

A photograph of a large industrial waste management facility. The scene is filled with green metal conveyor belts and sorting equipment. In the background, a blue container is overflowing with waste. The facility has a high ceiling with skylights and industrial lighting. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, large-scale industrial operation.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Coast Waste Management Association
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Waste Management Association of BC

For over 30 years, the WMABC has provided a forum and unified voice for BC's private sector waste management industry

We are comprised of over 70 member companies including collectors, waste and recycling facility operators, material marketers and industry suppliers

The WMABC members represent over 3,000 jobs in BC and provides the majority share of the waste and recycling services handled in the province

Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver has proposed:

- new commercial hauler license;
- new Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generator Levy, and;
- amendments to the current Bylaw 181

The **rationale** for the above is to **increase diversion in the industrial, commercial and institutional sector including multi-family dwellings**

Represents a potential new tax on businesses and residents in multi-family dwellings

Inconsistent with the objectives and goals of the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan to increase private sector investment and “remove unnecessary impediments”

Commercial Hauler License

All commercial waste hauling companies would be required to obtain a license to operate within Metro Vancouver as a **mechanism to ensure recycling systems are in place at multi-family and commercial and industrial businesses**

Inappropriate for the private waste collectors to enforce municipal recycling requirements on businesses/customers which is the sole responsibility of the

Imposes an administrative burden

Confidentiality Concerns

Recycling Rates – 2015

Sector	Reported			Adjusted		
	Disposed (tonnes)	Recycled (tonnes)	Recycling Rate	Disposed (tonnes)	Recycled (tonnes)	Recycling Rate
Single Family	275,639	533,861	66%	275,639	333,861	55%
Multi Family	194,783	79,356	29%		129,356	40%
ICI	360,039	266,066	42%	360,039	266,066	42%

Adjustments:

1. Green waste for SF skews comparison.
2. Assumed MF organics program has ramped up.

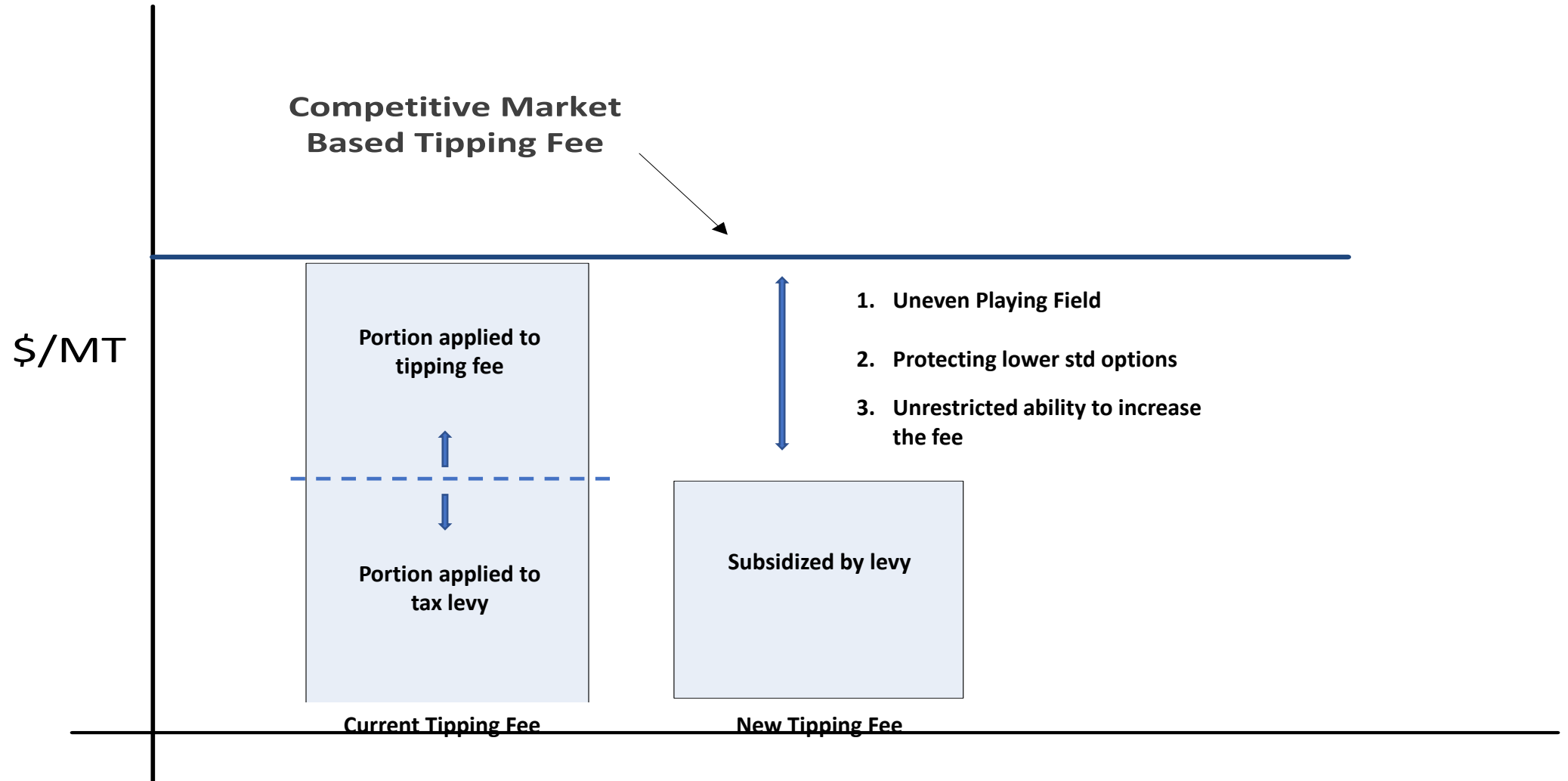
Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generator Levy

A split fee structure whereby the current tip fee is split into two parts - a fee to cover fixed costs and another fee to cover variable costs

The levy provides Metro Vancouver unrestricted ability to increase and lower the fee to block the **private waste sector from providing competing services for its customers**

Waste flow control restrictions harm businesses and consumers by denying them access to the most cost-effective disposal options.

Levy creates an uneven playing field and protects inefficient operations



Metro's New Transfer Station, In Relation To A Fully Licensed, Private, Facility



Amendments to Bylaw 181

Limit private sector waste facility licenses to a 10-year terms and the industry's ability to appeal licenses

Private investments cannot be amortized over a 10 year period, especially when Metro Vancouver is amortizing its investments between 20-25 years.

Prohibits private investment and innovation as there are no guarantees that the license will be renewed and **is at complete odds with the objectives of the Solid Waste Management Plan**

There is a conflict with Metro regulating and enforcing a market it operates within

Lack of Meaningful Engagement

Proposed changes announced in middle of summer

Poorly communicated Public consultation process resulted in poor attendance

Information presented at consultation sessions was similar to the **lack of information presented** in the documentation to Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Committee and **representatives unable to provide meaningful answers.**

Potential Solutions

- **Improve enforcement at municipal levels by making recycling part of a business' annual business license**
- **Engage with specific sectors like the multi-family building associations to develop improvements to disposal ban enforcement**
- **Use previous models such as Metro Vancouver's Construction & Demolition Disposal process which contributed greatly to diversion of C&D materials from the waste stream without any investment by Metro Vancouver**

Summary

- **Introduces a new tax on businesses and residents in multi-family dwellings which is opposite of the Minister of Environment's mandate not to cause undue burden to taxpayers**
- **Will severely impair private sector waste diversion initiatives and investment that would help Metro reach its goal without imposing a financial burden on the businesses and residents of Metro Vancouver**
- **Increased housing costs & living costs in Metro Vancouver**
- **Runs contrary to the objectives and goals of the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan**