

Subject: Your e-mail re Schaefer carts:

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Dear "Marches".

I concur with your analysis of the Waste Collection situation. I do not consider our existing and constantly changing policies to be either progressive, convenient or cost effective.

Indeed if it comes to waste management we are light years behind other jurisdictions. For instance, instead of getting reimbursed for the value of recyclable material as is the case in other jurisdictions, we are paying for it twice - the first time when we pay for it in the form of packaging when we make a purchase in the store and the second time when we put the recyclable material in the blue box and pay to have it hauled away. You might say we are in fact paying three times - the third time when we pay to haul much of it to a landfill.

The key to any successful recycling and waste management system is government legislation compelling manufacturers to accept a given percentage of recyclable material in the production of new products. This is not the case in BC however. All the other policies presently in place including container and curbside collection, blue boxes etc, are the logical outcome of the first and fundamental flaw.

For what it is worth I did not support most of the present policies. You will find that most residents have problems with the existing shenanigans imposed on them. Also, you may find it interesting that, the "Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations" (FONVCA) (Fonvca@Fonvca.org) has consistently opposed many of the current policies.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

