

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ADDENDUM

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Immediately following the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board Meeting
RDN Board Chambers

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- *5.4 Justin Farrell, Policy Coordinator, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, re FCM
Resolution, Marine Litter

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From: Justin Farrell [<mailto:jfarrell@fcm.ca>]

Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 12:44 PM

To: Ritter, Bernadette

Cc: Hill, Jacquie; Resolutions

Subject: FCM Resolution, Marine Litter, to be considered at the 2018 FCM Annual Conference

Good afternoon Bernadette,

I am writing to let you know that FCM would like to submit an expanded version of the Regional District of Nanaimo's recently adopted resolution on Marine Litter for consideration by the full membership at the 2018 FCM Annual Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We feel that this resolution is particularly timely, given recent commitments by the federal government to use Canada's G7 presidency to promote ocean protection, particularly around plastics and pollution, and warrants additional consideration on the national stage.

Attached is a copy of the expanded resolution, which we would like to bring forward for approval to FCM's Executive Committee on May 16th. If you have any objections or concerns about the expanded content in the resolution, please let us know. If you need to take these amendments back to your council, please let us know before May 16th.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Justin

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Marine Litter

WHEREAS, The United Nations Environmental Programme estimates that 8 million tonnes of the plastic produced globally every year finds its way into our oceans, food chains and ecosystems, damaging our health in the process;

WHEREAS, With over 202,080 kilometres of coastline, Canada has one of the longest interfaces with oceans and bodies of water of any country on the planet;

WHEREAS, Well designed laws can help reverse this global trend;

RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the federal government to develop a national strategy to mitigate and manage marine litter, which includes the following components:

1. Measurable national targets aimed at mitigating ocean plastics pollution, developed in consultation with all orders of government;
2. A federal program to support coastal clean-up operations in communities affected by marine litter;
3. A national public education and awareness campaign aimed at improving public understanding of the local and global environmental costs of marine litter, particularly plastics.
4. Federal efforts to enhance existing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs and policies that involve manufacturers, distributors and retailers in managing packaging and other waste throughout its entire life-cycle;
5. Support for innovation in waste management at the local level, including research, development of new technologies, demonstration projects and replication of the most promising technologies.
6. An evaluation of federal options to regulate packaging, including reducing the amount of packaging, setting minimum standards for recycled content or setting standards for recyclability.
7. Global leadership through international partnerships and collaboration.

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