



## **Committee of the Whole Report**

### **For the Meeting of September 27, 2018**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 18, 2018  
**From:** Fraser Work, Director of Engineering and Public Works  
**Subject:** National Zero Waste Council

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Direct staff to submit an application for membership to the National Zero Waste Council;
2. Appoint a member of Council as the City's representative to the National Zero Waste Council; and
3. Demonstrate its commitment to waste prevention and reduction to the National Zero Waste Council through a letter containing the City of Victoria's "Statement of Intent", as contained in Attachment A.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The National Zero Waste Council (NZWC) is a cross-sectoral collaborative body which acts as a unified, national voice for municipalities and other stakeholders to advance waste prevention and reduction across Canada. The NZWC was founded in 2013 by Metro Vancouver in collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and comprises a range of members including governments, businesses and non-government organizations.

The Guiding Principles of the NZWC are to:

- Commit to collaboratively working with business, government and community partners to develop new solutions.
- Adopt a waste prevention and reduction framework that positions Canadian cities and businesses to compete globally in an emerging resource-constrained economy.
- Align with global and international initiatives.
- Promote the economic, social, and environmental benefits associated with the conservation of resources
- Consider local and global consequence and long term impacts.

The objectives of the NZWC are aligned to the City of Victoria's Official Community Plan with goals and broad objectives to reduce waste sent to landfill and make recovery, re-use, recycling and composting of resources standard practice. Furthermore, membership to the NZWC supports objectives in Council's Strategic Plan 2015-2018 to innovate and lead, and to steward waste streams responsibly.

Members of the NZWC benefit through involvement in the development of new solutions and partnerships to address waste generation and have access to a variety of resources to support the work of their organization to advance waste prevention.

Membership applications are reviewed for approval by the NZWC Management Board on a bi-monthly basis. There is no fee for membership.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to apply for membership to the National Zero Waste Council (NZWC) and to appoint a member of Council as the City's representative.

### ***Membership Requirements***

Membership to the National Zero Waste Council requires the City of Victoria to:

- Acknowledge the guiding principles of the NZWC, including those embodied in the vision and mission statements, and agree to act in conformance with and support both.
- Demonstrate a commitment to waste prevention and reduction by submitting a Statement of Intent as part of the application process (Attachment A).
- Demonstrate organizational support for the NZWC by submitting a supporting letter or resolution as part of the application process.
- Identify a lead politician or senior staff to support the work of, and participate in, the NZWC.
- Be available to serve on NZWC working groups and committees.
- Attend the NZWC AGM to the best of the City's ability.
- Place the NZWC logo, and a link to the NZWC website, on the City's website, and have the City's website linked on the NZWC website.

### ***Accessibility Considerations***

The recommendations do not include any specific, direct accessibility impacts.

### ***2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan***

The recommendations support Objective 1 - Innovate and Lead and Objective 11 – Steward Waste Systems and Waste Streams Responsibly.

### ***Impacts to Financial Plan***

Funds may be required to attend working groups and committee meetings, but where possible these meetings will be attended remotely. In addition, attendance of a Council representative to the NZWC Annual General Meeting will incur an approximate cost of \$2,000 per year.

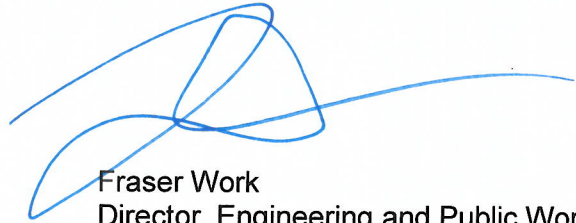
## **CONCLUSIONS**

Membership to the National Zero Waste Council will allow the City of Victoria to play an active role in the development and implementation of leading policies and programs designed to advance zero waste in Canada and access resources that will advance waste reduction and prevention across the City.

Respectfully submitted,





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Fraser Work  
Director, Engineering and Public Works

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

#### List of Attachments

Attachment A – Statement of Intent – National Zero Waste Council