



To: Mayor and Councillors
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Re: Recommended Changes To the OCP GHG Management Bylaw 8599

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend additional changes to the proposed OCP GHG Management Bylaw 8599, in order to add into the Bylaw itself, all the requests being made to the Province in part (5) of the Committee's recommendation.

The reason for staff's recommendation is that with the higher GHG reduction targets, it is important to emphasize that Council has high expectations for the Province to assist in achieving them by establishing a wide range of effective and long term GHG reduction initiatives, programs and funding. Incorporating Council's requests into the OCP establishes an official, transparent and ongoing policy to indicate to the Province and community how important Provincial assistance is to the City in achieving its GHG reduction targets.

Comments

The attached revised proposed Bylaw 8599 includes:

1. the OCP GHG Bylaw changes which were agreed upon at Planning Committee, on April 21, 2010, and
2. additional sections to reflect all the requests being made to the Province in part (5) of the Committee's recommendation (see below):

ADDITIONAL STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Richmond Official Community Plan bylaw 7100, Amendment Bylaw No. 8599, "Greenhouse Gas Management" be revised at Section c) Actions to add:

"- Substantially increase its policy and funding support for transportation improvements in Richmond, including extending the Canada Line and/or providing ground level light rail transit (LRT), improving bus services and improving cycling infrastructure;

- Establish a grant, rebate and/or low interest loan program to assist property owners to retrofit their buildings to reduce GHG emissions;

- Establish a grant, rebate and/or low interest loan program to help with the initial extra owner capital cost incurred to reduce GHG emissions in their new buildings;

- Increase commercial recycling;"

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