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Subject: Donation Bins on Street Rights-of-Way and Other City Land

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

This memo provides background information and updates on actions to manage donation bins on street rights-of-way (SROW) and other City land.

Following engagement with donation bin operators and other City Departments, Engineering Services asked all operators to remove donation bins from SROW by November 30, 2018.

Staff solicited input from operators on the timeline for the removal of bins as well as potential measures to manage impacts during the response period.

Some bins have been relocated to private property.

Donation bins continue to be located in supervised areas of the City's Zero Waste Centre and Landfill Residential Drop-off Area.

Also in the new year we will be exploring steps we can take to address the bins that are on private property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Dobrovolny at 604-873-7331 or jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca.

Best

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MEMORANDUM

January 2, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny
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SUBJECT: Donation Bins on Street Rights-of-Way and Other City Land

In light of a recent death in West Vancouver related to a donation bin, this memo provides background information and updates on actions to manage donation bins on street rights-of-way (SROW) and other City land.

Background:

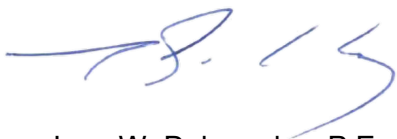
- Historically, donation bins have been allowed on (SROW) because they provide a charitable benefit and a convenient means of diverting used clothing and other materials for the public.
- On July 23, 2018 a woman became trapped in the hinged, self-closing door mechanism in a clothing donation bin at the West Point Grey Community Centre Parking lot and succumbed to her injuries.
- The death highlighted public life safety and organizational risks with donation bins requiring immediate response.
- At the request of the Vancouver Park Board, bin owners removed the bin along with other donation bins at Kensington Community Centre and Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

- Following the death, Engineering Services initiated a review of donation bins through:
 - Surveys and engagement with the eight donation bin operators asking for their urgent response including providing operational plans to address public safety concerns.
 - Internal consultation with Legal Services, Risk Management, Social Policy and Corporate Communications.
- The operators were not able to identify actions that would adequately mitigate the public safety risk associated with the donation bins.
- As such, in September 2018 Engineering Services asked all operators to remove donation bins from SROW by November 30, 2018.
- Recognizing the value used clothing donations provide to those in need and to local charities, staff solicited input from operators on the timeline for this transition as well as potential measures to manage impacts during the response period.

Current Status and Next Steps:

- Most bins have been removed from SROW. Of the more than 100 bins previously located on SROW, early assessments indicate that over 90% have been removed and/or moved.
- In January 2019, Engineering Services will continue to work with operators to ensure compliance and will undertake additional enforcement as needed.
- Some bins have been relocated to private property. Operators have been advised that relocating donation bins to private properties requires permission from the property owner(s).
- Donation bins located on other City lands have been allowed on a case-by-case basis subject to approval by the building or property owner/operator in question (e.g. firehalls). These locations will be reviewed in early 2019.
- Donation bins continue to be located in supervised areas of the City's Zero Waste Centre and Landfill Residential Drop-off Area under a partnership agreement with Diabetes Canada.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



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