



To: Public Works and Transportation Committee *To Public Works & Transportation -* **Date:** June 10, 2008 *June 18, 2008*

From: Cathryn Volkering Carlile **File:** *10-6370-09-01*  
 General Manager - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

Re: **UBCM Resolution on Recycling Requirements for Special Events in Parks and Public Spaces**

**Staff Recommendation**

That:

1. The proposed Resolution (Att. 1) to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) encouraging other municipalities to require Special Event recycling be adopted and sent to the UBCM;
2. Copies of the Resolution also be sent to the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and Metro Vancouver; and,
3. A letter be sent to the Richmond School Board advising of the City's Special Event recycling event practices and encouraging that the District adopt similar policies.

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 Att. 1

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| <b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b><br><i>Cathryn Volkering Carlile</i> |  |                                |
| <b>REVIEWED BY TAG</b>  | YES<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>REVIEWED BY CAO (Acting)</b><br><i>[Signature]</i>                     | YES<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> |

## Staff Report

### Origin

At their June 9, 2008 meeting Richmond Council adopted the following motion:

*(1) "That staff prepare the appropriate resolution to be sent to the Union of BC Municipalities requesting that cities and municipalities include the requirement for recycling when a group wants to book a park or hold an event, for consideration at a future Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting."*

This report responds to this request.

### Background

It has been the City's practice to ensure recycling servicing is provided for all City organized Special Events. Recycling at Events organized by the community, however, has varied depending upon different event organizers.

At their June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting, Richmond Council adopted the resolution that recycling be made a requirement for Special Events bookings in the City of Richmond. Staff are presently undertaking the implementation of this requirement.

As requested by Council, a proposed resolution to the UBCM to encourage Special Event recycling by other municipalities is provided in Attachment 1. Due to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for receipt of resolutions to the UBCM, the report is being submitted for consideration to the General Purposes Committee rather than the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee as suggested in the original request. Staff also recommend that a letter be sent to the Richmond School Board encouraging the District to implement similar practices.

### Financial Impact

There is no financial impact.

### Conclusion

The City of Richmond has recently adopted the practice that recycling servicing be provided for Special Events. This report recommends that Council forward the attached resolution to the UBCM to support collective action by other local governments.



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**PROPOSED UBCM Resolution – Recycling Service Requirements at Special Community Events**

WHEREAS the City of Richmond supports and encourages recycling in its City operations and throughout the Richmond community,

AND WHEREAS the City of Richmond has recently made it a practice to require that recycling servicing be provided for all Special Events bookings,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Richmond call upon the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to encourage its members to require recycling when a group wants to book a park or hold an event.