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Mayor and Council,

This email is to provide you with an update on our progress towards implementing the clothing donation bin by-laws and program as approved by Council in May.

While preparing for the enactment of the Licence By-law amendments governing donation bin operations, staff identified that retaining certification from a non-BC certified engineer raises some issues in relation to the regulations for Professional Engineers in British Columbia. We will come back to you in-camera with further details in September. As a result, the City of Vancouver-branded Clothing Donation Bin Program has been paused until this matter is resolved.

We are talking to clothing donation bin operators in Vancouver to understand any implications. In general, the feedback from the consultations is that clothing donation bin operators are eager to come into compliance with the pending by-law requirements, and are willing to retain a Professional Engineer licensed in BC to approve the safety of their bins. We are encouraging partnerships and collaboration in industry among operators, as many obtain their bins from the same manufacturer.

In the meantime, if you have further questions, please contact Kathryn Holm, Chief Licence Inspector, at [kathryn.holm@vancouver.ca](mailto:kathryn.holm@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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