and Industrial (IC&I) sector.

We want to strongly emphasize that our Association remains committed to working with all municipalities and enterprises with a desire to achieve beneficial environmental outcomes. We believe that inclusive collaboration provides the best path forward and offer our experience to the City in order to move forward. We look forward to working with your administration to achieve a mutually beneficial outcome for the City, our members, White Rock businesses and all potentially impacted parties.

Sincerely,



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