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**POLL SHOWS PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO “FLOW CONTROL” BYLAW
AND METRO VANCOUVER’S POLITICAL MANEUVERING**

VANCOUVER – A coalition of British Columbians today released polling data that confirms public opposition to Metro Vancouver’s plan for a monopoly on waste disposal.

“Citizens in metropolitan Vancouver are already struggling with the cost of living,” said Phil Hochstein, President of the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association. “62 percent of voters oppose the plan that would increase the cost of waste disposal by at least 43 percent.”

The public also supports a review of the Metro Vancouver Zero Waste Committee’s proposed bylaw that would include business and the provincial government. Two-thirds of survey respondents support the review. The proposed bylaw was rejected by the Committee, revised, then approved at an unusual special meeting on September 23; it is now the subject of a Zero Waste Committee meeting October 4.

The poll results were released as a coalition including the BC Chamber of Commerce, the Waste Management Association of BC, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association launched a campaign to stop Metro Vancouver’s proposed plan. The campaign website is www.metrovanmonopoly.ca, where a video explaining the issue can be found.

“We have launched this campaign because some politicians on the Metro Vancouver Board are planning a big-government solution to a problem that doesn’t exist,” Hochstein stated.

The polling was conducted in two waves by Dimitri Pantazopoulos at Maple Leaf Strategies. Details of the survey are attached.

