

Small Group Meeting Summary: Food Truck Association

Food Sector Grease Interceptor Bylaw Review

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1. Background

Metro Vancouver, in an effort to reduce the amount of fats, oils and grease entering the sewer system, is engaging food sector establishments and related stakeholders to obtain feedback on a review of the Food Sector Grease Interceptor Bylaw (the bylaw).

Specific areas of interest and exploration included:

- Effectiveness of the current bylaw
- Challenges associated with meeting bylaw requirements
- Educational initiatives that might improve awareness, understanding and compliance with the bylaw

Metro Vancouver recognizes that changes to the Food Sector Grease Interceptor Bylaw (the bylaw) could have an impact on stakeholders and is committed to delivering a responsive, transparent stakeholder engagement program. A variety of forums are being used to learn about stakeholder issues and interests related to the bylaw. Information collected during the engagement period will inform the bylaw review. Results and recommendations will be reported back to stakeholders and the Utilities Committee and Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board at the end of the process.

Small Group Meetings are being hosted to support a discussion of factors inhibiting compliance and the special considerations of stakeholder groups with unique interests or characteristics.

2. Notification

In August 2018, Metro Vancouver issued invitations to engage in the bylaw review, by email and post, to over 10,000 Food Sector Establishments and other stakeholders within Metro Vancouver. Invited stakeholders responded to Metro Vancouver by email to confirm their interest. Those confirming their interest and availability were assigned to the appropriate stakeholder meeting.

3. Small Group Meeting

Street Food Vancouver

Date & Location

Thursday, November 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Reef Restaurant
4172 Main Street
Vancouver

Participants

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Simon Cotton	The Reef Restaurants, Food Trucks and Caterers President, Street Food Vancouver (Food Truck Association)

Metro Vancouver Staff

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Tom Sadleir	Program Manager, Public Involvement, Liquid Waste Services Metro Vancouver
Linda Parkinson	Program Manager, Source Control, Liquid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver
Kristen Beattie	Permitting and Enforcement Officer, Environmental Regulation and Enforcement, Metro Vancouver

4. Presentation

Metro Vancouver presented the following in hard copy to provide context for the bylaw review:

Engagement Process

- Purpose of the bylaw review
- Engagement objectives
- Timeline

Background

- Metro Vancouver management of the region's wastewater
- Metro Vancouver's Source Control Program
- Effects of fats, oils and grease on infrastructure
- Description of current bylaw

Bylaw Enforcement

- Working with municipalities to identify "hot spots"
- Inspections to date
- Common violations
- Fees

5. Feedback

The following comments and questions were raised at the meeting.

- Association represents approximately 100 trucks in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley (many carrying multiple business licences in many municipalities).
- Commissary Connects kitchens (Industrial Avenue, Vancouver and other locations) are used by Reef Restaurant trucks and many others.
- Trucks use strainers/sink catchers to capture solids which are bucketed and taken to commissary kitchens.
- Assumes commissary kitchens are in compliance
- Why are you reviewing the bylaw at this time?
- Why was enforcement not working?
- Do you know what percentage of FOG in the sewer system is produced by industrial, commercial and residential, respectively?
- Hard to believe restaurants are not in compliance given awareness of bylaw
- Important to create a level playing field for all FSEs
- Can you not enlist the help of the health authorities to spread the word?

6. Next Steps

Metro Vancouver will analyze all questions and comments from the small group meetings and identify key themes to inform the development of draft Bylaw recommendations for the Working Group, which will meet 2-3 times in 2019. Metro Vancouver will recruit Working Group members from the stakeholder groups that participated in the Small Group Meetings. The Working Group will be guided by a Terms of Reference.

