



October 15, 2021

The Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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Dear Minister,

Re: GFL Environmental Delta Composting Facility

I am writing to express concerns regarding the GFL Environmental Delta Organics composting facility located in City of Delta. At the September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, the following recommendation was adopted:

“THAT Mayor Harvie send a letter to the provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy requesting a full audit of the GFL Compost Facility under the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation and that the Environmental Management Act be amended to define odorous air contaminants and endorse measurement standards for regulatory purposes.”

Despite significant upgrades at the GFL facility, our community continues to be impacted by odour from this operation. Metro Vancouver has been unsuccessful to date in regulating odorous air emissions from this facility using its delegated authority under the BC Environmental Management Act. The ambiguities within the Act as it relates to odour have, in our view, resulted in the BC Environmental Appeal Board striking down provisions in the air quality permit for the GFL facility that would have allowed Metro Vancouver to monitor and measure odorous emissions from the facility. We respectfully request that the necessary regulatory amendments be made to clearly include odour as an “air contaminant” and to adopt odour measurement protocols as has been done in other jurisdictions, including the European Union.

While the regulation of air emissions is under Metro Vancouver’s delegated authority, your Ministry also regulates the GFL facility pursuant to a permit issued under the Environmental Management Act. As per Delta Council’s resolution, we are requesting that your staff conduct an audit of the GFL facility with respect to compliance with this permit and the portion of the operation that is subject to the Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie
Mayor

cc: The Hon. Ravi Kahlon, MLA Delta North, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery &
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Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors
Delta Council
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