



August 16, 2021

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair  
Metro Vancouver Board of Directors  
4730 Kingsway, Metrotower III  
Burnaby, BC V5H 0C6

Dear Chair Dhaliwal,

**Re: GFL Environmental Delta Organics Facility**

The GFL Environmental Delta Organics Composting Facility located in east Ladner receives a significant portion of the region's organic waste. In addition to Delta's, organics are received from the Cities of Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond. It is licenced by Metro Vancouver to receive up to 150,000 tonnes per year of material. GFL completed a major upgrade of this facility in 2020 that resulted in a new composting process conducted within fully-enclosed buildings with odour management systems. Despite these upgrades, there were over 200 complaints received from residents in June and July 2021 where the GFL facility was identified as the suspected source of the odour. The suspected source of the odours is material that is being managed outside of the fully-enclosed system.

The enclosed letter from our City Manager to your Chief Administrative Officer requests that staff conduct a compliance audit of the GFL facility in respect of the Composting Facility Licence issued under the Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw. We would like to know whether the types and quantity of material being received by GFL complies with the terms of this licence given the volume of material being stored outside of the buildings which we believe is contributing to the odours observed by our residents.

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I respectfully request that you ensure this matter is a priority for your staff as it is critical to Delta residents, and the region, that the GFL facility is operated in a manner that does not negatively affect its neighbours.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Delta Council  
Sean McGill, City Manager  
Mel Cheesman, Director of Corporate Services