

Subject: FW: Response to your letter re Waste disposal:

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> **From:** Ernie Crist

> **Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2002 9:28 AM

> **To:** Nathalie Valdes

> **Cc:** Mayor and Council - DNV; Directors Team

> **Subject:** Response to your letter re Waste disposal:

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> **Dear Mrs.**

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> *The waste and recycling policies in B.C. are fundamentally flawed since
> the one element which makes any waste and recycling policy successful is
> lacking. This is legislation compelling manufacturers to accept a certain
> percentage of recyclable material in the production of new products.*

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> *Such polices are in place in all western countries including in the US.
> From this folly derive all subsequent follies and shortcomings in our
> waste and recycling material collection including the one you are
> describing. This is to say there can be no meaningful waste reduction
> unless legislation as outlined above is in place.*

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> *This is the one message that was driven home to us when we attended an
> international waste conference in Berlin many years ago at the expense of
> taxpayers. This fundamental tenet is still in place. Our waste reduction
> polices apart from being unnecessarily expensive and bureaucratic are
> essentially make believe policies causing considerable inconvenience and
> even hardship to many residents. However, none of this is the fault of
> our sanitation crews who are merely doing what they are told.*

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> *I have consistently pointed to completely different solutions based on
> policies that have led to success in other jurisdictions including the US
> but without success.*

> *I will send a copy of this letter to both Council and staff.*

> *Yours truly,*

> *Ernie Crist*

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