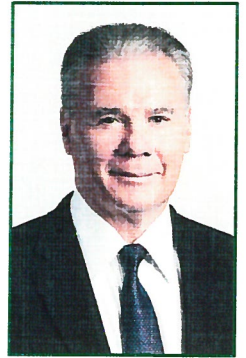




CITY OF DELTA  
*Office of The Mayor, George V. Harvie*



December 3, 2018

The Honourable George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
PO Box 9047, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

**Re: Organic Matter Recycling Regulation Review**

At the November 26, 2018 Regular Meeting, Delta Council considered the enclosed report regarding the proposed revisions to the *Organic Matter Recycling Regulation* and unanimously endorsed Recommendation A contained therein. Subsequently, Council amended Recommendation B and resolved the following:

*“THAT a copy of this report be provided to Ian Paton, MLA Delta South, Ravi Kahlon, MLA Delta North, the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Metro Vancouver Board and staff, and the residents of East Ladner.”*

I, along with Delta Council, have significant concerns regarding the proposal by your Ministry to generally allow undigested raw sewage sludge as an organic matter suitable for composting under the *Organic Matter Recycling Regulation*. I emphatically request that this amendment not be included in the proposed changes to this legislation. Delta has raised concerns in the past regarding the potential for these types of materials being composted at a facility located within our agricultural lands and fortunately through other mechanisms, the composting of biosolids and sewage sludge was prohibited by a Metro Vancouver licence. Composting facilities that do not accept municipal solid waste in the Metro Vancouver region do not necessarily have the same restrictions on feedstocks and are subject to the broader provisions of the *Organic Matter Recycling Regulation* including those composting operations on agricultural lands. We are also conscious of the fact that the paramountcy of provincial laws could affect regional and local government regulation of this matter, if challenged.

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Due to the issues related to the potential for composting sewage sludge on agricultural lands, we are also seeking comments from our agricultural community and will be meeting with the Delta Farmers' Institute.

I appreciate the additional time provided to us to review this matter and I respectfully request that you allow for the consideration of any further comments that may come from these discussions.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie  
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: The Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture  
Ravi Kahlon, MLA Delta North  
Ian Paton, MLA Delta South  
Metro Vancouver Board of Directors  
Delta Farmers' Institute  
Delta Council  
Ken Kuntz, Acting City Manager  
Sean McGill, Director of Corporate Services  
Steven Lan, Director of Engineering