City of Victoria Statement of Intent - National Zero Waste Council

The City of Victoria acknowledges the valuable efforts being championed by the National Zero Waste Council to advance waste prevention and help achieve zero waste. These objectives are closely aligned with the values of our community, with our Official Community Plan providing goals and broad objectives to reduce waste sent to landfill and make recovery, re-use, recycling and composting of resources standard practice.

The following actions have been recently undertaken by the City of Victoria to help achieve these waste reduction goals and objectives:

- Implementation of source separated collection for food scraps and other organics at curbside for residents and in the public realm.
- Enactment of a regulation to restrict the use of plastic checkout bags and reduce other single-use checkout bags.
- Partnership with the National Zero Waste Council to activate the Love Food Hate Waste campaign to reduce household food waste throughout the City of Victoria.

The City is also in the process of developing its first zero waste strategy that aligns with circular economy principles.

As such, The City of Victoria is eager to work with the National Zero Waste Program on all programs that promote sustainable waste management and accelerate our transition to a zero waste community.

Thank you kindly for considering our application to join as a member of the National Zero Waste Council.

Best regards,

Lisa Helps Mayor