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Local clothing companies can be incentivized to use less packaging & more sustainable materials	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Advocate for the elimination of unessary and hard to Recycling plastic	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Regulate problematic construction products or practices that compromise material reuse and recycling	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Continue to advocate that senior governments progressively move towards the prohibition of the manufacture and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable materials and products	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Continue to advocate that senior governments prohibit the manufacture and distribution of non-recyclable packaging	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Comment that takeout containers, disposable coffee cups, and packaging are an issue. Interest in reducing packaging in product design and involving producers.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Comments on avoiding manufacture of products and packaging that can’t be recycled easily such as Styrofoam, plastics, and other nonrecyclables.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Q: told to buy local now – farming is a larger issue that will be decreasing, how do we get the local grocers to not accept the products with plastic packaging with food industry?	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
We have to stop the producers from sending everything out in plastic.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Reduce non-recyclable packaging	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Mandate sustainable materials	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Simplify packaging design	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Create laws to eliminate non-recyclable plastics	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Mandate that manufacturers reduce wasteful packaging, use recyclable materials, and contribute to the management of their products at the end of their lifecycle	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Advocate for reduced packaging at the source	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Haven’t been doing it, but in the past she’s written to stores to STOP SELLING STYROFOAM. So yes, Metro Vancouver should say that we can no longer SELL styrofoam at all, that we can no longer sell them, so we can’t get them at the store. You can’t get them at the coffee shop but you can buy 24 of them when you’re having a picnic. Metro should stop allowing that.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Do not support mixing materials (i.e putting plastic in cement) that makes it hard and unpredictable to recycle at the next round	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Holding manufacturers accountable for packaging waste	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Tax or charge businesses, not consumers, for environmental waste issues.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Waste prevention. Eliminate materials from the wastestream through policy. Don't be afraid to use policy to say 'don't do that' as with the case of California and eliminating false reuse bags with regulatory solutions. In Metro Vancouver, education was used to approach the wipes issue re wastewater treatment challenges, but it needed a system change/ban/producer level approach to run concurrently.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Regulations to reduce hard to recycle products and excessive packaging (such as delivery boxes)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Tax the retailers who import products using plastic packaging.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Ensure recyclables (especially plastics) are truly recycled and not exported to developing regions, avoiding pollution transfer.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Start to regulate out the use of materials that can’t be reused or recycled. Phase out problematic materials	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Provide input to all feedback opportunities (EPR, BC, fed, etc.) and develop some clear ZW principles to guide this feedback.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Push for a strong global plastics treaty and federal policy on waste; plus quick implementation of Zero Plastic Waste Strategy	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Support federal P2 notice for grocery stores and develop strategy to support it locally. Ensure monitoring and reporting back are parts of the system.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Work with the province to eliminate the need to have provincial approval on municipal bylaws relating to environmental protection (consider if there is no blanket allowance, work to have key sets of policy pre-approved the way SUP policy, empowering municipalities to pilot items, make a suite of options available that can be harmonized)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Eliminate hard to recycle plastics	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Reduce packaging at the source - manufacturers should be forced to use recyclable and reusable packaging. Planned obsolescence should be eradicated	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.

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Use glass cans instead of tin cans, which are easier to reuse (smelt down)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Replace plastic materials with paper materials in daily life to reduce plastic waste and make it easier for recycle and reuse	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID001	Advocate that federal and provincial governments phase in regulations for the prohibition of the import, export manufacture, and distribution of non-essential, non-recyclable products and packaging.
Advocate for disclosure of plastic liners for paper cups	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Participate in national collaborations to advance elimination of unnecessary products and packaging and advocate for redesign of hard to reuse, repair and recycle products	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Review policy options to support design changes to improve recyclability/disassembly or shift to reuse/refillable	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Identify advocacy strategies to produce changes at senior government levels (e.g., producer ownership, ecological tax reform, product traceability, harmonized EPR and circular economy)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Partner with local area municipalities on a common message and approach to textile diversion and single-use item reduction in support of federal action to ban some single-use plastics	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate incorporating technical information about recycled materials into a digital library, which would increase knowledge about materials in product design, encourage industrial symbioses and enhance the materials flow	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for legislation that minimizes chemicals of concern in products and packaging and requires the disclosure of product chemical data to consumers.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for statewide legislation or implement regional policies to increase the types of products and packaging for which manufacturers and retailers provide environmentally sound, convenient and accessible take-back programs	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Work with other municipalities and regions across BC, Canada, and internationally to advocate for more development by senior governments in encourage and developing incentives, including regulation, that promote design of products with an emphasis on reuse and recycling (Cradle-to-cradle design)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Provincial and Federal Governments to identify and establish minimum post-consumer recycled content requirements for consumer goods.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
The Provincial and Federal Governments to require all plastic material sold in BC to have a material code identifying its composition.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for regulatory requirements that promote circularity	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for federal and/or provincial support for businesses and organizations prioritizing sustainability and circularity	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Raise the topic of furniture repairability in future right-to-repair consultation opportunities	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Develop measures to address the disposal of unsold consumer goods	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Support research and data collection on emerging substances of concern.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for upgrades to the building code to reduce confusion for the treatment of relocated homes in BC municipalities and districts and include embodied carbon savings	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for the federal government to provide a National waste audit guidance document recommending consistent waste categories and audit methodology.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate for development of Federal Design Standards for Packaging	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Advocate to senior governments to create best practice resources from provincial, national and international experiences to prevent duplication of efforts and facilitate a platform for ongoing dialogue and information exchange.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Prohibit the disposal of unsold goods and production	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
rejects from industry and retail outlets - Ban on textiles sent for disposal	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Consider a discount scheme to encourage residents to repair garments and appliances (in Amsterdam it is linked to their 'city pass')	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Establish a regional Food Waste Policy Council that supports a regional network of food supply chain actors, connecting solutions and providers to maximize efficiency and support an ecosystem of waste prevention instead of a variety of siloed, boutique initiatives	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
First Nations have noticed an increase in illegal dumping, and there is interest in creating a policy they can enforce. There is also interest in supporting a levy against single use items in the territory.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Ban plastic patio furniture (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Tracking of the product throughout its lifecycle (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Develop local industry for repurposing non recyclable packaging products (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Eliminate packaging wherever possible. (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.

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Have a click button to decline packaging (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Product design and innovation – designing products to be more circular: We need to make rules for producers about the products they sell	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
More penalties (tax) for single-use items	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
There shouldn’t be any tax on bottles, as this has already been refunded. Any incentives that the city creates shouldn’t be taxed. No one on welfare should be taxed dollar for dollar on incentives.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
In an ideal world, I'd like to see regulations banning the sale of non-repairable toys devices, and electronics in our region.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Barrier – Local, provincial, federal governments operate in the old economy. We need to harmonize regulation, standards, legislation and incentives across these levels as governments and Metro Vancouver could be an advocate for this.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Reduce and eliminate economic incentives that maintain a linear economy.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
- Cheaper to discard than repurpose your waste	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Metro Vancouver should consider regulations requiring businesses to donate usable surplus food	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Incentivizing local recycling and repurposing industries to avoid overseas shipments of recyclable materials.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
The government needs to make laws for businesses to use less plastic	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
There should be laws for businesses to use no single use plastics.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Legislation for the right to repair.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Ensure items don't end up in landfills overseas	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Mandate sustainable packaging	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Promote repairable products	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Ban plastic materials	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Collaborate on emerging legislation from other orders of government	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
For example the Federal plastics registry	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Look to the province, and other levels of government, to help provide more support in searching for solutions to various problems.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Design for reparability and recyclability	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Encourage or regulate manufacturers to reduce their footprint and minimize consumer packaging.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Instead of depending entirely on the consumer to do the recycling, those unrecyclable containers should never be allowed in the first place to be used by food companies. In fact, unrecyclable containers and items should NEVER BE MADE in the first place!!!!	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Consider a little baby at home: most parents would not give the baby access to poisons or in-nutritious foods or broken/dangerous toys/objects with which to play/put in it’s mouth/chew on/hurt himself, etc.....exactly the same situation: DO NOT MAKE/PROVIDE/SELL ANY PRODUCT that is harmful to the environment!! PURE AND SIMPLE, IS IT NOT???!	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
I will shoot out a friendly rebuke to that... consumers and retailers all now the goal is waste reduction and have been given every opportunity to make it happen. Here we are, in 2024, and we are deep into a climate emergency. My thinking has shifted; voluntary action has had its day in the sun and we need regulation. I totally agree, we need more government regulations in terms of what packaging can be used, and also preventing over packaged products from being sold.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
(Learn from the past). The Victorians always recycled everything, before plastic was invented, we should do some research into their practices	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
I would like to see on everything that can’t be recycled, have a small blue dot for blue bin, black dot for black bin, green dot for green bin. It’s easy, anyone can see that.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.

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I’m prepared to accept the world as it is and not the way it could be, and say; what do we do with this stuff, as opposed to changing everyone’s behaviour? If you charge them for it - we now have a system for it. There’s all these things on which there’s a 10 cent deposit. There are many things that are identical that you don’t have a deposit on, like a Litre carton of milk, a litre carton of cream does not, but it’s the same kind of thing in terms of the waste at the end of it. The Litter Act deposit law, originally in Vancouver, was thinking of things you might use away from the home and use on the street, that would be leftover. The deposit is a leftover of that thinking from 40 years go. Some identical packaging, and some have a deposit and some don’t. Of course, if you put the refundable stuff out in the lane, together with the blue box or separately to make it easier for people to get them, the binners take them away. Was starting to think of this as - the way miners think of ore concentrators and smelters; the ore is all this stuff spread out in the lanes of the city, and the concentrators are the binners, they dig all the stuff and take it in one giant bag to get back a dime, and they concentrate them at the depots, which then sorts them into aluminum, glass, etc.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
A lot of companies that make plastic develop new plastics for patent purposes; the government should restrain that and say, if you come up with a new plastic, you have to demonstrate that it can be economically recycled, otherwise you can’t make it. That would help a lot. Eliminate single-use plastic. Create an education system about how plastics can be reused safely. E.g. 3D printing uses plastics; if they make items like hard shell cases that can be ground up and used in 3d printers, that’d be great. Plastic itself is not evil, it’s that our waste of it is bad. Report for Master Recycler Vancouver’s Collaborative	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
What is Metro Vancouver’s authority in regulating the sale of goods? And the province, what are the barriers they have in sales prevention for different items? E.g. fast fashion, plastics. Prevent the sale of wasteful products.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
What was just said about the blue bin being a barrier to people actually making better decisions about what they buy - What was said about getting STATISTICS, for ME, seeing the statistics about how POORLY we are doing with the amount of recycling, and how recycling is NOT the answer - I think this makes people think twice about what they buy. If we are giving statistics that say ; ah, this much is recycled, isn’t that great? Then people will be buying things that are recyclable because they think it’s getting taken care of. But if i see a static that says 9% or even 20% and THEREFORE please don’t buy things that are plastic, i might look for another option, look more strongly for another option	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Avoid the pattern of downloading many programs and initiatives to municipalities, maintain an aligned approach across levels of government.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Gap - Awareness to action falling on individual municipalities, Metro Vancouver can better support them and encourage practical action.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Regional districts should work together when it comes to advocacy at provincial and federal levels	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Example: Bought flowers and the flowers come in plastic wrap that could go back to store.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
More legislations on producers to make more sustainable packaging	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Flip the prices around. Ay less to get the good stuff and make it more expensive to buy the cheap stuff .	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Make it less expensive to do the right thing. Enforce a deduction or incentive to do the right by recycling efforts. E.g. Invest in a collection service, or flip the prices around. Pay less to get the good stuff and make it more expensive to buy the cheap stuff.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Metro Vancouver take the lead on advocating for policy change with senior levels of government, with support from member jurisdictions	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Encourage Product design for modularity, reuse recycle (according to pollution hierarchy)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Use the NZWC as a way to develop model policy and work federally/provincially to have them enacted (like ZW Europe does)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Use NZWC and other avenues to build collective support for key goals and actions at provincial and federal levels	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
How are we combating green washing	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Symbols/labels on wrappers – not clear on where things go. Need more labels	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Review what's in the waste stream, then tailor reuse and repair based on what can be moved, back it with policy and don't limit to looking through the lens of EPR.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Industry to develop their strategy in reduce/reuse targets with guidance from govt. eg. defining "highest use"	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Require reporting when it comes to waste as we do with emissions. Policy on producers so they have to provide reporting and then give incentive	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Mandating product transparency: Requiring producers to disclose the composition of their products, including recycled content and potential for recyclability, to empower consumers to make informed purchasing decisions.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Product responsibility should shift upstream to reduce consumer decision burdens.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.

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Prevent companies from creating things designed to break	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Regulations on low quality/durability products, while maintaining affordability	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Higher-level government engagement is needed to push through logical but blocked agendas.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Update regulations to require QR codes on products that lead to information about how to recycle or repair the product	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Encourage easily-recyclable designs for products for example all made from same components	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Influence policies on end uses (such as wood pellets)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Support federal and provincial tools that support the first 3 Rs of the ZW hierarchy and EPR	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Push for right to repair, mandatory repair options for key items (ties into inclusive)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Ease of Access and Convenience: Simplify the recycling process by standardizing bins, composting rules, and product labeling.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Introduce barcodes or QR codes on products to indicate recycling instructions. Expand the number of recycling depots and make them more user-friendly, clean, and safe. Partner with supermarkets to allow bottle returns and offer coupons as incentives.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Enhancing producer responsibility: Advocating for robust Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs that incentivize manufacturers to design for recyclability, incorporate recycled content, and implement take-back schemes for their products.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Support restrictions on plastic waste exports to countries that do not have proper recycling and disposal infrastructure to meet emerging international plastic recycling standards, nor equivalent health, safety and environmental standards	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Government policies that BAN “crappy” fast fashion	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Make recyclable items more readily available.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Promoting lower consumption and holding brands accountable for their products, post consumer	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Structural issues in waste management and recycling economics need addressing. Examples include ensuring recycled plastics’ prices are competitive with raw materials.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Eliminate the export of waste to other regions and countries.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Reduce imports of goods from countries that don’t follow waste reduction rules.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Government Collaboration: Secure fair funding from municipal, provincial, and federal governments to support sustainable solid waste management initiatives.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Share information and data with other levels of government. Continue to share input, information and data with other levels of government to strengthen existing policy and help develop new policy aligned with the waste hierarchy and circular economy	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
principles. For example, on topics such as right to repair, circular textiles, salvaged building materials, recycled content, and reusable cup and container borrowing.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
So, the styrofoam, the plastic packaging, makes her feel torn. Glad to have the food and to divert it, but still carting off a whole lot of plastic and a whole lot of styrofoam, don't know what the solution is there.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Work collectively with RDs/Prov/Fed on what changes are needed regarding policies that support wasting -liability (for reuse/repair) and insurance (requirements to throw away everything after a disaster)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Ban misleading marketing like "flushable" wipes	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID004	Work with other municipalities and regions across Canada to develop and advocate for implementation of priority circular economy regulations.
Appy circular economy principles to net zero retrofits	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Look into embodied carbon. Carbon accounting and credits could incentivize the deconstruction and reuse cases.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Integration of Circularity into Policies and Codes: Suggestions included leveraging adaptive reuse and design-for-disassembly principles in policy frameworks, such as template designs or provincial initiatives, to scale adoption across jurisdictions	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Incorporate embodied emissions into the BC Building Code	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Push for building codes to consider disassembly, repair, flexibility of use, deconstruction and embodied carbon	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Design for Disassembly/Adaptability	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Provincial Government to expand the inclusion of the reuse of wood in building codes.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.

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develop model deonstruction, design-for-disassembly, and adaptive reuse by-laws and policies for member jurisdictions to adopt	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Fully use and optimize existing buildings through shared and mixed use	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID005	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular built environment solutions.
Encourage municipalities to require waste management plans with business licenses	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Fast-track permitting processes for businesses with circular economy practices	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Require waste diversion plans for food businesses	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Make organic collection mandatory in all sectors, including MF , and consider penalties as a tool to facilitate diversion	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Improve management of data concerning residual material management, a results-driven approach is key to being able to design and orient operational programs, measure their progress and mobilize the players concerned, particularly municipal organizations and ICI actors	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Regulate producers, regulate uses through zoning to not perpetuate waste, better is not more, (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recvle and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction: single use takeout containers – how can businesses be incentivized, how can consumers support alternatives	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction – for businesses and individuals	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
- Believe that people would be more inclined to recycle if there were incentives	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
- Recycling is hard for people to commit to when they live busy lives and there is no perceived benefit to making extra effort	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction – for businesses and individuals, because I've seen firsthand how incentives and regulation create needed change at scale, and shift the general status quo.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
More incentives for businesses to reduce waste.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction: We need to motivate businesses and individuals to recycle.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Metro Vancouver should consider implementing incentives and rewards for businesses that comply with waste reduction policies, and develop a reporting system for businesses to track and report their waste reduction efforts, with rewards or penalties based on compliance	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Bylaws should say you have to have the services or a self-haul system in place in order to get a business license.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Provide incentives such as tax breaks to zero-waste businesses	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Prioritize licensing programs for businesses that are actively investing in new technology – help protect businesses willing to take financial risk.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Encourage requirements for zero waste plans as part of business licensing in member munis + provide support (can start sector by sector)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Get commitments from member municipalities to roll out supportive bylaws and systems	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
More transparency from junk removal companies (where do products go)	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Offer financial incentives, such as grants or tax breaks, to offset costs associated with sustainable practices.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Improve reporting /accountability:	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Vancouver Food Policy Council’s Food Waste Reporting motion (2022) Haulers should be required to report data to Metro Vancouver	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Data isn’t perfect but exists so let’s share it and be transparent	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Explore tactics to target food waste at source for businesses	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Require waste reduction plan/food waste data to get a business licence	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Have incentives to drive the organic materials into the compost stream	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Work to remove organics from garbage. Food Waste Disposed: 62% Residential / 38% Commercial Food Waste Recycled: split unknown.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Require carbon footprint reporting for businesses of a certain size	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Incentives for companies that follow best practices and penalties for those that don’t	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.

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Mandatory Reporting: Require businesses to report solid waste reduction strategies and their progress toward sustainability goals.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Mandatory Waste Reduction Targets: Introduce regulations requiring corporations to meet specific waste reduction and sustainability goals within a set timeline.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID006	Host workshops aimed at sharing and implementing approaches to reduce commercial/institutional disposal such as business license requirements or other regulatory approaches.
Advocate for regulations that support avoiding food waste	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID090	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular food systems
provide business and consumer education on date labels	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID090	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of circular food systems.
There is interest in delivery of education on sustainability practices for reducing, reusing, recycling, composting and minimizing. Also there is an interest in promoting access to ethical and durable products through partnering with industry.	1.1. Advocate for circular economy policies	ID003	Advocate for regulatory approaches that prevent waste through implementation of low carbon, circular design and business models.
Work with local governments to identify the need for solid waste facilities and zoning for waste management activities	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Promote salvage and deconstruction for reusable building	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
materials - support establishing a salvage lumber warehouse or network of reusable lumber processors and retailers.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Identify disposal sites for the DLC waste remaining after recycling that will be available when existing disposal facilities reach their capacity.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Ensure industrial zoning does not prohibit the prefabrication industry	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
establish a storage site for salvaged materials, provide on-site certification of materials and training programs for builders to work with reclaimed/reused materials	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
focus on C&D hubs - space dedicated for materials push to include deconstructed materials in procurement and in building codes (also recycled asphalt in roads!)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
City could consider controlling the amount of fast fashion stores or big brand department store in the city. Focus on promoting local consignment stores.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Need to protect the land available for facilities and transfer locations, space to sort recyclables, etc.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
There is a lot of pressure around land use	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Infrastructure to provide space for reuse is very valuable – for example Urban Repurpose.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Different types of bins at construction sites would be helpful for sorting at source, but usually there isn't the required footprint to facilitate	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Metro Vancouver working with municipalities on licensing of organics processing facilities. Expedite process or other incentives. Partnerships to find beneficial uses	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
An increase in the removal of single family homes as a result of densification will require space to store and process recoverable materials	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Preserve light industrial land supply or plan ahead to acquire lands for future facilities.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Identify industrial lands available to support new facility/depot development	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Land availability and cost: Securing affordable land for recycling depots, transfer stations, and resource recovery facilities, particularly in densely populated urban areas, poses a significant challenge.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
The concept is to have a centralized hub to share equipment from different industries and companies (such as laboratories) to facilitate reuse rather than purchasing new equipment.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
This type of hub could categorize items into different types and classifications, as well as condition and usage.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Set up systems to address costs of material storage (can be using public land, providing support or other tools)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Address costs of material storage	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Facilitate land for receiving facility use (recycling, reuse, etc.) with industrial rezoning and cost reductions	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Protect industrial zoning designations, to facilitate investment and encourage recycling start ups.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Open land uses to recycling (may be residual waste)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
There are limited options for recovering C&D waste -- either take an enhanced role at receiving additional C&D waste for recycling at facilities or investigate where the private sector can help fill in the gaps in the system.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID007	Member jurisdictions will explore using public space for short-term temporary circular economy events or demonstrations.
Develop an internal zero waste plan for the corporation	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID009	Integrate additional waste prevention policies and programs within Metro Vancouver's operations.
Create a corporate circular economy policy	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID009	Integrate additional waste prevention policies and programs within Metro Vancouver's operations.

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Develop a Corporate Strategy to Increase Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID009	Integrate additional waste prevention policies and programs within Metro Vancouver's operations.
Develop a Circular Economy Strategy & Implementation	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID009	Integrate additional waste prevention policies and programs within Metro Vancouver's operations.
Promote a circular economy brand	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID010	Share regional learnings in rethinking and preventing waste in Metro Vancouver's operation and delivery of solid waste management and planning.
Look toward using what is unique about our region to our advantage (land, geographies, topography, etc.)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID010	Share regional learnings in rethinking and preventing waste in Metro Vancouver's operation and delivery of solid waste management and planning.
Positioning Metro Vancouver as a global leader in the circular economy could be beneficial: if we're not a leader, then we won't be able to leverage the market opportunities from leading in this area.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID010	Share regional learnings in rethinking and preventing waste in Metro Vancouver's operation and delivery of solid waste management and planning.
On an international scale, raising the profile of cities like Vancouver and challenging processes of large entities is essential.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID010	Share regional learnings in rethinking and preventing waste in Metro Vancouver's operation and delivery of solid waste management and planning.
Metro Vancouver should work with chambers of commerce to ensure SMEs are not overlooked in the circular economy shift.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID011	Explore collaborations with entities such as chambers of commerce to equip small and medium-sized enterprises with practical guidance to successfully transition to a circular economy.
Partnerships with the BC Chamber of Commerce or Greater Vancouver Board of Trade to provide resources and guidance to SMEs.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID011	Explore collaborations with entities such as chambers of commerce to equip small and medium-sized enterprises with practical guidance to successfully transition to a circular economy.
Collaborations with Businesses and Brands: Partner with major brands (e.g., Lululemon, Starbucks) to offer incentives like discounts or coupons for recycling, reusing, or reducing waste. Work with local merchants to enforce ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) efforts, such as promoting reusable cups or clothing donations.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID011	Explore collaborations with entities such as chambers of commerce to equip small and medium-sized enterprises with practical guidance to successfully transition to a circular economy.
Develop programs to encourage businesses to participate in a circular economy.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID011	Explore collaborations with entities such as chambers of commerce to equip small and medium-sized enterprises with practical guidance to successfully transition to a circular economy.
Metro Vancouver should focus on the whole lifecycle of waste as it engages with the public - e.g. collaborate with companies who are working on reducing plastic, educating distributors, educating consumers	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID011	Explore collaborations with entities such as chambers of commerce to equip small and medium-sized enterprises with practical guidance to successfully transition to a circular economy.
Encourage businesses to adopt zero-waste production methods powered by renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and geothermal.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID011	Explore collaborations with entities such as chambers of commerce to equip small and medium-sized enterprises with practical guidance to successfully transition to a circular economy.
Cross-sectional map so people can get connected.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Use the ZW Conference as a way to workshop and build support for local solutions and ideas, creating task forces for key policies	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Cross-industry engagement—learn from businesses that have effectively and efficiently advanced their recycling/waste reduction plans and provide that information to local industry groups	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Stimulate and consolidate the circular economy by creating networks between businesses, stores and community organizations.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Support initiatives similar to the industrial symbiosis program to find alternative end markets.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
New initiative: Industrial symbiosis is a collaborative approach where different industries work together to use each other's by-products and waste materials as resources. Here are some key aspects and benefits of industrial symbiosis: 1. Resource Exchange: Companies exchange materials, energy, water, and by-products. For example, the waste heat from one factory can be used to power another facility. 2. Geographic Proximity: While not always necessary, having industries located close to each other can facilitate easier and more efficient exchanges. 3. Economic and Environmental Benefits: By using each other's waste, companies can reduce costs and minimize environmental impact. This leads to more sustainable industrial practices. 4. Examples of Industrial Symbiosis: o Kalundborg, Denmark: One of the most famous examples, where multiple companies share resources like steam, water, and waste materials, creating a highly efficient industrial ecosystem2. o Eco-Industrial Parks: These are designed to promote industrial symbiosis by clustering businesses that can benefit from each other's by-products and waste streams. 5. Collaboration and Innovation: Industrial symbiosis encourages companies to collaborate and innovate, finding new ways to use waste materials and improve processes. 6. Policy Support: Governments can support industrial symbiosis through policies and incentives that encourage resource sharing and waste reduction.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Industrial Symbiosis Initiatives: Facilitate collaborations between industries to reuse by-products and waste materials as resources, reducing costs and environmental impact. Promote eco-industrial parks and government policies that support resource sharing and sustainable practices.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Exploring how waste can be someone else's value through collaborations between businesses, suppliers, and organizations.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Shared spaces to bring communities together - physical and digital spaces, both industry and customers brought together (B2B, B2C)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID012	Bring together cross-sector ideas and facilitate discussions to create circular economy solutions that accelerate waste prevention.
Metro Vancouver should collaborate with educational institutions in the region, such as UBC, SFU, BCIT and Emily Carr University, to foster a shared knowledge base and provide training for circular economy principles.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID013	Assess education programs and collaborate with post-secondary institutions and professional development programs across various sectors to enhance circular economy training offered.

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We need an interdisciplinary approach beyond engineers to include planners, entrepreneurs and innovators; collaborate with industry and allies in economic development spaces, not just solid waste. Influence product design and purchasing. Local governments can play a convener role and add resources, and create a policy statement toward upstream solutions.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID014	Work collaboratively with economic development agencies to implement circular business solutions that support waste prevention innovation and support a prosperous region.
Attract Strategic investment Apparel, Green Building, Agritech, Environmental Consulting, Sustainability Services	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID014	Work collaboratively with economic development agencies to implement circular business solutions that support waste prevention innovation and support a prosperous region.
Explore design for disassembly carbon credit directly funding space for innovative design and/or deconstruction	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Promote green building standards	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Encourage design standards and practices that minimize waste	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Provide funding, financial incentives for innovative projects, collaborations, and research advancing wood circularity	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Work with Planning & Design to develop an incentive program with expedited process or lower fees for development permits or reduced taxes for green design.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Encourage circular and adaptable design, and design for disassembly	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Encourage the Government of BC to look at cleanBC funding for wood reuse innovation	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Strengthen reuse markets for building materials	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Requiring or incenting the use of salvaged material in new builds. .	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Provide funding, financial incentives for innovative projects, collaborations, and research advancing wood circularity	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Encourage policies that support the construction of tiny houses, as potential market for reclaimed wood and affordable housing options (advocate to include tiny houses as an acceptable housing option within municipalities)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Expand funding opportunities for construction of tiny houses	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Investment in new technologies for recycling depots that handle C&D waste, such as use of AI in robotics (Urban Machine)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Host or work with a non-profit (e.g. RCBC) to host an annual zero waste awards event that recognizes the achievements of individuals, businesses and community organizations	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Support C&D materials reuse and deconstruction inovations with a grants program	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Incentivize circular business practices within the construction industry	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Embed circular construction practices	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Invest upstream to design waste out of the system.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Build less by maximizing the use of existing assets, design for long lasting and reusable buildings	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Alternative technologies to manage C&D waste are 5-10 years away, and this issue is pressing now	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Encourage redesign and enhance accountability for future manufacturing and construction.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Construction & Demolition waste is a key sector to work together on, as businesses and materials move between our regional districts	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Chopping down wood into smaller pieces to get it into a hopper. How to get the wood to reuse BEFORE it gets to that point? Need to change on-site logistics to stop things from becoming waste, change the process and divert more.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Create framework for building disassembly and reuse	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Developing / improving building codes for improved recycling areas; create best practices that can be applied across new building designs.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Grants to help offset the additional time and costs associated with installing used building materials into projects	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Innovation to improve affordability of reuse and increase scale (e.g. denailing robot)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Encourage prefabricated construction practices	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.
Incentives to encourage wood recycling and reuse of products in new builds	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID015	Advocate for incentives and programs for circular built environment solutions such as design for disassembly, buildings as material banks, and incorporation of used building materials for new construction.

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Advance gleaning on regional farms	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
Shared a comment from community member regarding higher quality products not being an affordable option so lower quality products that do not last and create waste are usually chosen.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
This is crazy but I think if we make a statue out of compost and mushed and mixed it together and make blocks and stack them like a tower it would be safe and reused.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
Advocate for stronger leadership from politicians about preventing waste and raising awareness of costs of waste	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
Improve systems to ensure the utility of outputs (end-use markets). Explore funding from a variety of sources including provincial/federal grants, solid waste fees, private sector partnership, innovation fund, etc.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
Too Good To Go app - this might be a good way to sell things at a lower cost. What do grocery stores do with their produce and leftover items? If not everyone is able to afford items, the grocery stores send it but someone mentioned once how certain organizations in town are able to accept food donations if they are past expiry. Trying to wrap my head around grocery stores and food waste. Clothing stores, gift stores, offices and their swag - it's not very useful but it's for advertisement. Can we hand out chocolate or chips instead to eliminate waste.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
Some type of funding mechanism for food recovery organizations to maintain their operations	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID016	Identify and encourage scale up of low waste local food production such as vertical farms, gleaning, food remanufacturing, and industrial symbiosis opportunities.
Host events with different sectors to understand the current and potential future abilities to provide circular products and services	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID031	Host events with different sectors to understand the current and potential future abilities to provide circular products and services
Attend community/business events as exhibitors to showcase what Metro Vancouver is doing and further educate the community	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID041	Identify and work with industry event organizers to include circular built environment success stories, communication, and learning sessions that promote waste prevention in their industry communications and learning sessions
Funding and advocacy for deconstruction training. Certified deconstruction contractor program	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Support deconstruction workforce training program for residential and commercial deconstruction	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Support deconstruction workforce training program for residential and commercial deconstruction	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Research the skills gap for growing repair, remanufacture, refurbish industries	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Support greater uptake of green skills, training, and development opportunities	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
We might not be ready for such a policy, with a lack of available workforce and contractors. Might work best to start any sort of mandate or incentives with a smaller area to gather data and demonstrate the opportunity	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Support capacity building (education) in the industry	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Job Creation Program: Develop programs focused on hiring local workers, especially youth, seniors, and marginalized groups, for roles in solid waste management, education, and outreach.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID042	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale rethink approaches to a low-waste built environment, such as design for disassembly.
Implement a comprehensive information and events platform, such as www.buildingoutwaste.co.nz to help the private sector reduce C&D waste	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID043	Update and maintain the Metro Vancouver Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction Toolkit starting with updated case studies that follow a case study template developed collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions.
A more detailed plan for the construction industry related to hazardous materials is necessary.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID043	Update and maintain the Metro Vancouver Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction Toolkit starting with updated case studies that follow a case study template developed collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions.
Make it easier for people on demolition sites to separate materials	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID043	Update and maintain the Metro Vancouver Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction Toolkit starting with updated case studies that follow a case study template developed collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions.
Build a case study library for reuse	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID043	Update and maintain the Metro Vancouver Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction Toolkit starting with updated case studies that follow a case study template developed collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions.
Explore secondary markets outside of building materials such as furniture and exhibit booths at trade shows	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Review existing DLC recycling and processing capacity, project future needs and develop a strategy to address any identified gaps.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Member jurisdictions will partner with Metro Vancouver in support of waste reduction actions that support a more regional circular economy.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID070	Member jurisdictions will partner with Metro Vancouver in support of waste reduction actions that support a more regional circular economy.
Metro Vancouver should establish a commercial kitchen/food hub to process surplus food into mealsand provide job skills training around food waste prevention and cooking with surplus food	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID074	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners, and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale a circular food system.
Metro Vancouver should support with developing a training or certification on food waste preventionand reduction for those in the food industry.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID074	Work with trade schools, industry associations, practitioners, and senior government to identify and implement solutions to fill skills training gaps required to scale a circular food system.

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Enhance K-12 school program to include concepts of zero waste and the circular economy	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Collaborate with schools to implement circular volunteer programs to encourage circular economy principles among youth in the community	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Partner with organizations to engage youth in leadership opportunities for social, economic and environmental issues related to garbage and recycling	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Provide culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate school-based education programs about the connections between consumer products, people and nature	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Work with school districts and individual schools to promote waste reduction and recycling.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Carry out a community-based social marketing campaign to determine and overcome barriers to reducing the use of and increasing the recycling of paper in schools and community facilities.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Education and behaviour change: work with younger kids, get them familiar with concepts like circular economy – might be more effective than trying to solve the issue later	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
In terms of principle to engage people in the solutions, consider how to bring natures voice to the table. How do we do that: '-Create training and understanding for staff with the expertise to bring natures voice to the table. -Include youth and future generations. -Ensure the inclusion of Indigenous and environmental groups, e.g. BC Nature, SPEC. -Streamkeepers – Stream stewards	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Education In schools and school programs to support teachers	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Mandate the Recycling and Global warming program in school Curriculum and recommended credits to take for the Post Secondary Education!	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Public education campaigns, workshops or school programs to teach proper recycling practices, the benefits of recycling, and the lifecycle of recyclables	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Engage children through schools to influence household behaviours	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Improve school based education: -Host workshops and info sessions on waste reduction -Add more clean-up programs for schools -Share instruction and promote how to recycle food waste – posters, videos, etc.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
At school: Increase visibility/accessibility to recycle by having waste bins in more visible areas	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Send presenters to schools to educate kids directly	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Education by itself is usually not enough, it has to come with involving kids in schools, showing examples on the streets, in the shops, in the grocery stores, There needs to be a lot of different things, messages, programs and places.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Educating the children, getting it in the school system, so that kids can educate their families	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Tables at schools and highschoools, especially because those are the ones who will become the adults of the future	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
We have to teach the teachers. I am always having to teach the teachers, it drives me CRAZY how many adults do not know. There’s a lot of people I would give up on at this point.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Collaboration with non-profit organizations, schools, and youth organizations to help implement the solid waste management plan	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Education and public awareness: Participants emphasized the need for continuous and targeted education campaigns involving schools, community groups, and producers to promote responsible waste management practices.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Teach waste reduction and recycling at a young age—build mindfulness from an early stage	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Who could instruct? Be an educator on these issues	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Schools - Culture of sustainability; Targeting young generations through workshops. Initiative to connect larger community with the school (waste management stewardship)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Presentations at school, done for all classes to spread the word. Since students are “forced” to be here	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Garbage sorting duty, rotated through the classes at school	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
More high school workshops. Add on activities to make it fun	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Field trips for high school students	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Implement early education interventions.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Schools - changing cultural norms, have ‘Recycling ambassadors’ to help build cultural awareness	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.

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For high schools without environment clubs, it’s hard to start one. Should be more opportunities to give projects/ building blocks to those schools to start. Advertise opportunities for clubs to join together and network	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Allow schools/citizen to join tour/volunteer at recycling facilities to raise awareness and trust	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Organize events or tours of recycling centres for citizens, schools, and volunteers to raise awareness and trust.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Collaborate with universities (UBC/ SFU/ Capilano etc.) and schools; incorporate better education on waste management for schoolchildren and university students; visits to landfills and recycling centres/ depots - actually understanding what happens to the waste, what happens when you recycle, why it’s better to buy less etc.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Collaborations with Educational Institutions: Work with universities (e.g., UBC, SFU) and schools to incorporate waste management education. Organize visits to recycling centres and landfills to help students and the public understand the recycling process and benefits.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Implement guest speakers and school presentations on how to separate waste.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Support schools to provide education on where materials end up	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Increase Public Awareness: Leverage social media, building posters, and strata communication to educate the public. Host workshops, particularly for newcomers, to build understanding of the recycling system. Focus on education in schools to instill civic awareness from a young age.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Engagement with Schools and Educational Institutions: Work with schools to integrate recycling education into the curriculum, ensuring consistent learning for students from Grades 1-9. Organize school-wide recycling or zero-waste days to teach students hands-on practices. Partner with universities and colleges to host sustainability campaigns or events.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Schools have designed a lot of efficiencies for recycling, and have success, particular in elementary that is noticeable compared to other institutions (can be a model for other places, and/or can look at options to expand on these behaviours)	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Teaching, educating around textile waste, making sure new systems are shared so teachers and the public are up to date	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Meeting with home ec teachers telling them that food and fabric the forefront of waste issues in Vancouver - BRING THEM ON BOARD to give students knowledge of value of garments and food	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Engage youth through educational programs to build a culture of recycling early on.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Focus on education: Target youth education in schools to instill recycling habits early.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Invest in education	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID079	Improve circular economy education in schools through field trips, hands-on learning, and other innovative school education programs.
Develop circular certification programs to create community pride	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID088	Develop circular certification programs for business.
When it comes to prevention, I go back to the guiding principles a bit here and thinking about the guiding principle that speaks to incentivizing retailers. If the options are unsavoury - do I really want to OWN this piece of packaging right now? I really don’t, I would like another option please. A way to regulate or restrict packaging at a retail level, and incentivize retailers to ensure there are package-free options that are readily available. That would go a long way to giving those of us who are willing or seeking to make the package-free choice; go a long way to that reduction and prevention in the first place	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID088	Develop circular certification programs for business.
Highlight Recycling Benefits and Best Practices: Recognize businesses with sustainable practices using a rating system (e.g., badges).	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID088	Develop circular certification programs for business.
Stewardship agencies have done effective public messaging campaigns, which could be a model to follow. Building pride in BC’s higher recycling rates could keep residents motivated.	1.2 Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention	ID088	Develop circular certification programs for business.
Work across sectors and levels of government to improve policies: Align with: Waste prevention policies (National Zero Waste Council), Food policies (e.g. Regional Planning work on Food Systems), Climate policies (e.g. Climate 2050 to include food waste)	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID019	Continue to facilitate sharing with member jurisdictions through regularly scheduled advisory committee meetings. Through these committees, host workshops and learning sessions with member jurisdiction staff on priority topics.
Strengthen partnerships with municipalities and ensure coordinated communication.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID019	Continue to facilitate sharing with member jurisdictions through regularly scheduled advisory committee meetings. Through these committees, host workshops and learning sessions with member jurisdiction staff on priority topics.
Create online collaboration site for members. Metro Vancouver could help municipalities to collaborate more strategically by creating online infrastructure for sharing information and communicating. For example, a Sharepoint site or Teams channel that municipal staff can be given access to edit and upload documents. This kind of digital infrastructure would help to support effective collaboration on topics such as construction and demolition waste, where inter-municipal working groups have already been developed. To manage risks around data sharing, a training module could be developed that staff must complete before getting access. This concept could also be scaled up to the national level by creating a Sharepoint site or Teams channel hosted by National Zero Waste Council, with municipal staff and other stakeholder participants from across Canada.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID019	Continue to facilitate sharing with member jurisdictions through regularly scheduled advisory committee meetings. Through these committees, host workshops and learning sessions with member jurisdiction staff on priority topics.

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Deliver workshop for municipal staff on opportunities to engage other levels of government. Metro Vancouver could help municipalities to understand and navigate the options for sharing data, information and input with other levels of government by developing a workshop for municipal staff wherein local subject matter experts describe the various processes that exist for engaging the Province of BC and Government of Canada (for example, UBCM and FCM, formal consultation processes, etc.), and share examples from past experiences. Metro Vancouver staff could lead the planning and facilitation of this kind of workshop, and also help to compile examples into documented case studies. Workshop resources and case studies could be made available through the Sharepoint site or Teams channel described above.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID019	Continue to facilitate sharing with member jurisdictions through regularly scheduled advisory committee meetings. Through these committees, host workshops and learning sessions with member jurisdiction staff on priority topics.
Facilitate discussion sessions with municipal staff to advance priority action areas. Metro Vancouver could help municipal staff to collaborate and problem solve by scheduling and facilitating discussion sessions focused on various priority actions areas. These collaboration and problem solving conversations could be scheduled as part of regular REAC SWSC meetings, or as separate stand-alone meetings. Topics could be suggested and selected using the online collaboration site described above.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID019	Continue to facilitate sharing with member jurisdictions through regularly scheduled advisory committee meetings. Through these committees, host workshops and learning sessions with member jurisdiction staff on priority topics.
Publish a jurisdiction scan that identifies leading practices for reducing waste and transitioning to a circular economy. Equipping members and other stakeholders with this information helps to create awareness of what’s possible and encourage discussion about what policies can be adapted for our region. This information would support stakeholders with providing feedback on what actions to include in the updated solid waste management plan for the region.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID019	Continue to facilitate sharing with member jurisdictions through regularly scheduled advisory committee meetings. Through these committees, host workshops and learning sessions with member jurisdiction staff on priority topics.
Support digital passports for materials	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID022	Collaborate with governments, industry, and technology partners to develop digital tools that map how buildings are constructed and what materials they contain, enabling better tracking and forecasting of used building materials for reuse.
Ensure regional waste flow data disclosure for C&D materials	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID022	Collaborate with governments, industry, and technology partners to develop digital tools that map how buildings are constructed and what materials they contain, enabling better tracking and forecasting of used building materials for reuse.
Conduct in-depth material flow analysis for priority sectors/material streams (food and construction)	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID022	Collaborate with governments, industry, and technology partners to develop digital tools that map how buildings are constructed and what materials they contain, enabling better tracking and forecasting of used building materials for reuse.
conduct food waste and C&D waste flows to determine hot spots and strategic solution points	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID022	Collaborate with governments, industry, and technology partners to develop digital tools that map how buildings are constructed and what materials they contain, enabling better tracking and forecasting of used building materials for reuse.
Better understanding of material flows to help evaluate and plan	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID022	Collaborate with governments, industry, and technology partners to develop digital tools that map how buildings are constructed and what materials they contain, enabling better tracking and forecasting of used building materials for reuse.
Collaboration with Municipalities: Encouraging producers to partner with municipalities to raise awareness about recycling programs, provide convenient collection options, and support more repair and reuse initiatives. Metro Vancouver leading this type of collaboration would be a great benefit for the entire industry.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID022	Collaborate with governments, industry, and technology partners to develop digital tools that map how buildings are constructed and what materials they contain, enabling better tracking and forecasting of used building materials for reuse.
Reduce plastic bags	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Ban styrofoam	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Collaborate with external groups to identify new circular economy initiatives in the community	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Continue the conversation past the solid waste management plan update.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Create a joint task force for interdisciplinary approach to solid waste across disciplines and sectors, be part of a broader approach that ties into broader ecosystem health, hydrological systems, and use of Indigenous traditional knowledge.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Support for industry associations: Providing ongoing support for organizations like CWMA that facilitate knowledge sharing, best practice dissemination, and collaborative initiatives.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Facilitate a collaboration between local farmers, local food deliveries, and DTES to reduce carbon footprint.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
There is a lack of diversity in this space. We need to mobilize and increase inclusion with meaning and purpose	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Building with waste products, getting the waste from fashion connected with artists or organizations that can use them.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Weave it into the waste that is being produced and create new opportunities for people to express themselves	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Stakeholder Coordination: Establish a collaborative task force involving municipal governments, private waste management companies, and community organizations to ensure alignment and adaptability.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Need more of the businesses like Chopped Value to use these materials in an innovative way.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
More circular systems are needed. For example, compost should be reintegrated into local systems to promote local sourcing.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
A centralized hub for sharing best practices is key. It would encourage conversations between groups that might not otherwise connect. A space for exchanging ideas on what’s working and what would not encourage innovation.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Host a design charrette that invites stakeholders to create a circular economy plan with the condition that landfilling and incineration are prohibited. This desktop exercise would help to unlock creativity and break down assumptions about what’s possible, and conceive of systems change that addresses the climate emergency, global plastic pollution, and other urgent environmental issues.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Mutual Aid Networks: Foster a culture of community support where individuals assist neighbors with waste sorting or disposal, especially those facing barriers.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Our problems are not unique we can consider other countries’ best practices when considering solutions to our own waste management challenges in the region.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID018	Continue to learn from circular economy and waste prevention leaders.

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Look to tested solutions, such as organics in Edmonton, for solid waste infrastructure strategies.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID018	Continue to learn from circular economy and waste prevention leaders.
Sister city project, Metro Vancouver could do an exchange of ideas with another city/region with a focus on waste.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID018	Continue to learn from circular economy and waste prevention leaders.
I think for me - educate kids and look around the world to see what’s working in other places	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID018	Continue to learn from circular economy and waste prevention leaders.
A Sister City project. Metro Vancouver could exchange ideas with another city/region with a focus on waste.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID018	Continue to learn from circular economy and waste prevention leaders.
Prioritizing resource recovery: Identifying and focusing on high-value materials that can be diverted from landfills and reintegrated into the economy. This includes exploring international best practices for resource recovery and innovative solutions.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID018	Continue to learn from circular economy and waste prevention leaders.
Facilitating cross-sector partnerships: Building strong collaborations between municipalities, First Nations communities, businesses, non-profit organizations, and research institutions to share knowledge, resources, and best practices.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Research successful jurisdictions	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Collaboration with academia on climate issues and consumer behaviour change	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Platform for data sharing and reporting between member jurisdictions to improve coordination; library of case studies; dedicated working sessions; guest speakers from outside of the region.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Research and keep up to date with emerging non-profits that bring new technology, programs, or capacity for collaborations	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Investing in research and development: Supporting research and development projects focused on innovative waste reduction technologies, materials recovery processes, and circular economy models to foster continuous improvement.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Best practices: doing more studies on waste reduction would be great to see and a good resource to be shared with other Municipalities and Regional Districts.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Collaborate with researchers, academia and industry for projects, ideally with government funding.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Fund non-profit to act as research and recycling hub for recycling items currently not commercially marketable	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Use more sorting technology (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Partner with businesses and researchers to develop innovative recycling technologies, create sustainable materials, and support local industries that transform waste into profitable products	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID021	Work on collaborative research projects to further advance waste reduction and a circular economy, and share the findings broadly.
Foster Collaboration for Apparel, Green Building, Agritech, Environmental Consulting, Sustainability Services	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
Skills training for circular design for the fashion industry	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
Eco-design for textiles	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
Create a national campaign for clothing waste reduction	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
Work with industry on a nation-wide plan for making fashion more circular	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
How can we make thrift stores less costly? At Value Village a shirt is \$20, it’s cheaper to buy new.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
Continue to raise up and support brands that offer repair services. The fact that the question about our "role in the fashion and apparel community" doesn't have an option for repair businesses!	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID023	Continue working with textile waste reduction organizations to develop tools for the fashion industry to design low waste, circular clothing.
Cooperate with the provincial ministries, and outside organizations to manage and promote diversion of waste which does not necessarily fall under the jurisdiction of this Plan, but which benefits the region and its residents.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others on education for business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Map innovators and entrepreneurs to develop ideas and build partnerships	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Build connections between organizations, municipalities, businesses and other actors interested in implementing circular actions into their operations	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Collect case studies of circular actions in the community to share and improve understanding	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Leverage existing networks, non-profit partners, academic and innovation institutions to support businesses and organizations adopting circular approaches	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Encourage the use of natural and reused materials and support circular businesses	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Create a circular economy incubator hub	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Organize events and workshops to educate the public about circular economy principles that could be easily implmeneted in the community and local business	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Assess the potential of supporting social enterprises that contribute to the growth of an inclusive circular economy through procurement policies	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Agreement between Zero Waste Scotland and the Scottish Government to run Zero Waste Scotland with the purpose of providing expertise to lead the development of Scotland's Circular Economy	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.

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Green Champions Training Course with Business Energy Scotland	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Identify ways to expand business models that prolong product lifespan	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Conduct research and policy Analysis for Apparel, Green Building, Agritech, Environmental Consulting, Sustainability Services	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Regenerate natural systems, while creating new economic opportunities.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Host an annual Circular Economy week, showcasing innovative businesses and local initiatives in the region through a mix of site visits, presentations, and events. (Potentially in alternate years to ZWC).	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
run a circular learning hub for the region	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Where is the playground where people can innovate together to create that circularity for all regions and users to be able to meet the targets set out by regulators? – this should exits somehow	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Missing from this list is a reference to circular business and sectors. Noted overweight towards individuals in these emerging themes. These should both be added as sections. Via Metro Vancouver National Zero Waste council produced a toolkit on circular business and case studies that can be leveraged to help businesses become circular. Metro Vancouver should also mobilize sectors through their associations to become circular sectors. Canadian Standards Association has an ESG guide for associations that can help with this, SPE #116: https://www.csagroup.org/store/product/CSA%20SPE-116:23/	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Supporting design for circularity through education to businesses.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Promote circular economy practices	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Show true stories of circularities happening in the region.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Non-profits and community groups should focus on education and mobilizing communities and businesses, particularly SMEs. -This role is crucial as these organizations can bridge knowledge gaps, encourage community involvement, and support smaller businesses in adopting circular economy practices.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
The existing toolkit and resources on circular economy practices are highly valuable resources, and Metro Vancouver should go back to those resources and leverage them. -They contain valuable case studies and insights for businesses on adopting circular principles. - https://nzw.ca/documents/circulareconomybusnesstoolkit.pdf ; - https://corostrandberg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/circular-business-insights.pdf	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Promote economic benefits of recycling systems. Metro Vancouver could collect data and report on the number of jobs created through investments in recycling systems and other types of circular business models. Metro Vancouver could explore working with Invest Vancouver to undertake this work.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID026	Collaborate with regional economic development agencies and others to educate business on the benefits of circular business models, invite industry to share their ideas on how to accelerate adoption of circular business models and update existing circular economy resources.
Investigate how to maximize low-barrier employment opportunities in roles that support waste reduction	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID027	Investigate how to maximize low-barrier employment opportunities in roles that support a circular economy.
Add full life-cycle costing to procurement criteria	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Strengthen Metro Vancouver's corporate sustainable design requirements	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Circular procurement – MV should have a best in class circular procurement policy and support other businesses, local governments and organizations to replicate it	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Streamline procurement processes to lower overhead and decrease timelines	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Incentivize use of more recyclables at the procurement stage.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Metro Vancouver should collaborate with procurement associations to provide education to buyers on the circular economy.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Prioritizing procurement from First Nations businesses: Actively seeking out and prioritizing procurement of goods and services from First Nations-owned businesses in the waste management sector.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Review procurement best practices, e.g. reclaimed materials in new construction of facilities.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Procurement for waste management/salvaged materials – MV template for managing site and building materials	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.

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Use public procurement/METRO procurement to support ZW (for example. do not purchase problematic plastics; choose reuse, maintain, repair, quality) and encourage other organizations to do the same. Support the keen innovators that are delivering the services in the way that is the model. Use a tool to support end markets. Consider allying with others in the public sector like post-secondary institutes.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Embed circularity principles in procurement. Metro Vancouver could play a leadership role and support municipalities to adopt circular procurement principles by integrating circularity into their procurements, especially high profile projects that can help to showcase what’s possible and be used as case studies to demonstrate possible co-benefits. A priority for this area of work is using salvaged C&D materials in construction of new facilities and assets, especially wood building materials. Sharing the procurement documents used and data about the costs and benefits for these types of projects, and creating templates for certain materials and projects, would support municipalities to also increase circular procurement.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Require DfD/A, salvage reuse and recycled content in all MV’s own building and infrastructure procurement.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID029	Lead a working group to support member jurisdictions on the development and implementation of circular procurement policies and practices.
Joint Projects: Develop collaborative programs that integrate Indigenous practices into urban sustainability initiatives, such as community composting gardens or permaculture projects.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID098	Develop collaborative programs that integrate Indigenous practices into urban sustainability initiatives, such as community composting gardens or permaculture projects.
Create a roadmap to address pollution from textiles and apparel	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Collaboration and partnerships: Building strong partnerships with First Nations communities, producers, and organizations like CWMA was seen as crucial for leveraging expertise and resources.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Interdisciplinary Partnerships: Foster collaboration among governments, nonprofits, and private sectors to pool resources and expertise.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Maintain a list of external working groups Metro Vancouver is participating in. Metro Vancouver could help municipalities to understand opportunities for collaboration with the region and other stakeholders by sharing a list of the external working groups in which Metro Vancouver staff are participating (for example, this information could be shared on the Sharepoint site or Teams channel described above). Examples of these working groups include the Canadian Circular Textiles Consortium and Canada Plastics Pact. Greater visibility and awareness would help municipal staff identify where there might be opportunities to share data and input with other stakeholders on a topic area.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Work to develop relationships with potential partners and develop teams and collaborations for projects as much as possible (for example, convene meetings of community, government and other partners to focus on textiles).	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Metro Van staff to participate in initiatives that support redesign/rethink, reduce and reuse	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Partner with entrepreneur innovators to build the momentum and capacity	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Keeping waste prevention at the forefront of international standards.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Utilize corporate collaboration to drive accountability and innovation in recycling practices.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Develop standards for foodservice ware so can harmonize systems	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Support a textiles hub group to determine gaps and plan for collective actions	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Greater access to who is doing what, share knowledge and people with particular skill set, database of resources and people resources	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Corporate sectors use their systems, what exists that can be repurposed. The uniform waste stream could be a story as companies take the leftover uniforms from one another and need to explain why their uniforms look a particular way	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Annual garment collecting campaign, a city sponsored campaign around collecting garments like a specific month - use a truck	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Reduction of fast fashion. Increase fabric recycling (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recycle and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Develop a template zero waste procurement standard	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Assist other government bodies with the creation of policies that encourage reuse of reclaimed building materials (Introduce a “minimum quota for salvaged and reused materials” that must be used in new projects)	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Encourage a "learn by doing" approach to reduce resistance to innovation and emphasize the need for governments and cities to support pilot projects even if they carry some risk of failure.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
New Public Buildings set embodied emission reduction targets	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
C&D clauses: recovery of CRD residues when issuing permits, recovery of CRD materials on municipal constructions sites (deconstruction clause), minimum use of materials recovered from municipal construction sites	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
participate in collaborations that are advancing circular solution knowledge and building networks of decision-makers across policy and practice	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
How can you have municipalities work with private contractors or companies, not just non-profits?	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Produce and distribute specification templates for circular building procurement	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Design new buildings with deconstruction in mind	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.

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Reinforcing; leaning on retailers - they're one of the chains of custody of waste materials, recycled materials, they're the ones that seem to be the least engaged, least incentivized, least motivated. All the other stakeholders have made so many efforts to engage and incentivize them, and provide a pathway to choose packaging free or reduce waste in general, maybe that's the one stakeholder that we still have that really hasn't been engaged. I love seeing them pop up, but in the recent years, many of them have gone out of business - not enough people are supporting them - the bulk stores like Refilleries and Nada Grocery	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Promote to big chain restaurants to reduce packaging and get them to be a part of the advertisement	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Clear labeling on products, on how to recycle products, clarify on what is in products/product packaging.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Celebrate and look to larger companies that have already started working at reducing footprint, materials, and packaging.	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Collaborate with supermarket/store/producer to minimise packaging/ unify packages which is easier for citizen to recycle	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID099	Continue and build on existing industry collaborations such as national scale organizations to reduce plastics and other priority waste streams.
Push municipalities to adopt recycled materials in public projects	1.3. Build on and foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy	ID160	Develop, test and share low carbon circular built environment procurement approaches, tools and templates.
Move towards understanding and quantifying the embodied emissions	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Explore circular economy and its role in supporting decarbonization	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Programs should focus on the life cycle costs of products	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Metro Vancouver should explore the carbon emissions impact of circular economy initiatives, assesstheir effectiveness, and engage in more in-depth discussions and consultations with businesses to understand their operations and challenges	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Specifically education on food waste reduction, environmental impacts of food waste	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Use a climate lens to evaluate built environment work across departments and sectors, factor in embodied energy, displaced virgin materials and job creation.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Link actively to climate change and scope three emissions, consumption-based GHG emissions.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Support for sharing of data to be able to identify waste moving across regional district borders, for the purpose of accurate metrics/reporting. For example, waste companies operate in multiple regional districts, and move material between regions.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
There are jobs in reuse and repair - need to show that.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Standardized labelling that shows climate impact of a product and ways to recycle or reuse when the product life is over	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Waste composition studies -include the degree of reusability (note that there may be some option in plastics registry) +more data on reuse and repair overall + why + value	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
More research to make the case for reuse and repair, such as quantifying climate benefits, identifying additional benefits like community-buy in, etc.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Recognizing the interconnectedness of solid and liquid waste streams, particularly in the context of food waste, allows for a more holistic and efficient approach to resource recovery. Integrating strategies from both areas can potentially minimize environmental impacts.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Include indirect emissions. Territorial emissions: 15 Mt CO2e Food = 3%. Consumption-based emissions: 23 Mt CO 2e Food = 19%	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
1. Reduce waste: Food Efficiency (kg food /capita), Progress towards SDG 12.3 (%), Cost of wasted food (\$ / capita) Carbon footprint of wasted food (tonnes CO2e/Capita)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
2. Reduce total organics: Yard Efficiency (kg yard /capita), Total Organics Recycled(tonnes), Total Organics Disposed(tonnes)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
5. High quality of finished compost: Contamination Rate(%)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Benchmark with international jurisdictions: Extend the scope of the Performance Metrics Study by Stantec	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Set waste reduction and collection targets including interim goals (report back to public on these regularly with communications campaigns)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Apply a higher standard to public entities in all aspects of Zero Waste initiatives. Trust needs to be earned in order to achieve Zero Waste. Consider transparent measures and metrics.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Report on full environmental and GHG footprint of waste (by type of disposal if possible)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.

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Consumption-based emissions inventories (CBEI) with a waste-specific lens. The climate impact of wasteful consumption in a linear economy is a growing area of importance. Related data and metrics are needed to: evaluate the success of waste reduction initiatives in terms of environmental impact; help stakeholders understand the need for waste reduction and transitioning to a circular economy, and understand the types of tools that can be used to drive reduction (e.g. embodied carbon limits, credits, etc.). Metro Vancouver can play a role by reporting an updated regional consumptionbased emission inventory on a regular basis (e.g. every 3-5 years). However, existing CBEI reporting frameworks do not present results by material stream, which can make it challenging for waste professionals to interpret the results and meaningfully integrate the data with their work streams. For example: the embodied emissions of wasted edible food are not discernible from emissions associated with production and consumption of food that gets eaten. More material-specific granularity in CBEI reporting, with a waste-specific lens, would improve transparency and comprehension. Metro Vancouver can play a leadership role by undertaking the needed research and exploration to develop a methodology for calculating and presenting CBEI results with a waste-specific lens. (e.g. to understand data needs and availability, etc.).	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
GHG emissions - methane from paper/cardboard, should go back to the product manufacturers. Need ICI regs for businesses.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID091	Develop methods for estimating and reporting environmental benefits for waste prevention actions, such as reduction of GHG emissions (including embodied carbon), water use, and life-cycle impacts.
Develop region wide circular key performance indicators	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID092	Continue to develop and improve region wide key performance indicators to track progress on circular economy through rethinking and reducing waste.
Embracing circular economy principles: Implementing systems thinking and life cycle analysis to understand material flows and promote closed-loop systems where waste is minimized and resources are continually circulated.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID092	Continue to develop and improve region wide key performance indicators to track progress on circular economy through rethinking and reducing waste.
Tie waste into values and priorities (practicality, cost, circularity, carbon and climate change)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID092	Continue to develop and improve region wide key performance indicators to track progress on circular economy through rethinking and reducing waste.
4. Improved food security: Meals donated	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID092	Continue to develop and improve region wide key performance indicators to track progress on circular economy through rethinking and reducing waste.
Expand reuse metrics (greenhouse gas emissions reduced/avoided, customer and staff satisfaction, social impact, etc)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID092	Continue to develop and improve region wide key performance indicators to track progress on circular economy through rethinking and reducing waste.
Explore how to measure the success of collaborations (e.g. reuse days tonnages, number of items repaired at repair cafes)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID093	Research and pilot ways to measure success of collaborations.
Strengthen data and evidence	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Change waste composition program into a combination of waste composition, data collection and data improvements program	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Improving data collection of waste/recycling volume	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Improve contextual understanding of raw data metrics	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Perform composition breakdowns for mixed loads (organics, recyclables): Waste composition studies should occur more often.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Increase frequency of waste audits – this will help increase accountability	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Regular audits and feedback: Conduct ongoing audits of waste streams to identify areas for improvement and provide feedback to residents and businesses.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Critically analyzing	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Not enough data for community members and organizations. Waste composition pie charts all look the same. What is the nuance? Need more transparency on what the numbers are. Waste flow changes by month, need seasonal information on composition.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Analysis of how to better measure bulky items in waste composition studies	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID094	Strengthen waste composition data to improve actionable insights.
Data collection and sharing: Example: WMABC launched a program to measure ICI waste materials disposed of or diverted. Took this on to help them advocate at government levels knowing there are a number of jurisdictions looking at this type of data for policy development. Launched this project internally with members. We are not submitting raw data to Metro Vancouver, but it will provide aggregated numbers.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID095	Explore new technology that could help with data collection.
Every collection could include data tracking	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID095	Explore new technology that could help with data collection.
Explore new technology that could help with data collection	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID095	Explore new technology that could help with data collection.
Racial equity of Service - expand data collection and analysis for the Racial and Social Equity Index, the index used to map the city by race, English language proficiency, and socioeconomic and health disadvantages. Adjustments are made to the next round of outreach based on the outcome of the evaluation.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID096	Look at ways to include diversity, equity and inclusion data in solid waste data.
Make space for all voices (non-profits, women, underrepresented groups)	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID096	Look at ways to include diversity, equity and inclusion data in solid waste data.
Ensure inclusivity addresses differing incomes	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID096	Look at ways to include diversity, equity and inclusion data in solid waste data.
Improve Reuse calculation methodology	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Circular economy: City should have the research finding in knowing in whole which systems create the most waste. At the same time, city can encourage people in reusing garabge in more creative way like organizing recycle workshop for public	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
I would like to see really good statistics, all the time, every year - how much we collected, how much ended up, where, how much money did it bring, how much money did MV make from the transfer stations, how much money was made by compost facilities to sell back compost to people all over? A LOT of statistics!	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Real-time Regional Dashboard, Regular updates and feedback mechanisms, Educational Visualizations	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Share detailed metrics about recycling processes, including depot input and export data, through public dashboards and real-time updates.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.

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Track & report food waste generated per capita vs. 2016 baseline Track SDG 12.3 year over year (2030 target: -50% food waste/capita) 2016 baseline =158 kg food waste per capita	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Improve quantification for food wasterecycled: estimated that 50% Food Waste + 50% Yard Waste In the Food Waste part: split residential vs. commercial unknon	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Quantify recycling options: composted v.s. animal feed v.s. biogas	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
4. Improved food security: Meals donated	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Focus on two aspects: showing the impact of individual actions and reporting back results. When people see their contributions matter, engagement improves.	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Provide funding /incentives to track food waste with different solutions	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID097	Work towards reporting by material type on all levels of the waste hierarchy starting with organics, wood, and textiles.
Raise awareness of the lifecycle impacts of products	1.4. Collect and enhance data to track progress toward a circular economy	ID102	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to businesses how they are doing
We should create a strategy for packaging to get to the source – collectively handle the strategy to mandate and the reduction of plastics at the source	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
We can pay for research to invent a new kind of plastic that does not harm the planet	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
We should to invent a kind of plastic that is good for the environment.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Participant Recommendation: Complete ban on compostable plastic products	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Fund research into alternative materials and technologies to replace petroleum-based plastics and minimize waste	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Grow recycling through reduction (e.g. plastic ban)	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Work with retailers to reduce packaging waste.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Reduce packaging at grocery stores.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Collaborating with governments and manufacturers to reduce packaging	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination
Focus on recyclables that have a viable market	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID002	Continue working collaboratively with national plastics waste reduction organizations, businesses, non-profits and member jurisdictions to reduce plastic waste and identify additional hard to recycle plastics for elimination.
Stakeholder engagement: Effectively engaging diverse stakeholders, including residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and First Nations communities, to ensure that programs and services are tailored to meet specific needs and preferences.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
For healthcare - centralized bins -	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
At Vancouver Coastal Health, we’ve had conversations with Metro Vancouver about compacted loads from facilities. One idea is to have smaller regional sorting facilities for medical waste. This could allow us to separate and manage materials locally before they go to incineration or elsewhere.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Standardization across health authorities would be helpful. Everyone is doing their own thing to increase diversion rates, but a unified approach could make things more efficient.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Promoting brand events about excess fabric and get rid of dead stock	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Daylighting the work people are doing, fibre shed maps as an example, this creates the network and shares the exact details of what people do in their work.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Work with brands here if someone is disposing of a particular product - circulate it through their online products	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Collaboration between Metro Vancouver and health authorities has been a positive step. Standardized segregation solutions that work across all health authorities could make a significant impact, especially in addressing general waste, which makes up 70% of total waste.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Facilitate a workshop between health care waste reps and WMABC	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID020	Host workshops with specialty sectors such as healthcare to co-develop waste reduction solutions
Develop an apparel waste reduction strategy	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID024	Connect with member jurisdictions and the clothing sector to develop solutions for clothing waste reduction that can be implemented at the regional level.
Use reverse logistics to move products back through the supply chain to optimize reuse and recycling are key locally and beyond, existing systems need to be retooled to bring materials back into the economy.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID025	Encourage brands to take back garments from consumers for reuse and repair.
Brands responsibility to bring the garment back from the consumer - not the other way around- Consumers should not have to pay to send back products to brands for recycling/reuse/repair should be covered	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID025	Encourage brands to take back garments from consumers for reuse and repair.

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Take-back programs with certain compositions - a. for uniforms specifically b. try to get involved and educate the government c. Holland Heineken example: take back bins for company shirts - all the same colour/fabric can be reused	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID025	Encourage brands to take back garments from consumers for reuse and repair.
Retailers should act like auto retailers that service products they sell a. re-bird arc'teryx example b. Should also supply spare parts for products c. Vega is also doing that d. Putting REPAIR on BRANDS e. Who is paying? f. First one free repeats?	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID025	Encourage brands to take back garments from consumers for reuse and repair.
Make ethical brands affordable	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID025	Encourage brands to take back garments from consumers for reuse and repair.
Leverage expertise from potential users to connect products to users	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID025	Encourage brands to take back garments from consumers for reuse and repair.
Develop a policy for how to design, develop, construct, manage and deconstruct/demolish city buildings.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Prioritize procurement of low carbon products (e.g., recycled materials and waste-derived fuels)	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Metro Vancouver/member jurisdictions should have mandates to use compost material (e.g. wood chips) to drive end markets to allow recycling operations to flourish. Don't own/operate, but drive end markets	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Develop a sustainable procurement program for MV with a specific focus on waste prevention, reuse and repair	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Review opportunities to accelerate adoption of climate change and circular economy focussed purchasing in construction	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Support the development of circular procurement guidelines for MV - including food, C&D, and reusable food and beverage systems	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Comment on Metro Vancouver's role as part of the circular economy, specifically on organics.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Orders of government to implement procurement policies. There should be industry mandates to produce and use recyclable materials.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Consider the full lifecycle management of the product.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Embed the Zero Waste Hierarchy and C&D waste/embodied carbon hierarchy in Metro Van's procurement and policies - include sourcing used/salvaged materials where possible. Encourage other organizations to do the same. (this can be part of creating end markets)	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Develop a library of circular procurment case studies to support local government and private sector to use reclaimed material in their building projects	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Promote sustainable and/or packaging-free purchasing options	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Develop model procurement policies for use by local governments, non-profits etc. To be done in partnership with member municipalities.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Establish corporate circular procurement policies	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
The City to lead by example (e.g., not use plastic materials in its offices and separating food scraps in City buildings).	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Investigate and promote options to incentivise and build capacity for the refurbishment of buildings	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Use Building Materials with Low Embodied Emissions	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Collaboration between municipalities on operations such as procuring trucks, or collaborating on labour/staffing to address labour shortages, and zero waste best practices information sharing. For smaller municipalities, having some relief in managing day-to-day operations can free up resources to think about and advance initiatives related to waste reduction/prevention at a higher level	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Smaller municipalities can learn from larger municipalities; on the other hand, smaller municipalities may be more nimble and responsive, and able innovate and try new things	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Work with companies for sustainable swag	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID028	Work with different sectors such as the promotional products industry to develop and promote procurement tools and templates for Metro Vancouver and other organizations to buy more sustainable goods.
Develop and implement information and education programs on the reuse and effective recycling of wood and other DLC waste.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Education and awareness campaigns to showcase the benefits of wood circularity in the C&D sector.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Expand construction and demolition debris industry outreach and education	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Socialize the concept of circular economy through reporting, shared language, and success stories with key stakeholders	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.

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There needs to be webinars for the construction industry and educational pieces for homeowners as well. This would be helpful on the Metro Vancouver, BC Housing and Municipal websites with links to information and resources. It is important that we work in support of each other to reduce the confusion and make this information more accessible for people.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Educational pieces are needed for the construction industry – It should be a requirement as far as their licensing to receive education on waste management.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Entrepreneurial workshop - getting people together to solve problems. Information sharing.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
What we hope for is more opportunities for contractors and others to be a part of the zerowaste community	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Metro Vancouver can hold a regular committee/meeting and invite professionals, experts, and consultants to discuss their plans and implementation strategies	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Education and promotion of waste reduction and reuse in the construction industry by fostering innovative designs	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Engage with housing and development entities	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Interest in collaborating on a centralized hub for sharing salvaged building materials, and coordinating a cross-regional district repair café network	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Education and awareness campaigns to showcase the benefits of wood circularity in the C&D sector.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID040	Co-host events such as "builders breakfasts" with the construction industry, housing and development sectors, and member jurisdictions to help build awareness, share success stories and workshop solutions to reducing waste in the built environment sector.
Publish a research paper on construction and demolition (C&D) waste challenges and opportunities (with a focus on wood). Metro Vancouver could play a leadership role by writing a paper that summarizes information including: projected increases to C&D waste due to housing construction and densification in line with provincial legislation; jurisdiction scan findings on best practices in other places; economic benefits of circular C&D practices; reuse/salvage end markets in the region that have potential to be scaled up; and detailed roles for municipal, regional, provincial and federal levels of government in each area of potential policy. For example, identifying what role each level of government could play to advance a policy area such as increasing use of salvaged wood in structural applications (including modular products). Metro Vancouver could play a leadership role by convening members and other stakeholders to share relevant data and knowledge, and acting as the lead author and publisher. This work supports members to advance C&D policy in their municipalities by resourcing needed background research, instead of each municipality pursuing this work independently.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID062	Report on challenges and opportunities to reduce construction waste in the Metro Vancouver region.
Co-mingling budgets between partners could result in new and innovative ideas for educating about managing waste and recycling.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID100	Develop education tools for businesses to help them reduce waste, motivate customers to participate, and comply with evolving waste reduction regulations.
Clear communication about producers’ obligations is necessary to reduce misunderstandings.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID100	Develop education tools for businesses to help them reduce waste, motivate customers to participate, and comply with evolving waste reduction regulations.
I'd really like to see a common space facilitated by Metro Vancouver where industry professionals can gather more regularly to share ideas and collaborate	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID101	Increase in person education where business and others can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Setting targets for waste prevention and recycling while allowing businesses flexibility in how to meet them works well. Over-regulation or rigid requirements can hinder progress and add unnecessary costs.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID102	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to businesses how they are doing
I believe that Metro Van should be working with the producers of waste to penalize large amounts of waste	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID102	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to businesses how they are doing
Metro Vancouver should explore the feasibility of implementing a fee based on waste usage and assess the need for larger bins and more frequent pick-ups for businesses	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID102	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to businesses how they are doing
Rewards or recognition for reducing waste	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID102	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to businesses how they are doing.
Producers of research materials e.g. plastic flasks, etc. can be made from sustainable materials, educate research institutions on how to reduce barriers to recycling	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID113	Work with national plastics waste reduction organizations and others to understand and address barriers to increased recycled content in plastic products and packaging.
Examine zoning by-laws, building codes and other policy. Metro Vancouver could further support members in applying land use planning and development lenses to waste management by undertaking a review of zoning by-laws, building codes and other relevant policy across the region to identify barriers to scaling waste and resource management infrastructure. For example, barriers to citing neighbourhood-level recycling drop-off facilities.	2.1. Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste at the source	ID162	Host workshops and meetings aimed at sharing and implementing updates to definitions and provisions in zoning and development bylaws which better clarify and facilitate the possible locations for waste reduction and recycling businesses.
Embodied carbon - Can’t tell who at Metro Vancouver is getting engaged in this space. Silos in Metro Vancouver between departments. Need ways to get departments more connected to work together on reducing waste.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
Advocate and make the public aware of future impact of behaviours around waste	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
Promote reusable diapers as an alternative to disposables	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
Develop and implement a Waste Free Parenting program, offering tips and techniques for a waste free parenting lifestyle	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.

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Diapers become a problem because it forces everything else in the bag to be soiled. Lack of opportunities to sort at some of our sites. Risk of needle pokes. Not separate bins at some sites.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
Encourage the use of reusable diapers (consider equity lens) long term	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
Recycling Standards and Tips: Consistent and simplified guidelines across all cities in Metro Vancouver. Detailed packaging information indicating recyclability. Tips for reducing waste in everyday activities like cooking.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
Map out what plastics reduction campaigns are needed	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID080	Develop methods to estimate the waste reduction impacts of everyday actions and communicate back to residents how they are doing. Celebrate high performers.
In-person meetings where people can come to attend and learn about the waste systems and how to be a more active participant in waste diversion.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Not just one avenue, we need to attack it from different ways. Report for Master Recycler Vancouver’s Collaborative Engagement Activities 2024 12. The idea of people being OUT at more EVENTS explaining our waste system. Having people HAVE a table at those farmers markets, HAVE a table at our repair cafes, have people EXPLAIN what works and what doesn’t work. At the Diwali Festival, why don’t we have tables?	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Aligning funding with waste reduction goals: Ensuring that financial resources are directed towards initiatives that prioritize waste prevention, reuse, and resource recovery rather than solely focusing on traditional waste management methods.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Library and recreation centers having workshops for knowledge sharing	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
In-person meetings where people can come to attend and learn about the waste systems and how to be a more active participant in waste diversion. Share information on where people can go to fix, buy or recycle things.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Increase access to public zero waste education through outreach events similar to the City of Vancouver Zero Waste Days	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Informational posters,TV ads, Flyers in the mail, More workshops, hands-on learning opportunities	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Library programs to educate on sorting waste	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Enhance large item pick-up, special collection services – to overcome barrier of needing to transport materials to facilities	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Engaging in open dialogue with the public: Hosting public forums, workshops, and online discussions to address concerns, answer questions, and foster a sense of trust and transparency in recycling operations.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Holding workshops at various private companies (as some ppl only commute between home & office) / libraries / community centres	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Tech-Free Alternatives: Ensure that traditional methods like printed guides and hotline services remain available for those who prefer not to use technology.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Recycling Events: Organize community recycling events or "Recycling Parties" that combine waste management with social engagement, making the practice fun and interactive.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Educational Programs: Provide free workshops, webinars, and events on solid waste management and offer small incentives (e.g., gift cards, free compost bins) to attendees.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Develop new public education and behaviour change campaigns that target waste-generating events. For example, moving to a new home and student move-in and move-out days. Metro Vancouver could work with members to explore opportunities to design supportive programs to help reduce waste associated with these events, and target program delivery for strategic times, such as month end when renters are more likely to be moving.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Host more community events to educate the public and get them invested in disposing of their waste the right way.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID081	Increase in-person education where residents can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Workshops, open houses with Metro Van residences, groups, communities. People are ready to learn and ready to contribute. For businesses specifically too	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID101	Increase in person education where business and others can talk directly with experts on how to reduce waste.
Government Initiatives: Hire individuals from diverse backgrounds to lead regular informational sessions and events at apartment complexes or residential community spaces, educating residents on proper recycling and sorting practices. Rewards: Rewards for consistent checking items on recycling, such as points or cashback, through seamless integration with deposit-refund systems '- Should stop this practice and stop waste at the source - Incentivize solutions that divert waste via regulatory reform - If we could encourage municipalities to create tree removal salvage bylaw amendments they could potentially be applied to metal recovery, soil recovery, etc.	2.2. Support residents adopting waste prevention habits	ID104	Expand education tools to help residents of multi-family buildings to reduce waste, increase participation, and comply with evolving waste reduction regulations.
Incentivize the commercial and institutional sectors to reduce food waste.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID052	Incentivize the commercial and institutional sectors to reduce food waste.
Institute diversion pilot project within local ICI sector (e.g. food waste composting at a local restaurant).	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID072	Work with business, industry associations, and non-profits to reduce food loss and waste by improving food purchasing, storage, and preparation methods.
Metro Vancouver should engage with large mainline suppliers, such as Gordon Food Services and Sysco, to address their role in food waste management and prevention	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID072	Work with business, industry associations, and non-profits to reduce food loss and waste by improving food purchasing, storage, and preparation methods.
Organizations should align waste prevention with their purpose but need support and resources to address pain points effectively.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID072	Work with business, industry associations, and non-profits to reduce food loss and waste by improving food purchasing, storage, and preparation methods.
support regional farmers markets with training and consumer-facing education on how to make the most of food/prevent waste - processing and storage tips and skill development	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Metro Vancouver needs to support with developing food waste training sessions and certification program for those in the food industry	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Metro Vancouver needs to support with developing an information portal for food businesses to share resources, best practices, and get inspired to reduce food waste.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.

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Supporting industry working groups: Establishing and supporting working groups focused on specific waste streams or challenges to facilitate knowledge exchange, identify innovative solutions, and develop collaborative initiatives.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Promoting regional and international knowledge transfer: Engaging in active knowledge transfer with other regions and countries to learn from successful waste reduction initiatives and adapt best practices to the Metro Vancouver context.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Engaging with stakeholders through initiatives like the Circular Food Innovation Lab can create collaboration opportunities.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Sharing best practices and ideas across industries can inspire improvements.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Waste prevention needs more focus, whether it’s reducing food waste or minimizing what needs recycling. Sharing best practices on what works and doesn’t work would be helpful, particularly in a pre-competitive space like the RCC does for food waste reduction.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Also, increase awareness of the Food Donor Encouragement Act (liability protection for businesses and organizations that donate their surplus food).	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Explore the pros and cons of launching a recognition program to acknowledge the recycling efforts/achievements in the ICI sector.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Deploy incentive campaigns for adoption of environmentally responsible practices such as electrifying residential building heating systems to eliminate use of heating oil, supporting businesses in transition to circular economy	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Develop and implement Food Waste Reduction Education Initiatives	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Sharing information: for example, there should be a portal, like what the City of Toronto doing or what the City of Seattle is doing, how we can share this information, so we have more resources. And, you know, just sharing each other’s best practices. A place where we can get more inspired and have a target. That's the one thing we are missing.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Offer guidance and collection of food for recovery	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Encourage restaurants and events to reduce waste by adopting similar practices.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID073	Share learnings through industry focused web resources for the hospitality and entertainment sectors.
Work with residents, commercial business and industry to identify opportunities to generate revenue from waste "by-products”.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
work with regional planning to consider food hubs - with zoning integrations and approvals for symbiotic businesses utilizing each other's waste - into the RGS and the RFSS	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
collaboration and support for equipment and asset sharing for food processing/storage/distribution/recovery	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Use products better, integrate regenerative practices including for biomass, and account for carbon sequestration as part of organics management.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Programs like the Loop Program, which connects food waste to farmers, are good examples of collaboration. Looking for opportunities to expand on this and support models like this would help.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
support for urban farms/vertical farms/ to shorten supply chains between food production and retail, to minimize waste during distribution	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Advocate to the BC Government, the Government of Canada, energy utilities, member jurisdictions, and First Nations to expand development of anaerobic digestion facilities to process commercial food waste. This could include funding (e.g., incentives, tax credits, loans) and removal of barriers in existing regulations.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Anaerobic Digestion (AD)	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
support research on applied technologies for recovering materials and energy from organics	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Local use of local “waste” resources is needed	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Provide tax incentives for producers that incentivize design for recyclability	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Need to look at other options to expand on organics disposal and processing site options.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
There is not enough infrastructure capacity and incentives for recycling. An example of limited processing capacity is the organics processors	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Securing funding for future infrastructure: Actively pursuing funding opportunities from provincial and federal governments, private sector partners, and other sources to support the development of critical waste management infrastructure.	2.3. Prioritize food waste reduction initiatives	ID075	Advocate for the federal and provincial governments to provide funding and incentive programs for businesses to scale up food reuse, food recovery, gleaning on farms and food remanufacturing.
Facilitate a collaboration between local farmers, local food deliveries, and DTES to reduce carbon footprint.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID017	Collaborate with external groups to identify and implement new circular economy initiatives in the community.
Continue to work with facility operators, local municipalities and the recycling industry to introduce material bans after alternatives are identified and suitable public information programs.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Implement disposal bans on materials that limit opportunities to achieve reuse, recycling, or energy recovery	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Phased-in disposal bans for some CRD material (starting with wood, drywall, cardboard, asphalt shingles)	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Prohibiting/limiting the maximum recyclable content that can be included in residual waste before it is landfilled	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Disposal bans	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
MV well positioned to create reduction-side solutions. Ban items that have no alternatives but disposal. Better product management at the consumer level.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
We need more regulation and landfill bans. Look at the huge shift that happened in 2013 when we banned organics from landfill.” - Recycling Business	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.

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No load of waste shall be sent to final disposal (landfill or incineration) with more than 20% divertable content. Although this would require an amendment to the EMA, it would force us to put everything through an MRF and extract the recyclable and/or compostable material that lazy people or those who do not care about waste diversion, simply put in the garbage. Incineration in BC is a delusional idea as it creates GHG's burning waste to create electricity and displace BC's ZERO GHG hydro-generated electricity. The worst part is that if we divert what MV says it wants to divert and MV stops deliberately burning recyclable material (plastics), the incinerator will not generate enough BTU to create electricity; a double whammy caused by our success. No wonder MV has decided to pick fights to stall diversion's work with industry to meet the region's goals.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Yes! Metro Vancouver needs to ban textile production waste from landfill garbage bins. Get a collection service for these companies to recycle. Its clean pure fabric so you don't have to sort or remove buttons, zippers etc from old clothes. Such low hanging fruit. Our company actually collects and saves all of our waste from production and we just sent 15,000 pounds by rail to a company in the USA to recycle and turn back into material that we will get back to make more clothes from. Simply Merino	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Ban textile production waste in landfill.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Investigate banning or surcharging mixed C&D loads at the landfill to encourage source separation	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID105	Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles.
Garbage should be charged based on weight.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
I really like that Interior BC charges you for disposing of trash by the amount/weight of individual garbage. Maybe it could look like having the trucks weigh trash upon collection. Alternatively, award people for having the least amount of trash? Positive reinforcements seem to work better in North America	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
There should be financial incentives to reduce waste - garbage pick up should be charged per container NOT hidden in the tax base.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
They could make - there are 3 sizes of garbage bins - for a single family house - maybe there could be a fourth one, you pay even less if you waste less. The size sets the expectation for how much you waste, so include an even smaller one	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
If you don't put garbage out for 3 different collection dates, you get a rebate. That could take a lot of management, though.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Pay-as-you-throw, without causing an unintended increase in illegal dumping	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Reduce overall garbage collected by reducing number or size of garbage carts	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Use tipping fees as a tool so that poor sorters and high volume generators pay more.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
One thing - the COST of garbage collection is hidden from people. You only find out about it if you have a property tax bill, you can see buried under the MV part there, there's an amount for garbage collection based on the size of container you have, which is for a single family dwelling. It would be good if that was this reminder MORE than once a year!	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Smaller bins so residents can dispose less waste (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Reduce garbage collection frequency to increase participation in other streams	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Educate and reduce contaminated loads. Can't trace back to specific trucks. MV staff do not track down source of contamination. Results in increased investment into reducing contamination in loads. Impacts product quality, and ultimately market uptake	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Make it illegal to throw electronics in the trash – must be recycled at licensed facilities	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Avoid batteries going in the garbage/landfill by enforcement (penalty/fine)	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Have inspectors at the generators and issue tickets/fines	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Need high enough surcharges to cover for increased costs of contamination.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Why isn't there more screening done at the dump to prevent such violators coming through and dumping everything in one heap	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Put levies and payments onto items to make it harder for people to dispose and have greater penalties	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Need staff to be intercepting every load and educating.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Explore and deploy financial mechanisms such as reduced tipping fees, differential rate charges, penalties for non-participation, fines for violations, user-pay collection system, additional collection charges, waste reduction levies, variable waste utility, solid waste diversion credit policy, volunteer hauler incentive program.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
Let waste & recycling industry freely compete. If we want to fine haulers for cardboard and other recyclables being in their loads, we must allow them to dump and sort their loads prior to disposing of it.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID106	Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste.
clear bags for garbage so that people reduce their garbage through social norms	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID107	Explore options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as the use of clear bags or innovative technology solutions.
Investigate use of clear bags for garbage or recyclables collection to encourage proper recycling of materials, where practicable and enforceable (e.g. at events)	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID107	Explore options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as the use of clear bags or innovative technology solutions.
Implement clear bag collection to reduce contamination	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID107	Explore options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as the use of clear bags or innovative technology solutions.
A solution to the multi-family sector could be clear bags for everyone.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID107	Explore options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as the use of clear bags or innovative technology solutions.
Use clear plastic bags to discourage recyclables in the garbage	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID107	Explore options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as the use of clear bags or innovative technology solutions.
Use clear bags to enforce bans more effectively: Some challenges, such as privacy issues, to consider. Clear bags implemented successfully in other areas in Canada	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID107	Explore options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as the use of clear bags or innovative technology solutions.
Regulation and enforcement needs to be increased through MV	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.

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Avoid issue where something is banned one day and not banned the other day. Adhere to the disposal bans. For the organic’s disposal ban if they leave the ban in place somebody will figure it out.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.
Should not waive the organics ban. Its been waived for four years.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.
Construction and demolition waste is banned from landfill in MetroVan. But it still sneaks in in black bags. Ban the black bags! Also, fine the haulers at the tipping places ... it’s already happening, but I support larger fines.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.
Step up inspections and enforcement to all loads	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.
Increase audits and enforcement. Metro Vancouver could increase the number of audits and randoms checks to ensure compliance with disposal bans.	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.
3. No organics in garbage (like in Squamish)	2.4. Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program	ID108	Increase inspections and enforcement of disposal bans at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities.
Develop model language for bylaws, best practices, official community plans, and economic development strategies for use by local governments using research and collaboration to guide this process (in partnership with municipalities and potentially other regional districts)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Require deconstruction (instead of demolition) for select project sizes and/or project types to increase construction and demolition debris recovery.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Require the salvage of reusable materials from demolitions	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Expand green demolition bylaws to more types of homes	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Evaluate the possibility of coordinating and unifying the regional effort for deconstruction bylaws, to lessen the confusion for contractors and the public (e.g. recommend a common baseline year for deconstruction across municipalities).	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Support and enable house moving	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Development of a program that supports C&D municipal bylaws, including: Data collection and storytelling, intersectional partnerships, community engagement, reuse infrastructure and workforce training.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Mandatory C&D site waste management plans	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Develop new and promote existing best practice standards in circular practices within the construction sector, and assess the options for both voluntary and mandatory complianc	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
A properly completed waste disposal and recycling services plan regarding the management of waste and recyclables material must be signed by the owner or agent and submitted to the building inspector	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Municipal policies that reduce construction waste (In response to what waste reduction, recvcling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Legislation that rewards waste diversion and circularity of CRD wastes such as Wood, increase the cost to dispose of unsorted mixed debris in the landfill, increased costs forcompanies that Demolish Buildings, rather than deconstruct and/or relocate perfectly usefultomes	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
90% of trees that are removed (due to construction/development or urban forest management) are used or given away to be used as firewood	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Responsible removal assessments would require applicant to assess the options for the home prior to permitting from municipalities for demolition	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Reduce construction and demolition waste by supporting deconstruction over demolition	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Introduce major restrictions on the demolition of usable buildings	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Develop deconstruction protocols and policy	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Coordinated policy approaches to increase reduction and reuse (e.g. C&D waste)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Have a means for C&D actually processed to be reported out	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Include recycled materials in procurement for new builds; there is a need to require an amount of recycled/reused materials	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Education and working with local governments on incentives for deconstruction	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Time is limited, using that as an incentive, like making permitting faster if you deconstruct instead of demolish.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Streamline regulation system to foster increased use of salvaged/diverted materials	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Create a municipal template and toolkit for building removal bylaws that include house moving and deconstruction	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Prevention of C&D waste due to affordable housing policy and other changes in land uses.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Building removal options, support hierarchy	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Renovation and retrofit vs new build	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.

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Requirements on the type and amount of bins for construction sites; focus on wood	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Mandate multi-stream collection for all Construction,Reno,Demo settings (focus on the service providers rather than the project owners, can also be in RFP for services)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Improve C&D studies - a lot of data gaps - potentially conduct a weight study	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Develop new circular economy metric for analysing the current and future capabilities of the construction industry to build circular buildings.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Host an online waste management & recycling tracking system for contractors, member jurisdictions, waste haulers and recycling companies (e.g. https://www.greenhalosystems.com)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Convene member jurisdictions to mainstream circular economy construction (cross-authority collaboration group on construction material exchange)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID032	Develop consistent tools and reporting requirements to improve administrative efficiency of house relocation and deconstruction bylaws for contractors and municipalities.
Reuse only for dine in	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Work with food delivery and meal prep businesses to switch to reusable container systems	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Integrate a combination of new regulatory requirements, new market development efforts and material restrictions to support diversion or reduction of materials from plastic bags to take-out containers that cannot be recycled or returned.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Move towards harmonization of systems across sectors, practices, and within the region.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Develop a corporate policy for single-use item reduction to support sustainable procurement and include commonly used and purchase single-use items to explore alternatives	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Building on mandatory recycling Develop a Sustainable Events. Policy making diversion mandatory for all events.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Single-Use Item Reduction Initiative	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Mandatory Waste Diversion in all City Facilities	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Comment that takeout containers, disposable coffee cups, and packaging are an issue. Interest in reducing packaging in product design and involving producers.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
There is limits we can do to reduce plastic use – work with the province to be able to reduce the amount of plastics	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
We should have bans on single-use items and some kinds of plastic packaging that are not needed.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Incentives for reuse e.g. coffee cups and building more drop off locations.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Mandate recycling, compost at public events	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Ban of single use plastics - bags, straws used to be bane of my beefs at restaurants, throw away utensils.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Reuse system is possible, but government support required on the public collection and washing facility components	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Improve Product and Packaging Design: Collaborate with businesses to design recyclable and minimal packaging. Provide discounts for using reusable cups, containers, or other sustainable packaging.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Use a phased approach for policy changes to give businesses time to adapt.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Ensure consistent regulations across administrations to avoid confusion.	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Individual/general public: Force choices for the public (e.g. whether you want a bag for takeout)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Encourage local circularity of plastic resins	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Look at what the next set of SUI bans should be -work with munis/prov/fed (e.g plastic teabags, cigarette butts, hotel amenities,etc.)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Address single use items systemically (not just to move from plastic)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Develop + support model bylaw to require reusables for dine in settings (Banff, Victoria -pending)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Require adequate dishwasher capacity for new foodservice permits (work with munis or develop model)	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Explore ways to reduce single use items distributed through drive throughs	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
Address over consumption of reusable bags, now that plastic bags are banned	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID063	Update the regionally harmonized approach for single-use item reduction bylaws to include reuse requirements.
See ideas under ID063	3.1. Support consistent approaches to reuse	ID034	Advocate for the adoption of consistent reuse regulations once they are proven successful at the community level.
Expand recycling market development for construction and demolition debris to support diversion of these materials from landfill (asphalt shingles and clean wood) as well as continued collaboration on market development.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Identify and pursue options to support and grow the market for salvaged deconstruction materials	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Streamlining the process to certify reclaimed wood for structural purposes. Governments could take on the role of adding it into their specifications for civic buildings.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Implement strategies to increase the salvage of building materials for reuse, without increasing exposure to toxics.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Develop a comprehensive C&D strategy, including characterization of materials, best practices, and pilot projects	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Examine and, where feasible, implement incentives for reuse and remove barriers to re-use of wood waste.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Residential C&D Waste Diversion Strategy	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Re-using materials when new development happens (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Work with building and design industry and policy makers to adopt the ZW/embodied energy hierarchy as the guidance for building sector	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.

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We need to tie into logistics to solve problems, home moving is an example. We need to increase knowledge in the trades, avoid landfill use, and overcome lack of convenience challenges for reuse and repair programs and systems.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Advocate for reuse regulations, right-to-repair legislation, and reuse standards for products	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID035	Work collaboratively with industry and member jurisdictions to increase reuse in the construction and demolition sector.
Work with used building material suppliers to encourage do-it-yourself-ers to incorporate more used building materials into their projects.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID036	Encourage residents to incorporate more used building materials into their home renovation projects.
Work with used building material suppliers to encourage do-it-yourself-ers to incorporate more used building materials into their projects.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID036	Encourage residents to incorporate more used building materials into their home renovation projects.
Quebec has some sixty facilities sorting residual material from the construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) sector. A recognition program, established in 2021, is intended to highlight the facilities that obtain good results in sorting and reclaiming residual material. Develop a residual material sorting facility	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Encourage a business or non-profit entity (e.g., Habitat for Humanity) to establish a construction reuse facility.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Stengthen secondhand markets	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Promote the reuse of construction materials like wood and concrete aggregates	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Invest in finding the end use markets cases for all types of C&D material	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
For construction and demolition waste (C&D), support innovative ideas and focus on marketing C&D waste.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Instead of demolition, materials can be salvage, donated, sold and reused	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Work with province, academia and NGOs to develop a model for wood waste that determines what assets exist and what are needed to create an ecosystem that can handle all kinds of wood and use it to the highest and best purposes (like King County). Use NZWC or other systems to build regional partnership.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Create certainty in the marketplace of both supply and demand	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Create business opportunities for C&D waste with established partners/problem solvers	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Develop and support a network for reuse of CRD materials (could include setting aside land); deconstruction principles, policies & programs, linked to C&D working group. Partner with others to develop a supply of reusable materials that can then lead to requirements in RFPs for a certain % use of materials.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Develop local markets for recycled materials.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Develop markets and identify investment opportunities; lack of certainty discourages private sector from taking on opportunities.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Foster opportunities for more private investment.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Goal to build larger customer base. No issue with supply, however enough of a demand needs to be built to get material back to the public. This is becoming more challenging	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Raise awareness through website and use of social media to demonstrate successful examples and destigmatize the reuse of building and renovation material.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID037	Foster further development of secondhand building material markets
Host an online marketplace for C&D materials, similar to FoodMesh	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID038	Explore options for implementing an online marketplace for construction and demolition materials.
Promote C&D waste brokering (like a FoodMesh for C&D waste - like what LightHouse is providing in Naniamo)	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID038	Explore options for implementing an online marketplace for construction and demolition materials.
Establish convenient and affordable infrastructure to store, sort, and/or process wood materials to support supply and demand alignment.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Promote salvage and deconstruction for reusable building materials by supporting the establishment of a salvage lumber warehouse or network of reusable lumber processors and retailers.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Need more construction and demolition waste disposal and recycling facilities	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Create a building material exchange program to help connect companies looking for materials to construction and manufacturing sites that produce the material	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Depots and policies for home renovation waste (dedicated CRD drop-off bins at transfer stations for materials such as clean wood, drywall, concrete, plastic piping, corrugated cardboard, metal items, ceramics and asphalt shingles. Mixed CRD would be accepted for a higher fee)	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Need capacity for pre-sorting prior to materials going to processing facility – need a system to take contamination out even after ‘source separation’ from residents and businesses, as contamination still exists. Pricing needs to also reflect this extra step	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Better ways to separate clean wood from demolition loads that can be financially beneficial	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Invest in upgrading existing facilities, work with what we have – focus on recovery and sorting of materials	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID039	Encourage the development of an in-region facility for triaging building materials to their best and highest use.
Develop a funding program for building owners to support healthy and environmentally sound renovation. And/or encourage sustainable construction by providing information and support - assistance centres that will guide property owners in their construction or renovation processes.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID045	Advocate that provincial and federal governments develop an incentive program to increase the use of used building materials in new projects.

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Map projected housing construction and land use changes. Metro Vancouver could play a leadership role in helping municipalities to approach waste management planning in the context of housing construction and land use changes. Mapping projected housing construction would support analysis of where future waste services, assets and events may be needed to serve demand created by concentrated areas of population growth. Awareness of land uses will be important as the region builds more housing and densifies, and land is rezoned as part of these efforts. Industrial land is critical for effective waste management systems, especially for the businesses that enable a circular economy. These businesses often have the greatest environmental benefit, and best chance of succeeding and scaling, when they are located close to the resource flows they seek to reuse, remanufacture or recover. To this end, cities need to protect space for industrial land in urban areas. Metro Vancouver can help to increase awareness of this issue and support municipalities to apply a land use planning lens to waste management planning by working with municipalities to compile the land use data, and identify priorities for protecting industrial land.	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID046	Work collaboratively with industry, municipalities and the federal and provincial government to better understand storage and land use requirements for the construction and demolition sector and find innovative solutions to meet land use needs for key waste reduction activities such as house moving, deconstruction and building material resale.
Local governments to provide publicly funded spaces for storage of C&D salvaged materials	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID046	Work collaboratively with industry, municipalities and the federal and provincial government to better understand storage and land use requirements for the construction and demolition sector and find innovative solutions to meet land use needs for key waste reduction activities such as house moving, deconstruction and building material resale.
Build markets for wood waste	3.2Increase reuse of used building materials	ID046	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing borrowing” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Re-use infrastructure and programs that stimulate end-use markets	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Prioritize dedicated reuse infrastructure to help grow circular economy	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
This type of system could also be used for textiles, transport packaging, non-consumable goods	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
In my experience, Metro Vancouver has been the level of government which has been the most open in discussing with companies like mine that are looking at using innovative ways to understand why and where waste is originated. Allowing innovating companies big or small in the conversation is the way to move forward.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Need milkman programs to come back.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Partner with container-free stores	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Libraries - wouldn’t it be great to have repair kits available - thought this is scratching the surface of problem	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Identify gaps in reuse infrastructure and work with industry and senior government to develop necessary infrastructure	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Grant funding for reuse	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
We need to normalize reverse logistics, plan for the full life cycle of an item, consider biological and technology cycles.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
We need reuse capacity as part of our facilities and infrastructure, with strong partnerships to move materials and stimulate the economy.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID047	Advocate that the federal and provincial government develop funding programs to support the expansion and development of reuse and repair infrastructure such as “thing rentals” at public libraries, refill at retail, packaging reuse systems, furniture reuse, and a community reuse options database.
Better data on reuse and repair progress, as well as mapping of reuse and repair services	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID066	Consider spatial mapping of repair and other ways to better quantify reuse and repair in the region. Prioritize open data approaches so that data can be universally accessed.
Map out assets that can be shared -community reuse, repair and sharing (Squamish is working on it, Share Reuse Repair has some for the Lower Mainland and Portland, OR is a good example.)	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID066	Consider spatial mapping of repair and other ways to better quantify reuse and repair in the region. Prioritize open data approaches so that data can be universally accessed.
Find green repair shops easily- across elements of the apparel industry like film	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID066	Consider spatial mapping of repair and other ways to better quantify reuse and repair in the region. Prioritize open data approaches so that data can be universally accessed.

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Use spatial analysis to identify opportunities to improve equitable access to waste services and facilities. This analysis could include mapping locations of waste services, assets and events in the region (including those owned and operated by external organizations, including various types of EPR drop-off locations), and would help to identify locations for new facilities and pop-up events to ensure access for residents and businesses using public transit and active modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking). The findings of the spatial analysis can also be used to explore opportunities to enhance service reach to underserved areas by working with contractors, municipalities and other service providers. Spatial analysis of waste services, assets and events can also be layered with demographic data, such as average income levels, language spoken in the home, race and ethnicity, across each neighbourhood in the region. This analysis may help to identify if there are any equity-denied communities under-served by existing waste programs and services. Members can be convened at several points to share data towards undertaking this work, and discuss opportunities to incorporate key findings in the delivery of future municipal and regional services, projects and events.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID066	Consider spatial mapping of repair and other ways to better quantify reuse and repair in the region. Prioritize open data approaches so that data can be universally accessed.
Promote local reuse alternatives on the Recycling Council of BC’s and local governments’ websites, and city pages. Examples of reuse alternatives: swap websites, community garage sales, repair shops, free-stores, second hand stores, flea markets, farmers’ markets.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Locations of all recycling facilities for electronics, clothing, mixed material items	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Have a common map: Where can you go to refill your things, Where can you go to donate X,Y,Z	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Work with RCBC to develop a comprehensive directory for where to borrow, share, rent rarely used items. Also repair options.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Partnerships with organizations to take materials for reuse before they get to transfer stations.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Fabcycle free bags of scraps example a. App to centralize fabric waste as a resource	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Ucycle program and service with a user-friendly app and website	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID083	Work collaboratively with food recovery and reuse organizations and non-profits to develop a where to reuse/refill/repair data set.
Book reuse partnership with local libraries	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Encourage and facilitate the sharing economy	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Encourage or facilitate inclusive and networked neighborhood-scale projects such as lending libraries, repair clinics, and reuse exchanges for tools, equipment, electronics, furniture.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Libraries	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
To start off, a small area or neighbourhood would be a great place to start to prove that it works, then grow it. Every closed system like theatres could easily be doing this. Shopping malls and food courts are another potential for a closed loop solution. This could be something that Banners could participate in. Looking at recycling depots and how they could participate is an important element	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Expand the roles of libraries or set up new ones for specific items. Develop model policy and practices for tool libraries, toy libraries, kitchen gadgets, etc. Support with communications. Do this in partnership with municipalities.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Taking out a shirt from the library	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Increase opportunities for residents such as repair cafes	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Permanent repair cafes	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Promoting reuse and repair infrastructure: Establishing region-wide infrastructure and systems that support the reuse and repair of items, fostering a culture of repair and extending the lifespan of products. This could include supporting initiatives like repair cafes, tool libraries, and donation platforms.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Make repair cafes more accessible, allowing them to be put on at no cost or low cost	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Provide more points of access for repair cafes in the community	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Normalize repair cafes, clothing swaps etc. in the community	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Provide training on repair for residents (repair cafes as one idea)	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Promote repair cafés more actively.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Support repair of items; more repair cafes, online connections to repair manuals, possible maker spaces for parts.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID164	Share best practices for incorporating reuse, refill, and repair programs into communities.
Advocate for skills development programs for repair and refurbishment of bulky items	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID167	Work with industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and fill skills training gaps required to scale reuse, refill and repair
Work with institutions such as prisons to build repair skills	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID167	Work with industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and fill skills training gaps required to scale reuse, refill and repair
Education and training We need to train up the workforce to think about life cycle assessment, material selection, modularity, reverse logistics, product innovation.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID167	Work with industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and fill skills training gaps required to scale reuse, refill and repair
Building the skill - in a “skill shed” skilled labor on machines or hand	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID167	Work with industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and fill skills training gaps required to scale reuse, refill and repair
Country has no program to incentivize cobblers and the industry is aging out	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID167	Work with industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and fill skills training gaps required to scale reuse, refill and repair
Need more recognition for cobblers.	3.3. Foster the broad adoption of reuse, refill, and repair	ID167	Work with industry associations, practitioners and senior government to identify and fill skills training gaps required to scale reuse, refill and repair
Work with the tourism industry to reduce waste	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.

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Continue to work with municipalities, EPR groups and local community groups to implement waste minimization and recycling at community festivals and events, including conferences and tradeshow.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Comment that takeout containers, disposable coffee cups, and packaging are an issue. Interest in reducing packaging in product design and involving producers.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Comment that takeout containers, disposable coffee cups, and packaging are an issue. Interest in reducing packaging in product design and involving producers.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
There is interest in delivery of education on sustainability practices for reducing, reusing, recycling, composting and minimizing. Also there is an interest in promoting access to ethical and durable products through partnering with industry.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Festivals give out utensils for reuse to rent and give back. Collaborate/ encourage restaurants or other festivals/ events to do this	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Event and Festival Partnerships: Collaborate with festivals and events to provide reusable utensils for rent and return.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Focus on waste prevention in the commercial/institutional sectors	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Explore options to ‘leverage’ mature programs to shift towards higher levels in the pollution prevention hierarchy (e.g. from recycling to reuse)	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Work with sports venues to implement reuse programs	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
One of the things I'd really love Metro to do is look at what’s working in other places. When we were talking about Sharewares, in NYC, there’s bins outside subways where you pop the sharewares things - it’s so convenient to use the reusable cups for coffee, because you can drop them everywhere. In Vancouver, we drink a lot of coffee - but make it more of a process that (the stores) have to use (reusables). Like, everybody has to use reusable inside, and a percentage of your outgoing cups have to be reused; make it a requirement for companies.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Goatote proposed partnership with Vancouver	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Universities - make it cohesive across campuses	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Collaborate with cities to incentivize reusable cup programs like the one in Berlin and disincentivize takeout containers.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Support packaging free items at farmers markets and elsewhere	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Encouraging reuse at universities, schools, hospitals, publicly funded organizations and other sectors. Work with education facilities to expand systems like UBC's mindful moveout (will need support, perhaps case study, funding, tool kit, coalition -group). Encourage healthcare to move to reusables, share info on progress and examples (for example glove use, exam table covers, reusable masks). Work with tourism sector to offer reusable bags, beverage containers, etc. in rooms and develop shared campaign for tourists to travel lighter (footprint); refillable amenities. Collaborate with public sector partners to determine and address barriers.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Developing systems to support reusables in cafeterias, food courts and catering	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Need resources at institutional levels to help with the commercial sector	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Refillable options for detergents, hair/body products and pet food.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction for businesses and individuals -"Too Good To Go," offers immediate financial rewards for businesses and affordable food options for customers	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Give discounts for people who bring their own containers for take out or shopping	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Can Metro Vancouver work more with the upcoming or reuse cups - the reusables, the Sharewares, that concept that you put it into much more of a have-to-use?	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Outlined a potential system for reuse, which would involve recirculating reusable food service ware back into the supply chain through washing and redistributing items rather than disposal	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Supporting emerging service providers and mandating reduced use of unsustainable materials could drive change.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Promoting and protecting organizations that provide recycling solutions like ShareWares is crucial. Ensuring such resources are visible and supported by the city.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Shift from Linear Practices: Work with businesses, including large grocery stores and small enterprises, to reduce waste and promote refillable products and packages.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Engagement needed Reward system for businesses going in the right direction? If they are reducing waste produced compared to their industry sector, they should get incentives to do so	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery
Ask schools to try and make the cafeteria food more sustainable (variable portions, etc).	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Encourage supermarkets to revive collection points for recyclables, similar to pre-COVID practices. Partner with green businesses to handle heavy recyclables, such as furniture, or promote reusable packaging like plastic boxes for pastries instead of mixed materials.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.

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Organizations that regularly host events	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Existing smaller scale reuse models don't scale per se, we need to think more broadly and build partnerships and relationships to seek and implement solutions.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Suggest the establishment of industry-specific tables Metro Vancouver should see what the sectors are whose pivot to circularity would help the region reduce landfills. These tables could target top sectors like construction and demolition, textiles and food. -They would serve as forums for collaboration with multiple stakeholders, including NGOs, government bodies, and industry leaders.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Working groups and committees: Establishing targeted working groups to address specific waste streams or challenges, drawing upon the expertise of relevant stakeholders. NOTE: The participants appreciated the work of the National Zero Waste Council in this regard, but the focus was on increasing local actions.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Reduce use of non-reusable foodware by requiring, incentivizing, supporting and/or promoting reusables for on and off-site dining(to-go or delivery).	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Investigate further steps to promote business-business reuse platforms	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Work with grocery stores to pilot reusable containers	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Allow bring your own pizza containers (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recvle and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID050	Work with event organizers, event venues, schools, and universities to implement reusable food service ware, bags reuse programs, and food recovery.
Support libraries to send surplus books for reuse and recycling	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID051	Support libraries to send surplus books for reuse and recycling through education.
Develop measures to improve the reuse experience for consumers	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID053	Co-develop measures to improve the reuse experience for consumers with national plastics waste reduction organizations and retailers.
More incentives for consumers and companies for reuse, especially items that are widely dispersed like bags.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID053	Co-develop measures to improve the reuse experience for consumers with national plastics waste reduction organizations and retailers.
Evaluate the feasibility of a 'reuse mall' model, similar to Eskilstuna in Sweden	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID054	Evaluate the feasibility of a 'reuse mall' model.
Zero-waste initiatives, stores, movements	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID054	Evaluate the feasibility of a 'reuse mall' model.
Develop metro-wide connected reuse programs for foodservice/beverage takeout ware	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID055	Evaluate the feasibility of a regional-scale reusable food serviceware system.
Expand reuse events to sites beyond recycling and waste centres.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region.
Would like the Zero Waste Center to have a spot for canning jars. You're not supposed to paw around in their bin of glass, but they kind of turn a blind eye. Let's actually have a section where people can put useful stuff where people can reuse and recycle.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Providing all reuse options at transfer stations (ahead of the scale / before it touches the ground).	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
No salvage options at transfer stations.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Expand and make regular pilots like the Urban Repurpose resale store is allowed to do @ North Shore Transfer Station -"intercept" people throwing away usable items. Expand it to staff taking reusable items as another category as a permanent feature.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Infrastructure and economic incentives: Suggestions included exploring options for land access and financial support for recycling and reuse facilities, particularly for depots and for exploring innovative processing technologies that would build local recycling and a more circular economy.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Investigate the possibility of a free store at regional facilities	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Design new sites and future redesigned sites with reuse in mind	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Pilot self-service donation containers	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Incorporate training and education on reuse into service agreements for recycling and waste centres	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Expand and enhance existing sharing and reuse programs	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Have collection of reusable items at disposal locations as per North Van pilot, but permanent (Whistler as example https://mywcss.org/social-enterprises/re-use-it-centre/)	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region
Deliver to places that can re-use or redistribute products no longer used (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region.
Encourage reuse and exchange of materials	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres across the region.
Expand reuse across the region, for example making space available for reuse operations/organizations on-site.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID056	Continue to scale up reuse drop-off at Metro Vancouver recycling and

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Develop resources to address misconceptions about material reuse and recycling efficiency.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID084	Incentivize the commercial and institutional sector to implement refill/reuse systems.
Encourage more residents, businesses, and NGOs to consider reuse and repair	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID084	Incentivize the commercial and institutional sector to implement refill/reuse systems.
Invest in reuse solutions and pilots (more drop off infrastructure, reuse first at regional facilities by providing separate areas for working/reusable items to be placed	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID084	Incentivize the commercial and institutional sector to implement refill/reuse systems.
Create Zero Waste Event Guide	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Develop tools, such as a guide, to support event recycling	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Work with the tourism industry to promote local zero waste initiatives	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Reduce and divert waste at special events	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Develop a Zero Waste toolkit for festivals and events.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Supporting Waste Minimization and Diversion at Special Events	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
An area we could really have a larger impact, with a lot of people, is community events. I see large-scale community events where there’s a lot of food vendors, lots of thins going on, and even though there are recycling stations at many of the events, at the end of the day it’s always a huge amount of garbage because of things being sold and used in doing these events. As she mentioned, she’s trying to do at Trout Lake Community Center, they’ve been pushing to rethink how they do community events, by asking people if they provide food at an event, they’ll think about food that’s not requiring plates and utensils and bowls. This is something we could push for on a community level, and/or something to bring awareness of the kind of trash we create.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
We need to support good coordination for events to have good diversion. With managed waste coordination, you can get 70 to 80% diversion.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Create more events that incentivize people to divert waste e.g. Binnners’	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Community Outreach and Partnerships: Partner with schools, community organizations, and newcomer services to integrate recycling education into existing programs. Collaborate with festivals, local events, and volunteer activities to promote waste reduction and proper recycling practices.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Increase consumer confidence in cup share programs through reuse certifications	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Recycling education to the public at events such as the salmon system	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Zero-Waste Events: Organize events, workshops, and campaigns to engage the community and raise awareness.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Collaboration: Partner with businesses to develop shared solutions, such as bulk refill stations or standardized, recyclable containers that can be reused across brands.	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Expand access to public drinking water fountains	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Campaign to reduce bottled water use -public fountains, not for sale in MV + muni facilities and those getting public funding, map where they are (ties to equity), provide water wagons at events. Look for partners (post-secondary is good sector to approach) -work has been done , see what gaps exist both in the programming and in the public’s awareness of these options/campaigns (ties into inclusive)	3.4. Work with event organizers, businesses and institutions to increase reuse	ID165	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction.
Encourage or facilitate inclusive and networked neighbourhood-scale projects such as lending libraries, repair clinics, and reuse exchanges for tools, equipment, electronics, furniture.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
Increase awareness of free libraries to promote reuse and sharing	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
Run a halloween costume swap and repair event	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
There is interest in delivery of education on sustainability practices for reducing, reusing, recycling, composting and minimizing. Also there is an interest in promoting access to ethical and durable products through partnering with industry.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
MV should promote, support, and expand local Buy Nothing groups and other citizen efforts. Mobilize these Buy-Nothing groups, they build community. What do we need to scale them?	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
Implement reusable toilet paper at home; ‘family cloths’	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
The Buy Nothing Groups are wonderful for redistributing stuff we no longer need	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
The past three years she’s been part of a food redistribution service. They get donations from a grocery store that are just about expired; with her neighbours they sort it and distribute it among different people in their neighbourhood. She likes that because she finds a lot of excitement in using what’s on hand. She never buys or goes out and gets something to use, she uses what comes to her naturally. So this food she’s grateful for, but at the same time, she’s generating way more waste this way, prior to receiving all this bounty and abundance being diverted from landfill.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
Need community level approach to solutions, e.g., One Planet Saanich.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.

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Develop community strategies, opportunities, and partnerships to increase reuse and recycling and avoid waste	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID058	Facilitate more community-based solutions like buy-nothing groups and shared fridges.
Establish a Waste Reduction Initiative Fund by allocating a portion of the regional solid waste budget that will provide grants to assist non-profit reuse organizations/initiatives on an annual basis.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Subsidies, Rebates, Grants for Actions that Avoid, Reduce, or Reuse Waste	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
In the UK 80% of the disposal cost is tax. This was then set aside for grants and projects to help recycling.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
We love seeing what other creative recycling programs are doing. Specifically, Raven Recycle in Whitehorse. As glass was not recyclable in the Yukon, they recently purchased a specific type of kiln and partnered with the local glassblowing community. They have an artist residency programs that gives artists the ability to pull any materials they want from the depot. Generally speaking, ways to involve the community in different ways, and to engage artists in using found/recycled/sustainable materials.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Support organizations like Binners’ projects in more ways than just coffee cup revolution funding (e.g. Waste Control Services hires Binners’ to help with waste audits)	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Funding constraints: Allocating sufficient financial resources to support the development and implementation of inclusive waste reduction programs, particularly for initiatives that may not generate immediate revenue.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Small incentives to recycle / up-cycle	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Community-Led Recycling Events: Organize "Recycling Parties" to promote mutual aid and incentivize community responsibility.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Establish a community-based waste reduction grant program	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Provide funding for non-profit reuse organizations to help offset costs for managing unusable donated items	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Local orgnaiziations, local buildings, local binners	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
“Textile hub” as grounding place - commissary studios a. Needs to have access to equipment and skill holders b. San Francisco had an artist in residence at the dump - pay to elevate the quality of the garbage and can create things out of what is coming in c. Weaving with recycled materials d. Making rope is simple with scrap fabric	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Encourage community-clean up days	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID059	Support community-based waste reduction and reuse programs for schools, non-profit organizations, and community groups.
Form a zero waste innovation fund with like-minded partners	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Support a waste minimization and innovation fund - seed funding to encourage and enable creative reuse, repair, refurbish, etc, and generage economic opportunities	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Explore circular economy funding opportunities for organizations and businesses	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Assess the merit of a 'reuse impact fund' to support and grow reuse organizations	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Program for business to apply for funding for reducing single-use by switching to reuse	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Provide grants to sector-specific innovation challenges that support local circular economy innovators	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Metro Vancouver should explore the possibility of incentivizing businesses to hire sustainability analysts	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Metro Vancouver should establish grants for businesses engaged in practices that advance sustainable industry practices and the circular economy and reduce food waste	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Support (financial, recognition, promotion) to individuals, groups, and businesses already modeling the themes, especially support for small business.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Support businesses that repurpose waste into usable goods	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Could there be programs for companies to incentivize reuse, norming it, see the benefit of reduction, and have space to try different things (e.g., reverse logistics)?	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
More support for switching to reusable alternatives	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Public/corporate sector: Share cost benefit analysis - increase companies like Reusables or mug-share but make the business case for greater uptake	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Incentivize Sustainable Practices: Offer tax breaks, grants, or subsidies to businesses that adopt refillable, reusable, or compostable packaging.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Tourism Richmond offered a \$2000 in 2024 for businesses that work with pre-approved service to green their business.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID060	Explore the feasibility of a small business grant program to support the transition to reuse, refill, and waste reduction.
Develop, support, operate a Resource Recovery Network - a network connecting independently operated, non profit and community based reuse and repair initiatives	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID061	Foster the development of a network that connects independently operated, non-profit and community-based reuse and repair initiatives.
Building community connections (I'm thinking about we deepen the share economy and create more opportunities like a Thingery (a shared repository of items borrowed) that support mutifamily living) Finding ways to balance delivered items (highly accessible) with reducing the waste connected to it (packaging, emissions) A Use What You Have campaign with videos on how to repurpose things, especially textiles if you're not into sewing.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID061	Foster the development of a network that connects independently operated, non-profit and community-based reuse and repair initiatives.
Integration and promotion of more sharing structures, for example: a. expansion ofcommunity library services- some already lend books, digital equipment, musical instruments,puzzles...could they offer more items to share amongst the community? b. community centresusually have sports equipment for onsite sports- could they expand and develop short-termrental/lending of sports equipment to the community? c. could Cities/Metro Vancouver offerlocations for neighborhoods to administer their own community sharing spaces?	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID061	Foster the development of a network that connects independently operated, non-profit and community-based reuse and repair initiatives.
Networks for reusing common items (e.g., social network groups, apps, etc.) Make the networks convenient and inclusive, remove time and location constraints. Consider creating hubs for reuse (must be curated to prevent from becoming junk piles)	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID061	Foster the development of a network that connects independently operated, non-profit and community-based reuse and repair initiatives.

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Connect newcomers with sources of second-hand items to facilitate reuse	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID061	Foster the development of a network that connects independently operated, non-profit and community-based reuse and repair initiatives.
More research and developement on smart materials and skill-sharing for salvage & repair/reuse programs.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID065	Research and trial additional ways to scale reuse and repair.
Evaluate the feasibility of a 'reuse warehouse' to facilitate storage and repair of reusable items	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID065	Research and trial additional ways to scale reuse and repair.
Reuseable cup pilot	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID065	Research and trial additional ways to scale reuse and repair.
Provide convenient recycling and donation program in residential buildings	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID086	Work with multi-family buildings to increase donation collection options for reusable streams such as clothing and books.
Use free services that local charities provide to collect multitude of items that are currently going into garbage	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID086	Work with multi-family buildings to increase donation collection options for reusable streams such as clothing and books.
To optimize the current program, we should look at a dedicated reuse service provider, consistent and convenient return options, sanitization and quality control, a circular redistribution system, sustainable end-of-life management, and a tracking system	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
a lot of people have mentioned desire to have spaces to fix bikes etc. so would be something of interest, is this something you're funding? Or do you set up the café?	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Host events with experiential learning opportunities around repair and/or equipment lending (i.e. clothing, bikes, electrical applicances)	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Sharing Space/Swaps/ Library/Repair Cafes (for various materials)	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Community reuse events	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Host an annual Repair and Reuse week, bringing businesses, local governments, and non-profits together to help citizens build skills and awareness around reuse and repair	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Bi-annual junk swap	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Community events such as the clothing swap by threading change	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Foster a culture of waste reduction through social programs	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Promote repair and reuse through fix-it workshops and reuse centers	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Create community spaces to encourage the reuse of clothing, electronics and furniture	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Education programs on where folks can go to fi x, buy or recycle things.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Clothing swaps - they want to host them; start the conversation with their community about textile waste	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
More information sharing about the repair cafe, spreading the word more	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
City of Vancouver used to have a once a month time where they let people exchange things. But the zero waste depot, it would be great if they would let people go in and share things.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Promote Shared Responsibility: Shift the focus from individual to community responsibility through collective initiatives and support systems.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Consider partnering with post-secondary institutes on what education and services can be offered (e.g. repair). Also advocating to ensure any barriers such as liability are addressed.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Consider partnering with post-secondary institutes to support sharing networks and also consider them as a source of sharing (space for community events for example)	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Support maintenance of items	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Theme nights, parties around clothing, volunteering, bring people together/ offices/ friends to thrift and sort clothes.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Integrate building developers for workshop spacesso customers and the industry can sell or exchange excess fabric for example or do mending.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
More shared spaces, more communication about where we can use spaces for swaps, in particular for industry swaps, use up each others overages	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Free clothing swaps, city sponsored or city organized.	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
More clothing swaps, more free stores	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Make Repair Cafes more accessible	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
More opportunities for reusing/repairing	3.5. Increase access to reuse, refill and repair	ID166	Support increasing the size, number and frequency of repair and reuse events around the region.
Provide a small honorarium to organization to obtain data from different data sources (e.g. FoodMesh collecting data from food rescue organizations outside of the Food Recovery Network)	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Support collaboration among surplus food generators such as retailers and distributors, hunger relief organizations, community partners that can connect food rescue with community well-being such as healthcare providers and faith-based organizations, those experiencing food insecurity	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Strengthen food redistribution throughout the region	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Develop a food system map that reflects the production, distribution, and waste flows, and quantify its current state	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Form partnerships with the local health authority, school district, First Nations and community groups to explore ways to feed hungry children at school with recovered food donated by food retailers	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Support the development of/access to commissary kitchens to facilit e food waste innovation/upcycling/maximizing food utilization	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Deepend relationship with FoodMesh to build on food waste measuring and monitoring data collection, food recovery, and socializing food rescue amongst ICI	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
deepen institutional food recovery collaborations	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Social equity and food security is a bigger issue in the future Diverting food waste to organization that use it (e.g. Food Stash) for others that need the food waste to reduce the food insecurity	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.

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Having a concrete plan and structure on how to reuse food quickly -- perhaps a commissarykitchen with professional chefs and food service professionals being paid a living wage, so thatthey can tackle food waste, innovate food circularity, educate the public, and help fight foodinsecurity by giving back nutritious food to the community. It will take investment, but it willhave lots of ROIs with respect to the environment and the health of the public.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Expand food donation programs	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Implement measures to reduce food waste such as: encouraging food businesses to sell near-expiry food at discounts	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Partner with food banks to reduce waste and educate.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Create business ecosystems for reusing waste materials (e.g., unsellable BC farm products going to food banks instead of landfill).	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Second Harvest and Food Waste Collaboration: Partner with organizations like Second Harvest and foodwaste.ca to redistribute surplus food to community kitchens, reducing food waste.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Encourage businesses and restaurants to donate leftover food instead of discarding it.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Allow people to take expired grocery items at a reduced cost or through a liability waiver.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Make food waste prevention a big priority for the new plan	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Foster cross-department collaboration on food security	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Develop systems to support food sharing /recovery + share successes. Ex: Food Mesh / Foodstash / Vancouver Food Runners	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Clarify what can be donated: Ex: surplus food from buffets can be donated	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Collaborate on Food Waste Solutions: Partner with organizations addressing food insecurity to redistribute surplus food and collect food waste directly from businesses and households.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Integration of AI technology to analyze, predict, and optimize food redistribution, ensuring edible surplus food reaches those in need and waste streams are efficiently managed.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Food donation programs have proven to be successful and could be expanded. Partnering with organizations like the Greater Vancouver Food Bank can help make donations more accessible for businesses.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Help figure out a funding mechanism for food recovery efforts/orgs; and put more resources into education and awareness around the benefits of food waste reduction for businesses (e.g., saves them money [lowers food and hauling costs], better for the environment, builds team morale, supporting nearby charities with donations, etc.).	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID067	Maintain and scale the regional food recovery network.
Continue to share results across Metro Vancouver and look at other ways to foster cross-department collaboration on food security	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID068	Continue to share results of food recovery initiatives across Metro Vancouver and look at ways to foster cross-department collaboration on food security.
Map out food recovery assets/food waste solutions per stage of the food supply chain	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID069	Further map out food recovery assets/food waste solutions per stage of the food supply chain, including a focus on clarifying what foods can be donated to people and animals.
Reduce food waste	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID069	Further map out food recovery assets/food waste solutions per stage of the food supply chain, including a focus on clarifying what foods can be donated to people and animals.
Implement a Food Waste Reduction Strategy	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID069	Further map out food recovery assets/food waste solutions per stage of the food supply chain, including a focus on clarifying what foods can be donated to people and animals.
Focus on food waste prevention for restaurants, ensuring food efficiency (in grams of food wasteper cover) is tracked. If not tracked, businesses should pay more taxes. And this money shouldhelp finance food waste audits or education.	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID071	Work toward getting a complete set of food recovery data for the region, and consider incentives to encourage reporting.
Promote the use of available commercial programs, to enable restaurants to measure, and then reduce food waste by improving food purchasing, storage and preparation methods	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID071	Work toward getting a complete set of food recovery data for the region, and consider incentives to encourage reporting.
collaborate with other levels of gov't to establish food waste measuring and monitoring protocols, harmonized methodology, and consider how to support the development of an aggregated data sharing platform	3.6. Scale efforts to recover food	ID087	Work with industry experts and food related sectors to develop a practical guide to measuring and reporting food waste reduction efforts to facilitate development of a complete set of food recovery data for the region.
Holistic Approach: Highlight that recycling should be the last resort, focusing first on reducing and reusing. Share success stories and case studies to inspire and motivate residents to take action.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Consider educating the public on how to consume more wisely (chemicals to be concerned about, footprint of products, how to assess quality and what a lifetime cost may be, sharing consumer reports through libraries, etc	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Apply Metro Vancouver's expertise in behaviour change campaigns for reuse	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Deliver behaviour change-based approaches focussed on sustainable consumption, aligned to Let's Do Net Zero communications	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Interested in more campaigns to educate on the idea that recycling materials can be a resource, thinking about stewarding waste	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Plan and implement changes in people's behaviour. Example of behaviour change initiatives implemented by Metro Vancouver: Superhabit campaign – reducing single use items in daily life, Christmas campaign – rethinking gifts and not creating more wastes	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
News advertisements - get stories on the news to promote waste disposal. Build a new media campaign.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Create a robust marketing campaign to help educate and also highlight the successes of the system. Market it across various outlets to reach residents connected to the internet and those not, E.g., YouTube, posters, person-to-person, surveys, etc.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Stop creating, marketing, advertising, and selling new fashionable clothes, apparel, and shoes for five years. Educate consumers to use these items for at least five years.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Support neighbourhood sharing networks + supporting other sharing systems (Tool Library, Thingery) + strata sharing programs.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Consider a campaign to encourage enjoying the coffee or meal (dine in, not fast eating)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.

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Continue and expand the Think Thrice Campaign/encourage circularity in clothing	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Collaborate with community groups. Metro Vancouver could work with diverse community groups, cultural centres, faith groups and immigration/settlement services to seek input on opportunities to further promote existing and future public education and behaviour change campaigns to their communities, such as Think Thrice and Create Memories, Not Garbage.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Inform people about what they can recycle, particularly around the holidays	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Community members have mentioned awareness campaigns and events for waste management and a sharing economy, funding a community member project for local actions and clean ups.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Focus efforts on behavioural change, instead of where processing occurs (in, or out, or region)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Mentioned transportation and reducing car use. Looking at techniques to reduce waste while doing laundry.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
I totally agree, regulation and enforcement are key missing components to me. However, in the meantime, I do believe that my individual actions (and sharing reasonings for those actions with others) is what I have control of currently.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
(Create bite-sized, digestible and appealing scripts to encourage the desired behaviours) Have a BETTER, brief by-line, a better way of trying to explain WHY we CAN do individual contributions - something in the back of our heads to reach for whenever the opportunity comes up	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Behaviour change; people not following the right actions; we need to be letting them know what they can do.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Lack of information, lack of awareness. People sometimes want to do more, but they don't know what they could be doing. Information and sharing the possible alternatives for consumer behaviour would be a very important pathway to follow.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Build social norms and apply community-based social marketing principles to create a reuse, recycling, circular culture, making that the default option by making it cheaper and easier to do	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Hear a lot that individual actions don't matter a lot, but I would like to know how much money I am saving from recycling clothes, from sewing your own clothes, or from bottle deposits, If this information was given to me	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Climate change is daunting issue; but recently learned that only 3.5% of people need to actively make change to solve this, so need to share that people CAN make a difference	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Incentivizing sustainable practices and making them affordable is essential.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Engage with unions. Recycling and zero waste has a classist fit to them. Status symbol. Lifestyle flex. People feel ashamed because they don't have the time or can't afford to make those lifestyle changes. How to engage with those that don't have a lot of resources	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Continue and expand education to family housing: Amplify Love Food Hate Waste campaign.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Support reusable menstrual solutions instead of single use	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Reworking garments for creative advertising options	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Ads about where to recycle clothes	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Educate people around fabric recycling	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Fabric content knowledge is important	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Build reuse education and awareness into communication about bulky items	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
develop and implement a regional food waste prevention campaign for food businesses from the point of processing to retail	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Government should support the education piece. Trying to set up community bulk purchasing. Going back to developing countries, a lot of people are buying single use because they can't afford the higher quality reusable options. In the long run, bulk systems can help reduce costs.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Need for circular economy, quality materials/products that last, and repairing items rather than disposing. Everything is valued, and the rest is energy.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
New campaigns for higher-quality items	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Create new norms - Programs like cupshare at cafes, discounts if you bring your own container	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Promotion and Education: Encompass community and make sure people understand what circularity and the 3Rs are. Change happens with knowledge	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Greater education on end of life for items: reuse or adapt things to keep using items	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Bring Your Own Cup challenge	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.

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Educate on not buying plastic items (In response to what waste reduction, recvclng and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
promotion of reusable personal products (ie. cups , take out containers) (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Making waste reduction fun and competitive (Metro the best) (In response to What values, interests, and priorities can be considered when updating the solid waste management plan?)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Work on minimizing the waste through stronger education campaigns (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recvcl and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Reduce reliance on disposable products	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Leverage affordability concerns to motivate the movement away from a disposable culture	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Encouraging workplaces to bring their own cutlery.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Life cycle analysis to understand the persistence of materials like plastics in the environment	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Engaging and educating the community: Implementing comprehensive education campaigns targeted at schools, community groups, and the broader public to raise awareness, promote responsible consumption habits, and foster a sense of community ownership over waste reduction efforts.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Increase awareness of food recovery apps	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Review policies and publications for language that "assumes" waste generation. For example revise "demolition" to "building removal" and "construction waste" to "construction excess resources"	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Expand our lexicon for sustainability e.g. a margarine or yogurt container is an example of a reusable takeout container	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Working with offices (lunch and learns) and education on reuse, e.g., get everyone to bring their own coffee cup.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID076	Provide education for residents on affordable actions they can take to prevent waste through everyday activities.
Campaigns in key languages for region	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID077	Promote bring your own cups and bags and other reusable items, including fun new elements and co-developed messaging that resonates with residents with a diversity of cultures and values.
Collaborate with diverse communities to support campaigns (meeting communities where they are)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID077	Promote bring your own cups and bags and other reusable items, including fun new elements and co-developed messaging that resonates with residents with a diversity of cultures and values.
Encourage reuse of items and reducing waste before recycling	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID077	Promote bring your own cups and bags and other reusable items, including fun new elements and co-developed messaging that resonates with residents with a diversity of cultures and values.
Promote reusable alternatives	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID077	Promote bring your own cups and bags and other reusable items, including fun new elements and co-developed messaging that resonates with residents with a diversity of cultures and values.
You need to make it not socially acceptable to throw items away that can be reused, repaired or recycled. Reference the "Participaction" campaign in the seventies that got a generation of Canadians moving and investing more in their own health	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID077	Promote bring your own cups and bags and other reusable items, including fun new elements and co-developed messaging that resonates with residents with a diversity of cultures and values.
Promote conversations that instill the values of waste reduction as a community responsibility and benefit.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID077	Promote bring your own cups and bags and other reusable items, including fun new elements and co-developed messaging that resonates with residents with a diversity of cultures and values.
Develop programs that encourage visitors to participate in waste-free activities and living	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Looking for ways to shift people's perspective on what is considered waste. Education campaigns aimed at businesses, tourists, residents	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Education - Most people don't understand english, so it's hard for them to recycle. It's important to teach people in different language	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Translated into languages outside of English to reach broader audiences. Immigrant communities- identify the top languages spoken in Vancouver. Construction industry – high waste production and material use - Industry needs to become more circular and reduce waste.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Translated posters are a great idea to increase accessibility.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Making the webpage or introducing a system of videos for teaching immigrants how to use the recycling system in BC	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Proper waste education for older generations	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Provide multilingual education materials to reach diverse populations	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Provide welcome kits for newcomers which include waste management guidelines	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Encourage cultural shifts through community partnerships, education, and engagement with newcomers to align diverse habits with local recycling practices	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Need new space guidelines for solid waste/recycling management in multi-unit residential buildings, as more recycling streams have been introduced over time	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Different cultures, different languages	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.

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Provide multilingual education about proper recycling. I do think that; you know, we said we have a few little advertisements, like the think thrice textiles campaign; Well, can we get similar things into our multicultural local channels and things like that, because we want EVERYBODY to know	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Create more community programs and education resources (in multiple languages)	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Create education programs for immigrants to familiarize them with waste systems.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Propose that Metro Vancouver engage with communities in their languages and leverage social media and other community-based platforms, not just on how to recycle but also on why - developing multilingual, culturally relevant resources, hosting community-driven workshops, and promoting pathways to green careers	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Immigrants crave belonging, and by engaging with them in a way that empowers them, we will not only achieve environmental outcomes, but help build a diverse and inclusive workforce in sustainability	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Based on study in Surrey, 50% are not participating effectively in the waste management programs	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Showing that actions have a positive result can go a long way, as many immigrants come from countries where the government is deeply mistrusted	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Metro Vancouver should go to immigrant communities to talk to people who have just moved and initiate a dialogue rather than a one-way conversation	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Transit ads (eg Richmond) w/ QR code in multiple languages and graphics/ photos for accessibility	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Integrate into Daily Processes: Provide recycling and green bin instructions in newcomer welcome kits and workshops. Ensure that waste reduction messaging is part of routine interactions, such as utility bills, online portals, or public announcements.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Research barriers for people to access programs, such as newcomers; work with organizations already working with these demographics to conduct this research	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Acknowledge different perspectives and cultures e.g. reuse is already happening in the homes of many newcomers, it may just look different than what we typically envision	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
New immigrant groups could support teaching newcomers about recycling.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
There's no risk/reward balance for individual recycling choices. For individual choices: make it more interesting/gamify it	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Expand Education and Awareness Campaigns: Develop multilingual guides and visuals tailored to diverse communities, including newcomers. Implement workshops and civic education for both adults and students. Use gamification apps to incentivize recycling by offering points and redeemable rewards.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Support for Newcomers: Collaborate with immigration departments and newcomer organizations to host events and workshops on recycling systems tailored to diverse communities.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Simplify the System: Make the recycling system less complex for newcomers with straightforward materials like a “101” guide.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Workshops for newcomers, those who speak a different language, and different age groups including children. Promote where people already are, such as places of worship, community centres, community events, schools, etc.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Culturally Specific Engagement: Tailor communication and outreach to cultural values, ensuring information is linguistically and contextually appropriate. Leverage festivals or events specific to cultural communities to spread awareness.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Cultural and Contextual Relevance: Include recycling education in newcomer workshops and resources. Make content culturally relevant and provide targeted messaging for different demographic groups.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Tailored Education Programs: Offer waste management workshops targeting newcomers, non-English speakers, and individuals with cognitive barriers.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Create a formal program for educating immigrants on proper waste sorting.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Cultural Ambassadors: Partner with community organizations to train cultural ambassadors who can educate and assist newcomers.	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Language translation to make information accessible for newcomers	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Free workshops/programs hosted by schools, community centres, “Welcome to Canada” orientations	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
This project / initiative is part of the larger initiative of the Zero Waste Conference - her organization is going to present to Metro that there needs to be ways in which we can communicate to newcomers to Canada; first generation immigrant Canadians. When she came here 8 years ago she had no idea about recycling, waste management, or the entire concept around what recycling was. There has to be some content that is delivered, keeping in mind different cultural sensitivities and different language. There are barriers faced by people not related to this land. And people who’ve been here for 20 to 25 years not acquainted with this system - we have to close that gap. One way Metro can ease that is by collaborating with those communities	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID078	Develop waste prevention and reuse programs and education targeting specific sectors that may be unfamiliar with regional waste reduction practices such as newcomers and tourists.
Metro Vancouver should consider creating city awards or recognition programs to showcase and support businesses that prioritize waste reduction and sustainability	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID089	Develop and implement an annual recognition program to celebrate businesses in the region for reuse, refill, and repair programs and initiatives.

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Encouraging sharing systems in communities (so far seen as renting items from private companies or borrowing from libraries, tool libraries, thingery and in much more informal structures	3.7. Encourage and celebrate residents and businesses that prioritize reuse and refill practices	ID089	Develop and implement an annual recognition program to celebrate businesses in the region for reuse, refill, and repair programs and initiatives.
Need a facility to process the auto shredder fluff to recycle more materials	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Develop new reduction, diversion and recovery strategies targeting paper and plastic	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID109	Research and advocate for improvements to the recyclability of plastic-lined paper products such as coffee cups.
Also want to add - more pressure on supply vendors at the large scale (i.e., Amazon, Staples) to use easily recyclable packaging products, or support for smaller vendors such as Eddie's Hang Up that may have less control over their packaging.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID109	Research and advocate for improvements to the recyclability of plastic-lined paper products such as coffee cups.
Advance reuse and recycling of material in local markets (C&D, plastic, organics, concrete/asphalt)	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Recycle concrete	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Permit the use of recycled concrete aggregates in new concrete for minor works and low risk applications.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Look into increasing the number of contexts in which the use of recycled aggregates is permitted.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Streamline the process of approving the use of recycled aggregates.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Establish clearer and context specific quality requirements.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Clarify environmental regulations with respect to using recycled aggregates.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Standardize and regularly update regulations on recycled aggregate use across member jurisdictions.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Reduce the reliance on contract administrator approval.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Set municipal and/or regional aggregate recycling targets.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID110	Continue to work with engineering design and construction organizations to update concrete and asphalt specifications to include recycled content and educate engineers and road builders on how to successfully increase recycled content.
Support compost markets by purchasing back materials	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID111	Support recycling markets by purchasing recycled products including compost.
Give access to compost to create soil fertilizer from excessive food scraps	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID111	Support recycling markets by purchasing recycled products including compost.
Enhance partnerships with the Province, industry, academia and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and new opportunities to re-engineer recycled material	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Promote the use of recycled material in new products	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Support the development of markets for recycled materials	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Collaborate with industries to incorporate recycled material into new products	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Develop sustainable end-use markets for recyclable materials	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
The development of further processing (value added) that can use recycled products in our cities infrastructure. Such as turning plastics into manhole covers, drain covers, plastic polesetc.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Creation of government programs beyond SR [scientific research] & ED [experimental development] Tax credits to ignite faster changes and developments in material innovation for the product creation industries.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Reduce the cost of entry to the market within the Metro Vancouver region with incentives and partnerships	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID112	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups to research and develop solutions to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
Mandated post consumer recycled content through bylaws	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID113	Work with national plastics waste reduction organizations and others to understand and address barriers to increased recycled content in plastic products and packaging.
Ensuring recycled materials remain competitively priced against raw materials can incentivize adoption.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID113	Work with national plastics waste reduction organizations and others to understand and address barriers to increased recycled content in plastic products and packaging.

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Recycling programs should prioritize economic viability and reverse logistics. Lessons from successful programs, like plastics recycling, should be applied to other waste streams.	4.1. Promote design for recyclability and the use of recycled content in products and packaging	ID113	Work with national plastics waste reduction organizations and others to understand and address barriers to increased recycled content in plastic products and packaging.
Improve access to bulky item recycling	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Explore options to increase the efficiency and reduce price of curbside and multi-family collection of bulky items - then divert reusable items to charitable organizations for resale, reuse community and recyclable items to processing facilities.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Provide regularly occurring bulky waste collection service, with particular emphasis on multifamily communities and lower-income households.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Bulky Waste Diversion Strategy	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Offer large item disposal days or drop-off events	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Consistent approach to mattress and large item pick up to reduce dumping	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Implement regular large items pickup programs (Xmas tree, mattress, TVs, etc.)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Support programs for depot deliveries / help	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Make it less expensive to do the right thing. Enforce a deduction or incentive to do the right by recycling eff orts. E.g. Invest in a collection service.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Promote Consistency Across Municipalities: Standardize recycling and solid waste disposal rules across municipalities to simplify the process. Implement consistent protocols for large-item disposal to prevent illegal dumping.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Incentivize large item pick up and other waste stream collection at multi-family buildings e.g. have a certain day of the month for electronics pick up	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Pick-up services for items not included in standard recycling	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Address illegal dumping by including housing sites in bulk item collection programs offered in municipalities.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Contract a reuse partner to pick up furniture	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Explore policies and programs to support bulky-item reuse opportunities in multi-family units	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Repair Cafes: I'd like to see more of those offered on a donation basis, or organized by places that sell products. I went to Salvation Army and saw tons of kitchen appliances - instead of people putting things in the back alley, why isn't there a better system to give it to some place and they'll try to match it up with someone who will want it - if it's broken, can it be fixed before it goes into the landfill? Places don't fix it because there are no more parts in this thing; it's cheaper to buy a new one, and it's unfortunate that is the mentality - oh i need a new one of these things because buying a used one, isn't feasible. People need to shift that - I give away a lot of things that are useful for other people, but if people don't have that mentality, it just goes in the bin.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Ensure large item-pick-up items collected are "graded" for reuse opportunities. Like by Urban Repurpose at their North Shore pick-up/free give-away days.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Localized Drop-Off Sites: Increase waste drop-off points in residential apartments, businesses, and public spaces. Ensure these sites are wheelchair-accessible and conveniently located to minimize travel distances.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Develop community programs to enable more reuse and recycling. Metro Vancouver could build on ongoing efforts to support reuse and recycling by working with members, non-profits and other stakeholders to develop community programs, such as a volunteer program to transport bulky items to reuse and recycling facilities, toy libraries, and free swaps.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Usable house furniture for people in need (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID064	Encourage collection programs which reduce barriers for recycling large items.
Support a strong BC system for ICI PPP -including EPR (might be more finely tailored by sector according to the materials generated)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Mandate post-consumer programs from distributors and manufacturers.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Use policy tools to enable local recycling infrastructure	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Undertake a review of the Yellow Bag program for Small Businesses	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Enforce producer responsibility	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Government should regulate packaging for school lunches to reduce waste.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Fast fashion generates a lot of waste—this issue needs to be addressed	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Promote and support waste prevention for textiles and monitor emerging textiles recycling technologies.Looking for economic development and job creation opportunities for textile repair and upcycling.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.

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Enhance cigarette butt recycling	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
The Provincial Government to develop EPR programs for all plastics, that provide incentives for alternatives to non-recyclable plastics	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Investigate options, barriers and innovations for diverting diaper waste from disposal, and related personal hygienic products, for the purpose of making a case for EPR	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Advocate for EPR for furniture	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
(Advocate to) Prioritize harmonizing policies and programs across the (country) region to enhance MF recycling efforts, including EPR initiatives. This includes aligning recycling systems and creating incentives to foster a circular economy.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Expand the Take It Back! Program	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Textile Waste Diversion Enhancement	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Municipal Hazardous Solid Waste Strategy Development	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Concerns about mattresses being disposed of on roads and ditches in the community. Some First Nations provide a spring and fall pick up for large items every year.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Expand EPR to online services like Amazon (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
More robust EPR to cover more commonly disposed items, incentivizing salvage and recycling with EPR deposits on returnables (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Expand EPR to online sales packaged goods - ie: Amazon (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
From the industrial workwear standpoint, we would like to see 3 things with regards to disposal of flame resistant aramid workwear garments and fabric scraps...1) Metro Van etc to stop throwing their non biodegradable textile waste into landfill, 2) Build recycling points into the public tender bidding process, as the closed loop system for this waste stream is available to all manufacturers supplying you. 3) Use your Metro Van big stick and tell industries to stop putting this type of waste into landfill.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Additional fees for purchasing new materials that are recyclable (EPR)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Prioritize extended producer responsibility (EPR) for compliance	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Standardize requirements through provincial regulation – need legislation passed to establish a broader approach to long term waste management	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Businesses need to take responsibility for their products and their end life.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Promote expansion of EPR programs so that all items are covered	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Examples of success: Carpet separation in Coquitlam. Over time, more contractors were separating when the infrastructure (designated spot) was there and habits started happening.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
One weird left-field waste issue that has come up with questions to our visitor servicing team. The disposal of bear spray canisters. Many visitors - go into parks and wilderness and purchase bear spray canisters. Disposal of these canisters is considered a regulated hazardous material and so is challenging. Many leave them behind in hotels or other places. They are unused and usually have 2-3 years left before they are expired. We've thought there might be an opportunity to create a re-use or rental program to reduce the number that need to be purchased.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Working with companies to add deposits on toiletries	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
EPR program for textiles	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Extended Producer Responsibility for C&D	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.

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Product Design and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Encouraging current producers to design products with recyclability and end-of-life management in mind and expanding EPR programs to cover a wider range of products.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Work with the province and other partners to have EPR for C&D materials	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Work to expand the range of EPR programs to include cigarettes/smoking devices, carpet, vehicles, textiles and all consumer products (can include advocacy, waste composition data, bans, supporting the MOECCS staff, etc)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Push for EPR programs to have ecomodulated fees (for textiles -factor in the challenges of recycling mixed materials, for plastics, factor in harms from plastics) (e.g. France)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Ask for the additional supportive policies (as noted in the CCME Canada-wide Action Plan for EPR)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Metro van has a search engine for recycling facilities - maybe not everyone is aware - build it up and SCALE it up and include more reverse logistics a. Do it for the scale of manufacturers b. Scale up and include more c. Making it EASY	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Infrastructure needs to be built in closer areas that you can go to and take EVERYTHING - close proximity community hubs where you can bring EVERYTHING and they transit it out to the appropriate facilities	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Tax on companies based on size of company to pay for the textiles services	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
I think we should be holding clothing brands more accountable for the clothing they produce. More brands should have programs that take damaged or unwanted clothing items back without charge. This could be achieved through policy changes on imported clothing which would likely require collaborating with government.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Financial support and access to unified collection systems for recycling are needed.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Expand and enforce EPR programs to hold corporations accountable for the entire lifecycle of their products, including packaging. Require companies to manage the collection, recycling, or safe disposal of their solid waste.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Some First Nations are currently exploring the feasibility of a Nation run compost facility, and are hoping to have multiple community gardens to help with that process.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Suggestion that a way to manage fish waste for beneficial use may be helpful as fishing is prominent in a lot of First Nations.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Pay-by-weight or volume for commercial dumpsters. Metro Vancouver could work with private haulers to explore opportunities for testing pay-by-weight or volume systems for commercial dumpsters, to help encourage the ICI sector to be more accountable for the amount of waste they dispose to landfill or incinerator.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Set up a percentage of fees to be collected for research and development (private sector to spearhead R&D)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Private sector could demonstrate where innovative technology is in place, for example AI sorting technology in Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) No appetite for collaboration if you are competing with regulator	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID116	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs such as non-residential packaging without readily available markets and challenging materials such as mattresses.
Define new service level models to align with consumer preferences (e.g., what type of collection services do consumers want and what are they willing to pay for, the ‘depot’ model may have reached saturation). Intended to apply to EPR programs, could be relevant to local government facilities too.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Bringing EPR cost recovery up to the point where it fully covers the cost of waste stream management. (In response to what waste reduction, recvcling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Mining computer waste for critical metals to support green initiatives (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Have producers of products put a value on the packaging so consumers know what packaging is costing them. (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
A lot of products that go in the RecycleBC container could have a deposit system. A deposit system for consumables is a great way to encourage diversion.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Incentives - Higher deposit fees on more items increases returns in my belief	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Refund system for used paper coffee cups	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Make more useful items refundable	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Raise the price of glass and big bottles again	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.

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Electronic refunding	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Deposit/Returns systems on all beverage containers!	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Increase deposits on bottles and cans	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Tax unnecessary packaging	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Impose costs on companies that generate significant packaging waste	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Why can't the government raise the bottle deposit to \$1 or \$2 dollars (to encourage recycling)?	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Is it plausible to create a reward system for recycling?	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Improve monitoring policies and incentives to ensure proper recycling and disposal and reduce contamination, otherwise no investment will be made. Private market can handle recycling if right infrastructure and incentives are in place. For example, there is a huge composting program in Nova Scotia. They have expansive use markets (e.g., landscaping) and there are no market shortages	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Enforce EPR: The stewardship program is there, but is not being enforced.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Extended producer responsibility is a critical element and fundamental -more products need to be caught up by EPR	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
We've implemented Extended Producer Responsibility. Maybe we need to do Extended RETAILER responsibility, so retailers have incentives to seek packaging-free products!	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Other idea, is put the 10c deposit on almost every kind of container, and then A) people would notice it and start to think, maybe i should start to buy this stuff in something reusable, and B) the binners would get richer; they would have more things to take to the depots, which would be the concentrators where they can. The milk cartons; don't know what happens to them, to glass, etc. If there were 10x as much of it, then someone would figure out some some way to repurpose it	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
ECO fees embedded into the cost of products instead of shown as an additional fee	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Work to improve the quality of the EPR system-particularly with regard to using the ZW hierarchy to support redesign, reduction, reuse, repair, salvage for parts, longer lifespans and durability, better end fates for materials; etc.; fair compensation and paying full costs; accessibility; transparency (chain of custody, financial, contracting); communications. (Can include advocacy, waste composition data, bans, supporting the MOECCS staff, etc)(ties into inclusive)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Charge deposits on more types of packaging to encourage returns and reuse.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Work to improve EPR programs with an equity lens (can people keep using the item they already have, will parts and repair be made available for free or at an affordable level, will reuse options support access to lower cost items, can people access recycling options (even without a vehicle), etc.)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
EPR trickles to the consumer, need to incentivize both the producer and the consumer.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Looking to improve multi-family recycling by offering incentives to private haulers collecting comingled recycling from commercial and multi-family buildings	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Increase refunds on containers	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Recycling deposits – so little money, not enough incentive	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Suggestion to collaborate on responses to RecycleBC engagement on non-residential packaging and printed paper – presenting comments in coordination to advocate for continuous improvement	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Financial Incentives for Beverage Containers: Deposit return programs for drink containers effectively motivate people to recycle, even when the containers do not belong to them.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Recycle BC provide more transparent data and work closely with municipalities to achieve waste reduction in multi-family residences. Recycle BC direct service to multi-family buildings has been a success, but jurisdictions have no access to information about how these programs are performing	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Ensure frequency of recycling pick up is sufficient, to reduce contamination in bins	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Collaborate with Recycle BC to more effectively share data, thus increasing transparency and promoting confidence	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Advocate to provincial government to require extended producer responsibility organizations to budget for education on confidence/awareness of their programs	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Incentivize beverage containers—milk containers can now be recycled and money given back. However, confusion still exists around this system	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Advocate for increased deposit rates for beverage containers until return rate is 99%, also ask province to ensure programs develop a reusables system (as is in Recycling Regulation)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.

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Push for accountability for producers (e.g. Quebec has fines for non-collection)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Consider an equity lens and environmental impact when advocating on EPR	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Framework developed where products that cannot be reused or recycled have an environmental fee	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Collection of EPR materials in more locations, Bulky Item collection at all MFs in all municipalities	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Better needle disposal options and signage for those bins.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Work to level the industry playing field and facilitate healthy competition. Big manufacturers should not be allowed on the board of RecycleBC, as this is potentially a conflict of interest.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Lobby the Federal Government to inspect/ensure that disposal facilities located on Reserve land meet the minimum provincial environmental standards and provide regular reporting of waste statistics (address waste migration)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Comments that the interests and priorities of some First Nation are around materials that are difficult to find recycling and disposal options for (i.e. plastics, used oil, mattresses).	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID117	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on potential improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs.
Advocate for full funding of producer responsibility programs and the expansion of residential-only programs to small businesses.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID118	Advocate for full funding of producer responsibility programs and the expansion of residential-only programs to small businesses.
Undertake a consultation to explore kerbside collection of textiles	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Include batteries in curbside collection	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Collection of More Materials at the Curb	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Identify Curbside Collection Efficiencies	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Suggestion of a separate curbside pick up time for sytrofoam would be helpful	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
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More options to recycle- not so prescriptive (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recvle and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Curbside pick up of soft plastics/overwrap	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
More recycling options in large apartment buildings outside just paper, cans, glass and organics. E.g. Styrofoam is not allowed to go into the garbage, however, many packages still have styrofoam, requiring the recipient to seek out Recycling Depots (there is only on on Powell that will take it). that seems counterproductive considering the amount of styrofoam being received daily in delivered packages. Since the material is not banned, there need to be easier recycling options to ensure it doesn't end up in the garbage.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
We should have more recycling choices like soft plastics and styrofoam.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Expand curbside recycling programs to include more items like soft plastics, styrofoam and electronics	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Increase number of public recycling bins	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Make it easy. Perhaps curbside donation pick-up.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
The recycling collection is working well - she works in an apartment building which has a variety of bins beyond blue box - but not everyone is working in a MF building. Not everyone is able to drop off recyclables to the facility; because of transportation issues, in bulk, or traveling in cars. Having more DROP OFF STATIONS or PICK UP LOCATIONS would help more people to get into the action, especially for seniors who may have mobility issues and accessibility issues. This is another thing they've been doing at Trout Lake - volunteer-run pickup and drop off weekly; so they can collect things like styrofoam, plastic, batteries, electronics; and their volunteers, neighbours who can drop off once a week, and volunteers take it to the recycling station - that could be expanded on	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Some areas collect soft plastics in along with the recycling, I'd like to see Metro Vancouver add this to our collections. (response from another person) I absolutely love the idea of flexible plastics being curbside (and foam, and lightbulbs, and Report for Master Recycler Vancouver's Collaborative Engagement Activities 2024 11	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Providing Services - need access to better bins at curbside (light items blowing away)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Collect flexible plastics at the curb	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Translations and diagrams on educational materials and curbside calendars	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Increase soft plastics recycling/collection.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Advocate for home recycling for film plastics (plus Styrofoam and glass), and knowing about this project it can also touch on	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Clothing pick up app, distribution network for items no longer needed/liked	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
TEXTILE WASTE BIN - accessibility to have something at factories, houses, apartments a. Been piloted in other regions b. Business in vancouver that operated bins for clothing REVIVIFY c. Scraps can cause issues in machines without proper filters - could be a barrier	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Curbside textiles pickup - make it easy for consumer	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Curbside textile pickup, make it easy to recycle	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.

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Overall, access is great but vast majority of people will only participate in what's easy for them. eg. textiles not collected by building a lot of people won't go out of their way to find recycling centers. so more access for ALL recyclables.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Perhaps introduce partner businesses who don't mind being a drop off point for textile waste, such as the pilot program with Return-It (which we loved). More neighborhood bins that are emptied by the city and are there all the time, rather than as an event. More clear information shared with communities on how they can recycle textiles.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
More recycling centres easy to get to, more recycling bins out.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Make as much as possible recyclable by household pickup rather than only drop-off at specific locations	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Accepting more items in curbside collection	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Bring back fabric recycling programs.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
How do you access electronics or clothes zero waste centers if you don't have a car? Make this a more accessible service. Curbside or local business options that takes electronics and clothing	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Door-to-Door Collection: Provide targeted pickup services in high-density and underserved areas, with home care programs for waste sorting.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Things centred around soft plastic collection at the curb would be a good thing just for home residents.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Add more types of recycling bins to multi-family residences	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID119	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
Collaboration on a systems level to ensure things are easy for residents to do the preferred action, while ensuring materials received are marketable and can actually go to beneficial use	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Simplify the waste system! Off er more clarifi cation	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Explore new/different performance measures, to improve transparency on ‘real-world’ program operations and impacts. Then recommend EPR programs undertake further waste composition studies and unaccounted for product studies to expand program performance measures.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Advocate for national harmonization for packaging EPR definitions and performance targets	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Continue to strongly advocate for EPR programs to reduce waste disposal through implementation of design-for-environment principles, and best management practices that focus on waste reduction, reuse and recycling. Offer staffing support for and partnership with Ministry of Environment to help accelerate EPR.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Investigate the pros and cons of standardizing recycling/compost materials accepted at the curbside and at public facilities in all areas of the region to streamline and simplify diversion.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Work on proper labeling of products - S most fibres now have plastic in them which makes the incomparable & unrecyclabke (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recvcle and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
A easier way to know what can be recycled such as labels on specific items	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Mandate proper labeling for recyclable materials	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
More clear labeling on materials (with more informative instruction/images that explain how to recycle)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Have instruction to proper disposal be attached to the product packaging of products like propane tanks, mattresses, etc.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Focus on simplifying the materials that are put into the market, especially plastic.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Metro could make it a lot easier for people to sort, and realize what needs to be sorted. The single use water container is a plague; it can't be reused, it's too thin. Eliminate it! He sees it in the news; what a disaster, they ship in thousands of these single use water bottles, but there are the water supply companies that deliver in the large containers - ship those out, and use small reusable permanent water bottles. That in itself would save a huge amount of waste.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Clear labelling on products, on how to recycle products, clarify what is in products/product packaging. It is still unclear what can be refunded, especially regarding milk containers.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Equip Return-It Centres with educational materials to engage and inform the public effectively. Foster greater transparency across all levels of the recycling process, including depots, Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), and the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system. Advocate for recycling to become a federal responsibility, ensuring a unified and robust approach to waste management nationwide	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Greenwashing - public entities should report on the same guidelines and get transparency. Clear bags for the commercial sector to increase transparency.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Simplify recycling programs and make them consistent across the region.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Should be consistent. Why do all municipalities not have the same pick up time? If they want to make a policy change there needs to be consistency between and amongst municipalities. At all levels of government, not just the most local – but upwards through regions and the province. You can't have changes implemented in one place and not in others. If you go from Vancouver to Burnaby and have vastly different experiences of recycling.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.

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Support for consistent definitions of ‘recycling’ being used between regions	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Ensure Consistency and Transparency: Align recycling practices across all Metro Vancouver cities and supermarkets. Create a public dashboard to provide real-time updates on recycling processes and achievements.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Hold more community discussion workshops like this (in public / through organizations like HKHouse / etc) - for all residents, including people with different ethnic backgrounds	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Clarity on recycling streams, particularly plastics; complicated system is too overwhelming	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Large-item pick-up programs to address limited reuse options for items like furniture recycling	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Simplify recycling. Recycle BC to provide clear information on materials accepted province-wide	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Clear and consistent messaging: Developing standardized and easily understandable guidelines for sorting and disposal across all municipalities within Metro Vancouver.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Support better labelling so consumers know if it can be recycled	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Public education: Standards and transparency around "recycled" or "sustainable" labels could help rebuild trust.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Highlighting tangible recycling successes can counter negative perceptions.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Promote clear and transparent standards for what qualifies as "recycled" or "sustainable."	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Unifying systems for the collection and recycling of varied materials would simplify processes for users.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Consistent Policies: Align waste management goals across all government levels to reduce public confusion.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Education on recycling needs to improve. Even internally, teams spend a lot of time discussing what is and isn’t recyclable. Labelling schemes like "how to recycle" aim to help, but they add to the confusion. This affects system efficiency and increases costs.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Aligning policies and infrastructure across jurisdictions would reduce the burden on businesses, especially those operating in multiple areas. A consistent framework would make compliance more feasible. Businesses struggle to understand what to do with excess food or waste because of unclear or inconsistent guidelines. Simplifying and clarifying these processes would make participation easier.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Clearer, simpler messaging about what is and isn’t recyclable would make a difference.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Ensure all municipalities have consistent waste disposal programs	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Provide clearer instructions on cleaning and sorting recyclables to reduce contamination rates and ensure materials are properly processed	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID120	Advocate for consistency in extended producer responsibility programs, labelling requirements, and enforcement of greenwashing regulations to reduce “what goes where” confusion.
Advocate for increased return-to-retailer opportunities	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Establish convenient and affordable infrastructure to store, sort, and/or process wood materials to support supply and demand alignment.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Create more convenient and varied waste drop-off options	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Use the City’s community-based facilities, like recreation centres, fleet service yards, libraries and LRT stations as drop-off locations for big bin and specialty items (e.g., electronics, batteries, printer cartridges).	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Develop a mobile drop-off service (Fleet of mobile depots to travel to high density areas to collect small and high value-added items. They could be used to support community events and move-outs)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Develop a network of staffed permanent neighbourhood depots close to transit accessible locations. The findings could determine the high traffic areas with good participations. Facilities could be City owned, privately contracted, or in partnership with local community organizations.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Reverse vending machines in high traffic, secure, and monitored areas, such as Community and Civic Centres, arenas, libraries, transit hubs, etc to dispense coupon or voucher. (My idea: Partner with translink and get Compass credit)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Evaluate the feasibility of a 'centre for hard to Recycling material'	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Expanded Diversion Program at City Facilities and Operations	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Have a central drop off to return amazon packaging (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Allow for separation at depots not just at homes. (In response to Thinking of how we purchase, use, reuse, repurpose, recycle and throw things away in the region, what could be better in the future than it is today?)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
In France, grocery stores had bins. How can we make bulk compulsory for grocery chains? With the climate emergency, legislation needs to be implemented.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Huge [recycling] compound at many many locations. Billboard advertments to educate the public about recycling. Highlight the pros and how damaging wastes are to the earth if not disposed of properly.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.

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Open another returnables depot around Gastown/DTES	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Having a central waste management area for the public	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
This is a smaller city but having fabric recycling spots in the city where people can give away old rags will be ideal.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Ensure drop-off locations are accessible for all recyclable items	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Add more local drop-off locations	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Offer mobile depots or neighbourhood pick-up events for hard-to-recycle items	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Pop-up zero waste centres	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Farmer’s markets	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Community centers	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
More drop-off stations	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Leftover waste/garbage after shopping—suggested giving packaging back to facilities for reuse.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Create more incentives for reuse and proper waste diversion e.g. coffee cups, mattresses, and building more drop-off locations.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
A fully established depot system is already in place, presenting an opportunity for more effective utilization. These depots are deeply connected to the communities they serve, making them ideal for expanding services. By creating additional programs and empowering depots to facilitate them, we can enhance their role and better address community needs	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Add more infrastructure like clothing donation bins, and consider utilizing municipal spaces to make them more accessible	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
It would help if facilities weren't just in industrial areas - make facilities convenient and part of the community	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Is there a role for Metro Vancouver, working with chambers of commerce, to encourage return to retail?	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Improve and increase transport and accessibility to depots	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
More recycling depots and recycling programs	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Add more bins and more collection points.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Individual - Recycling household small appliances in apartment buildings; doesn’t do recycling, city doesn’t have pick up service, people have to go to the recycling centre that is not accessible by transit (Richmond); e.g. light bulbs. Could do drop off sites at community centres, do pick up for a fee, have recycling bins in apartment buildings	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Enhance Coordination and Infrastructure: Streamline collaboration between government levels to ensure policy alignment. Increase the number and accessibility of recycling depots, especially in high-traffic areas.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Need to integrate into everyone’s lives effortlessly. I.e. maybe with skytrains?	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Heard that supermarkets have collections before COVID and it’s much easier. This will increase accessibility	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Recognition Programs: Establish recognition programs to acknowledge and celebrate businesses, organizations, and individuals that demonstrate leadership in sustainable waste management practices, recycling innovation, and community engagement to inspire others and build confidence in recycling systems.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Integration into Daily Lives: Partner with transit systems (e.g., SkyTrain) to integrate recycling practices into public spaces for convenience. Promote and improve accessibility to recycling apps like "VanCollect" to help residents sort and locate proper recycling bins easily.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
EPR programs can collaborate with industry to create opportunities to drop-off recycling at the same location as point of purchase	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Expand the return-to-retail drop-off network, to improve accessibility and convenience (collaborate with businesses)	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Improve access by introducing mobile recycling centres in multi-family neighbourhoods; Distributed drop off locations in hubs, such as Drop-off events; collect in places where people are already gathering	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Mobile or satellite recycling depots for small-scale multi-unit housing (i.e., helping system adapt to recent provincial legislative changes re: housing density).	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
“Free waste drop-off” events to help reduce illegal dumping and promote awareness of drop-off options.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.

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Enhance Convenience: Increase the number of recycling depots, green bin locations, and Return-It facilities in easily accessible areas.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Partner with businesses to offer drop-off points or incentives for proper recycling.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Accessible infrastructure: Ensuring convenient and well-maintained collection infrastructure, including depots, drop-off locations, and appropriately sized bins.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Providing accessible infrastructure: Ensuring convenient and accessible infrastructure for waste collection and drop-off, including strategically placed bins, depots, and recycling facilities.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Accessibility and convenience: Ensuring that waste reduction services, such as drop-off locations and collection programs, are conveniently located and readily accessible to all residents and businesses, particularly those in underserved communities.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Calgary fire stations offer chemical waste collection, including paint and other hazardous materials—Metro Vancouver could consider similar collection locations	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Drop-off points need to be more accessible and better advertised	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Increase convenience and accessibility by putting waste diversion options into the life of a person e.g. at school drop off	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Developing new facilities or drop-off points for recycling, reusables, and waste	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Keeping recycling plants accessible within city limits would reduce transportation burdens.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Expanding access to recycling services for diverse waste types (e.g., electronics, fabrics, batteries) is necessary.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
More local drop-off points	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Partnerships with local businesses for take-back programs	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
In Argentina they have huge receptacles in major parks for batteries. That was a cool initiative that made it easy to eliminate things that are harder to recycle on a day-to-day basis	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Decentralized Drop-Off Centers: Set up redemption and recycling points within residential buildings or community hubs.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Unified Policies and Accessibility Improvements: Standardize recycling policies across all cities in Metro Vancouver to eliminate confusion. Introduce mobile recycling stations for easier disposal of large items. Partner with local businesses to create convenient recycling drop-off points.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Convenience-Based Rewards: Set up vending machine style waste drop-off systems that reward users with small monetary or non-monetary benefits for correctly disposing of items.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Recycling collection option for those that do not have a vehicle	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Offer mobile recycling units for hard-to-reach communities.	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Improve existing/available facilities first	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Large more centralised managements with government influence	4.2. Enhance EPR programs	ID121	Advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options for materials such as household hazardous waste, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
Work with paper mills and to increase capacity to process plastic-lined paper and better deal with tape (or help switch tape compatible with recycling process)	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet, and plastic-lined paper products.
support the development of shared cold storage and distribution centres, to help re-localize supply chains and drive down waste that happens in distribution	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Food rescuers need to be incentivize to use the food that is not being used currently to upscale it and repurpose it to reduce food insecurity	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Have central warehouse in each community for expired food products (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Provide incentives for restaurants to prevent food waste and disclose food efficiency (in grams of foodwaste per cover)	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Paired extended producer responsibility and incentive programs for businesses to change practices	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Ugly Food Day - produce that we weren't able to sell, by donation or free. Can be supported by municipalities to encourage more events like that. Other products that could not be sold but still functionable	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
More education and incentives for businesses around food waste reduction and food donation options	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.

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Foster new markets for materials to be reused, repurposed, and diverted	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Invest in and fund more diversion technologies and projects.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Exploring innovative waste management technologies: Investigating and piloting new and emerging waste management technologies, such as advanced sorting systems, anaerobic digestion, and waste-to-energy, to assess their potential for the region.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Work with current companies that breakdown plastic bottles through enzymes and make them back into raw materials to be used again as now bottles (Polytide).	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Technological and Operational Insights: Information about technologies and methods used in sorting and processing recyclables. Examples of innovative recycling practices and methods.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Need consistent end markets and market price, which is not the case for majority of plastics and other materials today.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Improve capacity for recycling	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
De-packaging facilities are needed closer to where waste is generated to cut down on labour and transportation costs. Waste is currently transported long distances because of the labour involved and the nature of the business.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Comment on Metro Vancouver’s role as part of the circular economy, specifically on organics.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Regionally provided organics/green waste hauling/processing/depots	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Build more composting/biosolid dryer facilities for resource recovery	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Organics composting combined with wastewater sludge	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Create an environment to create more processing capacity	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
development of recycling industry here in BC (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID044	Advocate for federal and provincial government funding programs to scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, carpet and plastic-lined paper products.
Put more compost bins in schools.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID122	Identify gaps in organics collections programs and work collaboratively to implement or improve existing collection and processing programs.
Facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Avoid any new public investment in developing infrastructure	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Allow the private sector to develop infrastructure: Increase competitive space in the market (for industry) and accelerated licensing timelines for new facilities and services	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Align with regional/municipal goals while working with the private sector to develop infrastructure	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Less government intervention/input; the private sector can be more nimble than the regional district or the province.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Incentivize the private processing facilities within the region	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Encourage private investment in recycling	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID123	Explore opportunities to facilitate the siting of private sector recycling activities.
Connect executive chairs of waste industry associations (SWANA, WMABC, etc.) other executive chairs. Will help to represent the waste industry in multi-sector situations (organics management, construction and demolition) Metro Vancouver could provide centralized location, make the connections, break down silos	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID124	Convene recycling industry and member jurisdictions to get their perspective on how to continue to maintain and increase recycling infrastructure that services the region
Improve engagement between government policy makers and industry – currently feels like government is out if touch with how the industry functions.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID124	Convene recycling industry and member jurisdictions to get their perspective on how to continue to maintain and increase recycling infrastructure that services the region
Explore opportunities to improve laneway/road traffic and decrease litter from licensed haulers. Metro Vancouver could convene members to share knowledge and identify opportunities to improve these issues, and engage licensed haulers on potential solutions. As the region builds more housing and densifies, these issues may be exacerbated.	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID124	Convene recycling industry and member jurisdictions to get their perspective on how to continue to maintain and increase recycling infrastructure that services the region
Form a regional responsible recycling forum to work with public and private partners to address production, use, and end-of-life management of goods	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID124	Convene recycling industry and member jurisdictions to get their perspective on how to continue to maintain and increase recycling infrastructure that services the region
Need to understand barriers to develop infrastructure	4.3Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure	ID124	Convene recycling industry members get their perspective on how to continue to maintain and increase recycling infrastructure that services the region.
Co-design measures to improve commercial waste service provisions,	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Grants or support for new businesses that can help with textile waste recycling. There currently is no infrastructure.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.

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Improve composting systems	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Pilot an ICI food rescue and organic diversion program based on Guelph-Wellington and Strathcona County Models	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Update guidance on on-site composting	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Food waste disposers are a convenient option for disposal of organics	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Joint conversation with liquid and solid waste required prior to more widespread implementation of in-sink food disposal solutions	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Implementation of decentralized carbonization units to manage food waste at the local level.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Create more capacity/improvements to current process/access to technology	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID126	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Better compost options and encouraging household initiatives to compost	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID127	Continue to provide tools and tips to residents to reduce odours and “yuck factor” with green bins.
Providing more information to households on reducing food waste	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID127	Continue to provide tools and tips to residents to reduce odours and “yuck factor” with green bins.
Address Hygiene and Cost Issues: Provide residents with clean, functional green bins and approved liners to reduce confusion and costs. Add features like pedal-operated lids to improve usability for seniors and reduce contact with dirty bins. Educate residents on odor management and composting techniques.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID127	Continue to provide tools and tips to residents to reduce odours and “yuck factor” with green bins.
Every household gets an odorless dry powder food waste machine	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID127	Continue to provide tools and tips to residents to reduce odours and “yuck factor” with green bins.
Providing a receptacle or something small and odorless for compost. I use a container because I have the time to refill it and I keep it in my freezer. Getting small containers that people can have on their counter	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID127	Continue to provide tools and tips to residents to reduce odours and “yuck factor” with green bins.
Determine what role, if any, compostable plastic can play in a circular food system	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Collaborate with service providers and users to develop guidelines for use of compostable products and packaging.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Support consumer awareness and improved standards for compostable food and beverage packaging	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
organics liners.-creating a made in bc solution (In response to what waste reduction, recvcling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
National standards for "compostible plastics" (In response to what waste reduction, recvcling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Development of compostable packaging from waste (In response to What values, interests, and priorities can be considered when updating the solid waste management plan?)	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Encourage manufacturers to use recyclable or compostable materials	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Support research into compostable plastics	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Invest in biodegradable plastic technologies	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Improve composting infrastructure to address organic waste including compostable plastics such as PLA	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
More legislation is needed for compostable plastic materials; compostable plastics are difficult for plastics processors to recycle	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
One thing about the composting system - evidently, there is packaging that is mixed, like the supposedly compostable bags - but that cannot go into the composting system. There could be some system that could compost them. Could we prioritize creating systems that actually can manage these materials?	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Certified compostable products can help increase capture of organics	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Design agile policies that can adapt to changing infrastructure and opportunities to innovate. Temperature and moisture have the greatest impact. The optimal conditions vary by material type.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Develop a supportive framework for addressing the promise and problems with compostable items that incorporate harmonized education, labelling and messaging	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Recognize and catalyze the evolution of organics processing infrastructure that supports the diversion of select, targeted compostable items.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Push for better design for plastics used and eliminating use of unnecessary + problematic plastics and additives with Fed/Prov. Discourage use of biodegradable and compostable plastics	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Allow one type of compostable plastic, to increase organics recycling participation while addressing the issue of plastic contamination in the organics stream	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Better regulate labelling of compostable plastics	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Restrict the sale of compostable plastic	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.

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Apartments and condos say you can have biodegradable/compostable bags for kitchen waste, but the strata said no. But the website online said you can. However, people noted that if they see a bag inside the compostable, the entire bin goes to garbage. The participant already actively went to look for this information but came away very confused. So what is true? And if we can't use biodegradable bags, it needs to be made known to everyone.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Addressing Miscommunication and Barriers: Clarify rules around compostable bags and kitchen waste; many are confused about their acceptability. Ensure consistent messaging across all levels, from strata to recycling depots, so residents have accurate information.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Medical facilities: Designing items to be biodegradable instead of reusable might be an option	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Organics: Provide education on "compostable plastic" is NOT compostable, we need to remove greenwashing that confuses consumers/restaurants, compostable utensils. And increase education on where to put these (e.g. in mixed recycling instead of composting). Provide education on what CAN go in the compost (paper)	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Advocate for sustainable alternatives like plant-based and compostable materials.	4.4. Improve participation in green bin programs and alternatives for multi-family residents and businesses	ID128	Determine what role, if any, compostable plastics can play in organics management systems.
Improve access to textile donation and collection services	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID131	Improve access to textile donation and recycling collection services.
Providing textile recycling services that are easy to use for all residents	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID131	Improve access to textile donation and recycling collection services.
The recycling of materials like fabrics and display packaging requires better infrastructure and accessibility.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID131	Improve access to textile donation and recycling collection services.
Create a member jurisdictions incentive program that rewards/credits members that take action (policies, programs or projects that can be measured and verified) that support the goals and actions in Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentives - I think incentives for recyling and waste reduction is good becuae people like incentives and this motivates them to earn an incentive.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction Awareness	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
There shouldn't be a financial incentive to recycle/divert waste. A gold star on the garbage can! Look at non-monetary way to recognize communities, individuals and businesses who do a good job.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction: Incentives for businesses and individuals. Can give us better data forgovernment on what kind of waste people are producing. Incentives work – they go beyond education that does not alwayslead to behaviour change.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentives for recycling and waste reduction: For businesses and individuals this is not stopping certain types of consumption. It's not working in many places and there is a risk that incentives make things optional. We need more systemic changes.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Create incentives for proper recycling and reduced disposal	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Offer rewards or vouchers for proper recycling efforts	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
incentives to people for bringing recyclable materials to designated sites	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentivizing vs penalizing, sounds like the right approach	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Create more incentives for reuse and proper waste diversion e.g. coffee cups, mattresses, and building more drop-off locations.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Advantages and incentives for recycling and reducing waste	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Idea: Teenagers like music so maybe provide concert tickets or something as a prize	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Providing incentives for proper recycling and waste reduction	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentivizing recycling with other things, such as bus pass price reduction or reduced strata fees.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Their club is implementing Halloween wrappers recycling, and everyone who participates enters into a draw for a Tim Hortons gift card	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentives for Zero waste practices, E.g.Community recognition program: Design a recognition system for neighborhoods or households that demonstrate a commitment to waste reduction. This could take the form of friendly competitions .Zero waste business certification: Establish a local certification that recognizes businesses that consistently minimize waste. Certified businesses could receive promotional support and visibility through Metro Vancouver channels.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Incentives and Enforcement: Provide financial incentives or coupons for participating in recycling programs. Impose fines for improper recycling or contamination to encourage better practices.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Community-based initiatives: Implementing reward programs and community projects to incentivize participation and recognize efforts to reduce contamination.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Exploring innovative collection methods: Piloting new collection methods, such as payas-you-throw programs or incentivized recycling programs, to encourage participation and reward responsible waste management.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.

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Incentive Programs: Launch a points-based system offering financial rewards for proper recycling practices.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Community Points System: Launch a points-based reward system where households or neighborhoods earn incentives (e.g., discounts,	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Recognition Programs: Acknowledge and reward community members or groups who demonstrate exceptional commitment to sustainability through public recognition or awards.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Financial Incentives: Implement a community points system where	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Community Recognition: Launch programs to recognize and reward neighborhoods or communities for high participation rates, such as public awards or community grants for local projects.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Vending Machine-Style Systems: Install automated waste drop-off systems with incentives, such as small financial rewards or community points for proper recycling and disposal.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID132	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example.
Improve signage on recycling bins	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Better labelled bins	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More labels on everything that say where they can be thrown away	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More labels or posters with details posted above garbage, compost, recycling bins that include a fuller suite of items that can be disposed of in them	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Labels can include more info like photos and words to make it more accessible and easier to understand	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More signs would be helpful, even if some people don’t read them. And if they don’t read, tell them	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Clear Labelling on Recycling Bins: Compared to other regions (e.g., the U.S.), bins in Metro Vancouver have clear labels, bullet points, and images to help residents sort waste correctly.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Simplifying sorting guidelines: Providing clear, consistent, and easy-to-understand guidelines for sorting waste, organics, and recyclables to eliminate confusion and minimize contamination.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Clearly write what bins are for.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Explore opportunities to increase recycling consistency across the region. Metro Vancouver could convene members, private haulers, and other stakeholders to discuss opportunities to improve the consistency of recycling streams and signage across all sectors and across the region. Greater consistency would help to reduce residents’ confusion about correct recycling participation as they move throughout the region, from where they live to where they work and play. Potential opportunities to explore could include incentives, pilots, regulatory and voluntary measures.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Standardized Signage and/or Signage Tool	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Priorities and interests identified about First Nations access to programs and services related to Metro Vancouver’s solid waste function, ease of use, and affordability.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Concerns around public understanding about recycling -- what can be put into which recycling bin for curbside pick up. Suggestion that a video or better signage would be a helpful tool.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Strategies for education and signage to stop contamination of recyclable materials	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Collateral material and signage in different languages would be helpful (I’ve included the link to the signage that Metro makes available to building owners. I trust this is the most current)	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Signs above bins, outside of school	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Clear Signage: Standardize signage with visual and multilingual instructions for bins and drop-off locations.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Flora referenced earlier comments about lack of consistency in what goes in what bins	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
For her, she knows there’s a multiplicity of packaging and everything; she laughs when she goes into places where you’re supposed to dispose of your own stuff from eating or drinking, and you have all these choices - is this for compost, for garbage, for recycling? And, everybody sort of stares at these things and has no idea where to put everything! So everything gets mishmashed. How can we create a system that is CONSISTENT? Through different locations. It also means maybe the materials have to be consistent.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Unified Policy Framework: Develop a Metro Vancouver-wide solid waste management policy that standardizes guidelines, signage, and practices across all municipalities.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Create guidance on best practices for public space recycling	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Waste Diversion Program in Parks and Other Public Spaces	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More waste and recycling cans on the street are needed!	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.

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We should have more recycling bins on the streets	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More recycling bins in downtown	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More sorting trash cans near bus stops	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More spaces for cans to be recycled on the streets.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Add recycling bins to public spaces like parks, transit hubs, and malls, and ensure these bins accommodate diverse waste streams	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More consistent programs across jurisdictional boundaries – makes it easier as residents move across the region (examples included cart sizes and how material is collected)	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
More garbage and recycling bins all over.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Would love to see compost bins, but a little smarter, not just bins, in the streets of Vancouver. It’s going to take years for people to get used to it. At the beginning, it will be a contamination show, people will just dump everything in there. But every change, every behaviour change takes time, takes a process, and in Europe there are a few and maybe more than just the EU, there are new innovative ideas on how to approach that. I would like to see a compost bin by every garbage bin, and a recycle bin next to it. It’s been experimented with to a degree, but usually not with compost. There are new ideas, new things that can be done to make it more accessible. Most of us, in a single family house, we’re doing a reasonably a good job, in multi family not as good. I would love to see some work on that.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Why are there never any recycling bins at public parks and farmers markets locations? They’re PRIME places where people are buying coffee from the vans, takeaway food they’re eating there, and there’s nowhere to put that. A lot ends up in my compost bins at Riley Park, which is really frustrating. It’s something that well, it could revolutionize things, couldn’t it? Farmer’s markets every weekend, and parks with children and families playing, and picnics, there’s nowhere for them to put the waste products. The ferries have bins - they have bins marked compost, newspaper, and cans and bottles. My observation is that there’s an incredible amount of contamination. You would need someone to sort it afterwards, and then it becomes cost prohibitive in terms of what you get out of it in the end. If you valued waste reduction more highly somehow, it would become more cost effective.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Fund pilots for streetside / curbside organics bins	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Public parks, parks board	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Can we have a composter in parks? Have a compost bin and let people fill it up. Even though I know how much plastic and garbage ends up in there.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
There is a lack of bins around the neighbourhoods, with limited access in other areas, and there is inconsistent and unclear signage on bins on what items should go in each. Simplify the waste system! Offer more clarification.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Install more recycling/composting bins in public spaces	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Increase public trash and recycling bins in parks and public spaces.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Have a QR code at the site of the bins, where you can type in what you have and have the QR code show you where you can put in the garbage. Having live incentives for putting waste in the right bins could be helpful. Perhaps LED light that shows emoticon when you put waste in the right bin.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Process organics locally within the region, focusing on quality	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Work with munis and EPR programs to have multi-stream streetscape containers as the norm. Ensure Province is enforcing Recycling Regulation.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
We absolutely need more waste bins in the DTES! It would be even better if we could have recycling bins alongside waste bins. It’s probably not a priority for service workers on the DTES to educate community members about recycling but I do think more education is also necessary. Perhaps this could be done through infographics.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Sometimes I think it all ends up in the same place. There should be more garbage/compost/recycling bins available in public areas.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Business Responsibilities: Apartment Complexes and Residential Communities: Residential management (e.g., strata councils) should mandate staff or services dedicated to assisting residents with disabilities or limited resources in trash collection and recycling. Supermarkets and Retail Stores: Provide accessible and convenient disposable recycling bins in residential areas or centralized locations, such as near gas stations.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID133	Explore the development of a signage standard and customizable tool to help reduce confusion about what goes in each bin, based on the most common items collected.
Provide clearer communication about what can and cannot be recycled	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Overall themes of shared infrastructure, resources, education, rules, etc.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Clear information and education for the public	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Centralize information sources – make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources. Different sources with different answers are creating confusion for the public.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.

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One resource for: Repair, Donate, Deposit	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Make it easier for people to communicate challenges with Metro on an ongoing basis. For example, make an app where people could report problems by taking photos and uploading them for review. For example, if there is a problem or inconsistency with bins then binners could relay that information.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Make it easier for people to communicate challenges with Metro Vancouver on an ongoing basis. For example, make an app where people can report problems by taking photos and uploading them for review. If there is a problem or inconsistency with bins e.g. overflowing, limited access etc. then binners could relay that information.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
QR codes in public places that link to a website with understandable language	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Clearer guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled in my area	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
More education about the types of waste to be sorted	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Advocate for a simpler system where a single EPR agency is responsible for recycling; complexities of the system make it difficult to explain	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Improve Information Clarity and Accessibility: Use consistent and centralized guidelines for recycling and composting across all municipalities. Print clear recycling instructions (e.g., barcodes or QR codes) on packaging. Provide multilingual, culturally relevant education materials and campaigns.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Clearer and more accessible information on what can be recycled	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Digital Platforms: Create an official Metro Vancouver app or website that provides real-time updates and resources on waste management policies.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Hybrid Systems: Combine AI with physical aids, such as barcode labels or RFID tags, to make waste sorting easier without requiring direct app usage.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Centralized Information Hub: Create an online platform providing zero-waste solutions, waste sorting guides, and sustainable practices in Metro Vancouver.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
EcoSnap: A one-stop application for education, accessibility support and rewards for sustainable-focused users.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Education: Use EcoSnap AI to scan and sort waste easily at home. Instant guidance removes confusion and saves time.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Improved accessibility of website resources to address user challenges in finding information. Currently the website is not very use-friendly	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Regional inconsistencies in organics and recycling services create confusion. Some areas offer better options, like diverting food waste to farms instead of composting. Having centralized, accessible information about available diversion methods would help businesses.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Develop public dashboard and education campaign. Many residents don’t know where to find information about the performance of our regional and provincial recycling systems, and don’t understand how BC’s recycling system is different than other provinces. This knowledge gap leads to misunderstandings about the applicability of national recycling statistics to BC and the Metro Vancouver region. Metro Vancouver national recycling statistics to BC and the Metro Vancouver region. Metro Vancouver towards the region’s recycling goals and includes key performance indicators from RecycleBC, Encorp and other Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) stewardship agencies in a single location (instead of relying on the public to check each individual stewardship webpage).	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Rolling out the dashboard could be accompanied by a new public education campaign, developed by Metro Vancouver, that highlights key recycling and EPR statistics for the region, explains how recycling works in BC, presents the benefits associated with recycling and informs people about the availability of a new public dashboard with information available all in one place.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID134	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
Collaboration on reporting out and tracking where materials are going: Improve data sharing. Proprietary information can make it challenging for private industry to share information	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID135	Provide clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled.
Auditing and reporting are done but not known by the public – increase transparency and inform.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID135	Provide clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled.
Honesty builds trust: Be honest with the public and show the limitations, what we’re doing, and how we’re trying to improve – start with the definition of recycling.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID135	Provide clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled.
Eliminate performative recycling	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID135	Provide clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled.
Enhance clarity and transparency of what materials go through Metro Vancouver and other facilities.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID135	Provide clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled.
One-stop shop is needed (e.g., VSTS).	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID136	Work with businesses and recycling depots across the region to work towards streamlining the types of materials accepted where practical.
Concerns about items being disposed of on roads and ditches in the community. Some First Nations provide a spring and fall pick up for large items every year.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
First Nations reserves have noticed an increase in illegal dumping, and there is interest in creating a policy they can enforce. There is also interest in supporting a levy against single use items in the territories. Some First Nations are currently exploring the feasibility of a Nation run compost facility, and are hoping to have multiple community gardens to help with that process.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
Support community group cleanup events/programs to reduce unauthorized disposal of waste	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
Concern around littering in Parks. There are wetlands in some First Nations lands that require protection.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
Support MV-wide civic litter pick up twice a year but gather and share data from it -like a brand audit.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.

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Investigate developing regionally-aligned litter bylaws in partnership with member municipalities	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
Comment about how the solid waste management plan will benefit Indigenous people, in terms of services provided, development, and financial benefits.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
Conduct a focused pilot of “Zero Waste Stations’ at common spots in downtown core and in other city locations (sports venues, parks, etc.)	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
Gamify recycling through the use of AI and apps to motivate people using public spaces to Recycling more	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective	ID137	Study sorting and disposal habits in busy public spaces and test different interventions to reduce contamination and litter.
In multifamily buildings, people suggested to implement a share shelf (for items that can be reused)	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID138	Review multi-family residential waste and recycling container space and access guidelines, including determining if the guidance needs to account for increased amounts of material or additional types of materials.
Multi-family building challenges: Garbage chutes could be a solution - make it easier for people to do their sorting (increase accessibility). Impacts of buildings that are multi-storey - chutes really help with that (removing burden of carrying recyclables up/downstairs etc.)	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID138	Review multi-family residential waste and recycling container space and access guidelines, including determining if the guidance needs to account for increased amounts of material or additional types of materials.
Removing barriers to throw trash, such as creating trash chutes on every floor of an apartment (similar to Toronto).	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID138	Review multi-family residential waste and recycling container space and access guidelines, including determining if the guidance needs to account for increased amounts of material or additional types of materials.
provide design guides informed by BC building code for MF spaces where organic waste montiroing, measuring, recovery and recyclng can happen	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID138	Review multi-family residential waste and recycling container space and access guidelines, including determining if the guidance needs to account for increased amounts of material or additional types of materials.
Accessible Recycling Facilities in Residential Areas: Condos and apartments generally provide adequate recycling facilities with sufficient categories.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID140	Support knowledge sharing of space and access requirements for multi-plex units (six units or less).
Provide language support/translation for programs, bylaws, etc.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
An app that scans objects, tells you where to put waste	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Create an app that helps identify waste	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
More advertising available in other languages	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Artificial intelligence or chatbots to educate on identifying and sorting materials	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Addressing language barriers: Offering waste sorting information and resources in multiple languages to ensure accessibility and understanding for diverse communities.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
More visual and multilingual signage in buildings	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
AI-Assisted Sorting: Implement AI-powered applications to help residents identify and sort waste accurately in real-time.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Barcode Systems: Use barcodes or QR codes to provide sorting instructions and increase confidence in recycling.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Barcode and RFID Systems: Introduce barcodes or RFID tags on products that residents can scan to get disposal instructions, improving confidence in waste sorting.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Community Education: Use augmented reality (AR) or interactive tools in educational campaigns to teach residents how to sort waste properly, making learning more engaging and accessible	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Multilingual support for my neighbors.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID142	Facilitate development of digital tools that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on options for reuse, repair, recycling, or disposal.
Improving Clarity and Transparency: Provide clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled. Address discrepancies between recycling centres, municipalities, and businesses regarding what is accepted. Make the recycling system more transparent, showing where waste goes and how it’s processed.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID159	Show where waste goes and how it’s processed to provide more transparency in the recycling system.
Set up community events to collect waste. Reduce more waste with better government involvement.	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID175	Explore more community waste, recycling and reuse drop-off events.
Collaborate with communities to develop local solutions to prevent litter and illegal dumping from going into waterways and marine environments	4.5. Make recycling easier and more effective by reducing confusion and improving convenience	ID178	Review approaches in other jurisdictions to reduce illegal dumping
Trial new programs at Metro Vancouver housing sites to understand what works before regional rollout.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Share waste composition data with the provincial government and EPR stewardship agencies to highlight participation issues. For example, data about the type and quantity of products accepted in EPR programs that are disposed to landfill or incinerator. Sharing this data would help to demonstrate the need for further education and other supportive programs to increase participation in existing EPR stewardship programs. Members are investing municipal budget and resources to address the EPR participation gap. For example, City of Vancouver is developing programs to encourage residents’ participation in EPR programs (and other existing reuse and diversion programs), such as our Zero Waste Ambassador program to reduce waste in multi-family buildings.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
“I have a will and an urge to be more interactive with my neighbours, which I don’t do”. It’s even hard for me with my roommates, who tend to be young and everything comes from Amazon every day. They have to recycle and compost because they live in the same house that I am, but even my neighbour from upstairs, I’m many times looking into the communal baggage and opening bags, recycling a lot of containers and stuff. For my whole neighbourhood, like most other neighbourhoods, I go and look through garbage, and it’s not simple, there’s contamination.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Comment that the Nation is interested in having baseline data about the waste composition specific to the community.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.

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Allocate resources to support multi-family recycling, for example, by developing standardized education materials	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Collaborate with stakeholders to implement support for multi-family recycling	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Sharing library (expand the list of materials, partner with existing organizations, establish new programs such as in multi-family buildings)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Offer Certification Training to property managers to equip them with knowledge and skills necessary to effectively manage waste in MF buildings	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Expand and enhance building codes to incorporate comprehensive provisions for waste management in MF buildings	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Improving multi-family collection schedule statistics	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Provide educational materials tailored to shared living environments	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Education is important; mostly needed on the commercial and multi-family side; residential is not as much an issue	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Multi-family buildings show the lowest accountability for their waste (high contamination) – increase education and focus on these demographics.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
For multifamily: Organize group recycling depot trips (organizing a schedule to take all items from building residents at once)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
For multifamily: Support for the building ambassador program (Master Recyclers)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
More education particularly for multi-family residences; toolkit and workshops	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
These is a need and opportunity to better collaborate and coordinate with multi-family property managers and haulers that work across regional districts. Can streamline processes and communications/education in multi-family buildings. Currently consistency is lacking as often they are serviced by different haulers – no consistent guidelines or resources.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Community-Based Incentives and Recognition: Establish recognition programs for neighborhoods or households demonstrating commitment to waste reduction through friendly competitions. Develop a zero-waste business certification program to acknowledge businesses minimizing waste, offering promotional support through Metro Vancouver channels. Collaborate with residential complexes to create incentive programs that improve recycling accessibility and participation.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Monitoring and Enforcement: Some condos have monitoring systems and fines for improper sorting. These measures encourage proper recycling practices and foster trust in the system.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Collaborate with diverse communities, schools, and artists to create culturally relevant content and products. Work with local housing and condo boards to display mandatory posters and materials.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Collaborate with industry to educate multi-family residences to reduce contamination	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Focus discussions among municipalities to advance specific priority areas (e.g. multi-family sector waste reduction, construction and demolition)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Incentives are preferred over penalties – financial incentives, rebate, grant programs specifically for multi-family	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Provide hands on education/presentations to multi-family property managers and strata	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Develop a best practices guide for multi-family; work with property managers	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Work collaboratively with haulers to gather better data and play a role in educating customers.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Multi-family building challenges: Provide education for those approving design plans so that policy shifts to create increased ease of sorting	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Provide distributed education for strata councils & property managers that includes an incentive	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Focused efforts on multi-family and commercial buildings. Participation in organics and recycling programs tends to be lower in multi-family and commercial sectors. Metro Vancouver could support members to engage these sectors by developing education and behaviour change materials focused on these sectors. Metro Vancouver could also facilitate a workshop with members, private haulers and other stakeholders to explore opportunities for removing barriers and incentivizing these sectors’ participation in diversion programs. For example, workshop topics could include opportunities to standardize hauler guidelines for multi-family and commercial buildings.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Develop a toolkit for encouraging share, reuse and repair in multi-family buildings. Metro Vancouver could help to encourage waste reduction in the multi-family sector by creating a toolkit focused on events and activities for multi-family residents, including building free swaps and yard sales. Members could help to promote the toolkit by sharing it with residents through municipal communications channels and at community outreach events.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Provide MF settings comprehensive tools and support for implementing waste reduction and diversion accountable when there’s 100+ people in one building. Maybe there needs to be collaboration with property owners or managers.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Increased education on food waste and organics is needed for multi-family buildings since many municipalities do not serve them	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Set guidelines for garbage/recycling rooms	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Working with Stratas to expand number of materials that are collected in the recycling rooms to prevent them from entering the landfill stream	4.6. Target recycling education	ID103	Develop and deploy improved education for multi-family residents.
Robust marketing campaign to help educate and also highlight the successes of the system. Acknowledged the benefit of community gardens.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID129	Promote and educate residents on worm bins and backyard composting.
Replacement of trees that are cut down. Increase access to personal gardens and community gardens to reduce waste associated with buying food. Using second-hand clothes and encouraging people to reuse items. Encouraging home remedies to reduce waste.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID129	Promote and educate residents on worm bins and backyard composting.
Regarding the education side: i see a few community gardens using publicly unused spaces, like railway tracks areas with the tracks removed.....or like along the Richmond dyke area, an unused space is well-used with wonderful-looking fresh veggies waiting to be harvested.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID129	Promote and educate residents on worm bins and backyard composting.

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The compost being taken away is good for folks who can’t compost but I fill my compost bin every week, it’s full to the top. I have 7 composters in my backyard, and 3 worm composters. Mind you, I've got a community garden in my backyard so we do have more stuff come in. I think providing GOOD QUALITY COMPOSTERS to people in their own yards, would be great. The ones we get right now don’t last very long. They’re great at first but parts of them come off, can’t tell you how many I've gone through the past 20 years. I LOVE the idea of there being composting happening all over the place	4.6. Target recycling education	ID129	Promote and educate residents on worm bins and backyard composting.
My goal is to have every house to have a compost bin in its backyard	4.6. Target recycling education	ID129	Promote and educate residents on worm bins and backyard composting.
Incentives and Accessibility: Offer subsidies for eco-friendly practices, such as purchasing composting equipment or participating in recycling programs. Improve the aesthetics and accessibility of Return-It depots and green bins to encourage usage.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID129	Promote and educate residents on worm bins and backyard composting.
Stop telling public to recycle something that can’t be recycled effectively at the existing processing facilities with existing markets	4.6. Target recycling education	ID143	Work with producer responsibility organizations, industry groups and member jurisdictions to better educate residents on options for emerging and challenging materials.
Collaborate with stewards to increase consumer awareness about EPR programs	4.6. Target recycling education	ID143	Work with producer responsibility organizations, industry groups and member jurisdictions to better educate residents on options for emerging and challenging materials.
Collaborate with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) agencies on education Collaborate with provincial and federal government	4.6. Target recycling education	ID143	Work with producer responsibility organizations, industry groups and member jurisdictions to better educate residents on options for emerging and challenging materials.
Need more education on materials not included in EPR programs: Priority items - lithium batteries, potentially hazardous waste in recycling bins Difficult to get hard-to-recycle items through regulation and into programs because this is provincial jurisdiction - Metro Vancouver advocacy needed	4.6. Target recycling education	ID143	Work with producer responsibility organizations, industry groups and member jurisdictions to better educate residents on options for emerging and challenging materials.
Solution for forgotten reusable bags that are not reused as intended, and can become another environmental burden	4.6. Target recycling education	ID143	Work with producer responsibility organizations, industry groups and member jurisdictions to better educate residents on options for emerging and challenging materials.
Improve awareness—many people don’t know they can return bottles to retailers.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID143	Work with producer responsibility organizations, industry groups and member jurisdictions to better educate residents on options for emerging and challenging materials.
Most large retail spaces have a lot of packaging and recycling that is produced. Should be required to hire people to sort and divert waste. Less connection from the leadership of these large spaces to the actual waste they produce and what happens to it. Mentioned the potential financial opportunities in reuse and recycling that is being missed.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Collaborate with Local Businesses: Work with local recycling companies to build trust and improve recycling accessibility.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Provide resources for small businesses	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Clear, easy-to-read guidelines: Printable materials that can be displayed in workspaces for staff and customers.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Small and medium-sized businesses need systematic support to address capacity constraints.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
TRU certifications - use those to inform the SWMP.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Businesses need practical resources when new requirements are introduced. Pairing these rules with tools, guides, and examples of how to comply would make it easier for businesses to participate effectively.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Provide ICI settings comprehensive tools and support/coaching for implementing waste reduction and diversion (e.g. Lethbridge, Squamish)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
SUI reduction/education for small ethnocultural businesses and suppliers of food service ware	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Work with businesses as well to raise awareness with them	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Improve access to recycling information and training for small business	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Allocate resources to increase ICI diversion, for example, a business waste reduction liaison	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Create a business waste reduction toolkit, including education about how to apply circular economy principles	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Develop policy guide for ICI waste management space and access requirements	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Develop education and outreach programs for non-regulated sector (Non-regulated for City of Edmonton: Commercial collection, commercial self-haul, C&D processing, aggregate recycling)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Develop and deliver a community-based social marketing business education plan, including business guides and other outreach programs to inform and educate businesses on waste reduction opportunities	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Carry out a targeted outreach campaign to business to determine and overcome barriers to reducing the use of and increasing the recycling of paper.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Work with health care (and child and elder care) providers, boards, authorities, etc to better understand barriers to waste reduction and recycling, and develop innovative solutions	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Identify lessons learned and/or resources used by businesses and organizations to become more circular and sustainable	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Create a local and regional network to assess and identify opportunities to leverage knowledge and resources on circular principles	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Deliver enhanced support for businesses	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.

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Help small business understand and comply with BC single-use item reduction regulations	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Education suppliers on how to comply with BC single-use item reduction regulations	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Support and encourage business waste reduction initiatives which emphasize repairability, longevity, and end-of-life management (e.g. Patagonia)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Work with health care sector to explore smaller regional sorting facilities for medical waste (e.g. collaborate on market sounding or procurement proess to determine potential solutions)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Work with health care sector to overcome barriers on what can be accepted for recycling	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Supporting businesses with resources and best practices (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Educational Initiatives: Start education from primary school to build lifelong habits and knowledge. Teach the importance of reducing and reusing, not just recycling, to minimize waste. Educate property management (e.g., strata), businesses, and organizations to provide consistent, correct recycling information to the public. Use culturally relevant messaging to reach diverse communities (e.g., framing sustainable practices as cost-saving for Hong Kongers).	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Work directly with businesses that generate the most waste.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Provide education, tools and support directly to food businesses: Easier as haulers have comingled loads from multiple sources. Frame it as a business opportunity, focusing on positive outcomes	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Contamination rates are a significant barrier. It’s hard to get consumers to sort properly, and this leads to unacceptable contamination rates for haulers. Even with efforts to recycle at the front of the house, if a recycling hauler picks it up and it’s contaminated, it might not even get recycled. This adds costs for owner-operators and creates risks of greenwashing claims. Businesses are saying they’re recycling, but contaminated materials don’t actually make it to recycling plants. There’s a need for support to help businesses navigate these issues, whether it’s through haulers or better consumer education.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
There’s a knowledge gap due to the provincial small producer exemption. Small producers who are exempt from certain reporting requirements often don’t understand what is recyclable or what the costs and impacts of their choices are. Educating these small entities would help close that gap.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Education on the importance of keeping things out of landfill—the costs and benefits	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Expand and prioritize education programs for the multi-family and ICI sectors	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Run a program for businesses to learn about how to become more circular	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Incentive tiers / badges for companies that achieve higher levels of success.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Collaborate with businesses to align with sustainability goals	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Outreach to businesses, property managers	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Have small groups of people go to businesses around the city to educate people how to eff ectively recycle.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
The five circular business models by Accenture (circular supply chains, product as a service, product life extension, sharing platforms, and recovery and recycling) provide a strategic framework to follow in advancing the circular economy.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Consumer responsibility and behavioural change: Highlighting the importance of consumer choices and incentivizing waste reduction through rewards programs and accessible information on proper disposal methods.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Resources and subsidies for small organizations and non-profits would make sustainable practices more attainable.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Work with local disposal food service ware suppliers to make sure they understand the golden design rules	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
Early Education: Start teaching children about recycling and waste reduction at daycare and preschool levels with fun slogans and simple systems. Organize school field trips to recycling centres and green bin facilities for hands-on learning.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
More educational campaigns, particularly in schools	4.6. Target recycling education	ID144	Develop educational resources for businesses, including large waste generators, small and medium sized enterprises, and ethnocultural businesses.
One other thing I forgot to mention is supporting labour that is provided by organizations in our streets to help clean the recycling stream such as the Binners project, United we can etc...	4.6. Target recycling education	ID145	Explore collaborations with non-profits organizations to support better education and sorting in apartment buildings.
Provide the good data and key messages to non-profit partners who are delivering community-level education (train the trainers model)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID145	Explore collaborations with non-profits organizations to support better education and sorting in apartment buildings.
Support Informal Recyclers: Provide safety gear and lightweight tools to street recyclers, ensuring their contribution is recognized and safe.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID145	Explore collaborations with non-profits organizations to support better education and sorting in apartment buildings.
Have good metrics to track and report. Combine with public tours and media, key influencers, etc.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID145	Explore collaborations with non-profits organizations to support better education and sorting in apartment buildings.
Community Conversations: Encourage residents to discuss sustainability with family, friends, and neighbors to foster collective responsibility.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID146	Develop educational resources for people to reduce waste when they are hosting a large gathering.
Guidelines for party waste disposal—expectations for after-party cleanups.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID146	Develop educational resources for people to reduce waste when they are hosting a large gathering.

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Foster reuse and sharing culture in the workplace	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Offer guidance on niche waste items like textiles, diapers, kitty litter, and bulky furniture	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Media ads to inform the public about the existence of solid waste services	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Metro Vancouver can fund non-profits to take on education role, non-profits can build trust	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Give better access to tools like waste pickers.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Offer information in other languages to engage more residents.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Think of waste holistically, how much waste did we create in creating this material and how much water, etc? App in New West called Recycle Coach - it's not consistent, but you could get prizes through it sometimes. More municipalities could implement something like this	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Would be nice if Metro Vancouver website had search engine for where to throw away items	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Access to a direct source who can speak to these things and students can ask questions	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Clear alternative methods of disposal for waste that's not acceptable in residential collection, show exactly where it can be recycled instead	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Pushing the Recyclopedia app more.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
There's resources about how to throw away major household items like toasters but not too much formal guidance of what to do with daily household items like little bits left of candles or soap and how to dispose of that sustainably	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Having a standard set like, 'These are the places you can go to for these things' to increase public knowledge. Return-it depot is an example of a success story of having consistency that the public can know offers a certain service. Consistent signage, location names (even if there are private companies that operate them)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Partnerships with Community Organizations: Collaborate with newcomer organizations (e.g., IRCC, HK House, SUCCESS) to provide culturally specific education and awareness programs. Partner with local community centres, neighbourhood houses, and schools to host workshops, recycling days, and competitions. Set up booths at community events and festivals (e.g., Pride Parade, Greek Festival, Christmas Market) to engage residents.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Didn't know there was a hotline – need to advertise this	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
An app that everyone can be a part of - find a recycling company.. facilitator noted waste wizard later on	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Education & more signage about expectations and or closest depot	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Hire people to educate residents about recycling programs and the waste systems.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Didn't know there was a hotline – need to advertise this	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Hire a recycling agent to assist those who have trouble. This could be a great entry-level position for hard-to-employ individuals.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID147	Improve awareness and access to existing environmental advisors that provide regional waste reduction information services.
Cultural and Creative Initiatives: Partner with artists to create innovative and creative products from recycled materials, making recycling more fun and engaging. Public-Private Collaboration for Packaging Solutions: Work with supermarkets, stores, and producers to minimize and standardize packaging, making it easier for citizens to recycle. Promote the use of recyclable materials for packaging, such as plastic over styrofoam for meat and paper over plastic for bakery items.	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Binners policing garbage rooms in apt buldings to ensure recycle, refunds, compost, cardboard is done properly. Create fines to landlords (and individual tenants) who don't comply.	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Engage community groups to offer practical demonstrations of proper recycling practices	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Making projects from waste and organize volunteer opportunities	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Focus on the compactors and record footage in multi-family buildings, this could raise privacy concerns.	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Give their money to organizations that are doing good things (the Binners' Project) you hire them for events but need to do more by giving them funding	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Not having someone on-site to do source separation, can get the materials to higher and better uses.	4.6. Target Recycling Education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Better education and promotion of the benefits of reduction and recycling	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Engage religious and cultural groups to promote ethical waste reduction	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Consider financial incentives to drive desired behaviours	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Rotary Clubs and Lions Clubs could collaborate with Metro Vancouver to spread awareness.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Having an "Ocean Leader" to explain waste management to volunteers and educate the public.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Increased collaboration between community and service groups.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.

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A lot of people care about their city, but are less connected to the lower-mainland as a whole. Each city has its own community centres and it often feels like the city advertises things more on a city level rather than promoting things to a wider audience. Create understanding of how impact in Langley may also impact Richmond, for example. Have also a common sense of responsibility and accountability and also pride in the progress Metro Vancouver has made	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Engage with schools, universities, and art projects, to create a festival of recycled sculptures and encourage engagement/investment in recycling from the community. A lot of people in the DTES would love to tap into that creative component.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Engage with artists and incorporate recycled art into our natural landscape.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Incorporate recycled art into our natural landscape. Engage with schools, universities, and art projects, to create a festival of recycled sculptures and encourage engagement/investment in recycling from the community. A lot of people in the DTES would love to tap into that creative component.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Engagement has to be in a language and in a way that connects with them	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Consider connecting with faith-based communities as another entry point for sustainability and waste management programs	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Using non environmental language can help get more people interested in environmental issues	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Really like the piece about making it tangible for people to see the effects of their behaviour. In Tehran, we had a public chart that said what the pollution levels were. We do the same thing with the fire risk charts in BC. Having something built like that around town that reflects what the current state is, and what the projected state is	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Financials: Tell people how much they are saving by doing these things	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
My mom is from India and getting her to recycle is a lifelong process, but when someone realizes how long something lasts for, that could be an incentive. Incentivizing with money is helpful; now because you have to buy bags at the store, now everybody is bringing reusable bags.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
BC Hydro has those prizes and you have to go online and answer the questions and you could get a prize. The prize makes it work.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Collaborate with different artists to create more interesting ideas/products regarding recycling, let people know that recycling could be fun and creative as well	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Advertising and Awareness Campaigns: Use public transit platforms, social media, and public spaces to advertise recycling programs and apps like "VanCollect." Create memorable slogans and visuals (e.g., "Yellow for cans, Blue for paper, Brown for bottles") to aid recycling education.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
In BIPOC spaces that I have been in previously there was more value in having more nuance, rather than one simple way of advertising. There needs to be a way to approach nuance within the cities	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Frame issues to different cultural communities based on cultural values for example many Hong kongers care about money so frames a sustainable practices as a money-saving measure	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Accessible Educational Materials: Booklets or leaflets available at libraries and community centres. Simple, unified posters explaining recycling systems for newcomers and residents like during COVID.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Increase advertisement of waste systems. E.g. YouTube, and not just online, but with posters and person-to-person.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Get the media involved!	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Leverage trendy social platforms (e.g. tiktok)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Use social media to get facts out.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Distribute posters and fliers to help educate residents. Monthly newsletter to help educate and inform.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
We need to focus on advocacy and what goes where - half the people don't know how to sort waste. Not one-way information; like how we have the signs up against garbage areas. We need to do some leverage of social media and outreach and make it appealing and interactive	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Metro Vancouver's reusables superhero social media campaign is compelling; this could be circulated with other groups and posters put up around town; also it could be expanded into recycling sorting	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Social media - cool engagements that are up with the trends! Collaborate with youths.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Hand-delivered notices to residents	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Create a Metro Vancouver newspaper to share with residents	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
News advertisements - get stories on the news to promote waste disposal. Build a new media campaign. Get big chain restaurants to reduce packaging and get them to be a part of the advertisement.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Local/Canadian social media influencers to make funny ads on waste disposal (youth awareness) → combine with raffle to get views up	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Use of Media and Influencers: Partner with KOLs (Key Opinion Leaders), YouTubers, and celebrities to promote reduce-reuse-recycle messages and green bin use. Leverage social media algorithms to target specific audiences with educational and promotional content.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.

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Recycling campaign challenges where you post on social media might work. Meme challenge could also work. TikTok challenge?	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Door-to-door flyers (even though many times they’re ignored)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Use social media to share information	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Campaigns and signs in parks about waste disposal.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Showing the public how they would deal with the recycled materials? E.g. What is the process in detail? Making videos and posting on social media would be helpful.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Create videos and social media content explaining the recycling process and environmental impact of proper waste management.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Partnerships and Collaboration: Partner with influencers and content creators on platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and Spotify.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Expand the types of platforms used for education through social media – to counteract messaging promoting skepticism on platforms that governments currently aren’t using (e.g. Tiktok)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Physical brochures rather than QR codes to overcome technological barriers	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Advertising and Outreach: Increase advertisements in accessible locations (e.g., malls, transit stations) and social media to share clear recycling instructions. Reach out to community chat groups (e.g., Champlain Chat, Nextdoor) and Facebook groups to disseminate information. Use influencers, KOLs (Key Opinion Leaders), and celebrities to promote recycling and turn sustainability into a social trend.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Implementing robust educational campaigns: Launching ongoing public education campaigns using various channels, including social media, community events, and school programs, to reinforce proper sorting practices and highlight the benefits of participation.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Collaborating with media outlets: Working with media outlets to provide accurate and positive coverage of recycling initiatives and achievements, highlighting the benefits and importance of public participation.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Provide outreach and support with waste management to newcomers to Canada	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Promote sustainability —instagram reels - short form content	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Marketing, promotions and social media, brand ambassadors around fabric waste	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Social Media Campaigns: Use social platforms to share educational content, promote initiatives, and amplify the voices of community members.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Social media is a powerful tool, especially for reaching younger audiences. Creative, attention-grabbing content, like short videos, could make a big impact. Viral campaigns might be worth exploring.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Highlighting success stories might inspire others to follow suit.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Public-space activities like games or quizzes about recycling could make education more engaging. Social media can also be used to show the lifecycle of materials and demystify recycling processes.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Use traditional media platforms—news, newspapers, online articles	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Social media posts—education and engagement efforts	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Educate public about the ecological transition by prioritizing the resilience of people in vulnerable situations. Put in place awareness programs that emphasize the advantages of achieving the ecological transition in several spheres such as health, quality of life, mobility and finances.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
People need to hear more about the damage that is happening to our planet. Like the way ICBC does commercials, we need to be shocking people with commercials about the planet.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Education about how recycling impacts climate change and other societal issues	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Education on waste and how it really impacts the earth and the environment	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Focus on the education and collaboration to bring out the message of personal consumption awareness and culture change	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Success stories, such as the high recycling rates in BC compared to other provinces, should be celebrated and communicated widely. Publicizing these achievements can motivate continued engagement.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Go to place where people are killing time on their phone. Taxi-cues, elevators, bus stop	4.6. Target recycling education	ID148	Expand appeal of recycling messaging by working with artists and community influencers to develop messaging to inspire and motivate people to recycle.
Convene health authorities to work together on solutions for improving waste reduction and recycling in the health care sector	4.6. Target recycling education	ID149	Host industry specific dialogues to better understand and co-solve recycling and waste prevention challenges
Stimulate innovation in the residual material value chain: be on the lookout for societal transformations to meet the needs and issues of different stakeholders involved in the residual material value chain, such as companies, municipalities, and citizens, as well as all organizations directly involved in collection, sorting, recycling and reclamation.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID149	Host industry specific dialogues to better understand and co-solve recycling and waste prevention challenges

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Most large retail spaces produce a lot of packaging and recycling. They should be required to hire people to sort and divert waste. There is less connection between the leadership of these large spaces and the actual waste they produce and what happens to it. Potential financial opportunities are being missed.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID149	Host industry specific dialogues to better understand and co-solve recycling and waste prevention challenges
Encourage/require large buildings/businesses to hire groups like Binners’ Project to sort waste.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID149	Host industry specific dialogues to better understand and co-solve recycling and waste prevention challenges
There’s interest in exploring ways to recycle sterile, prepackaged medical equipment waste. Packaging that includes medical terms often isn’t biohazardous but is not being taken by haulers due to safety concerns. Collaborative efforts to understand what types of packaging are recyclable and integrate those changes into procurement decisions would help. Metro Vancouver can provide subject matter expertise on acceptable packaging	4.6. Target recycling education	ID149	Host industry specific dialogues to better understand and co-solve recycling and waste prevention challenges
More education that tissues and paper towel don’t go in the paper bin	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Comments that the interests and priorities of some First Nations are around materials that are difficult to find recycling and disposal options for (i.e. plastics, used oil, mattresses).	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Concerns around public understanding about recycling -- what can be put into which recycling bin for curbside pick up. Suggestion that a video would be a helpful tool	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Surveys could help	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Still feels unsure about what can be refunded especially regarding milk containers.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Education for public, including youth and businesses, to encourage repair and reuse first, and purchasing durable, long-lasting products. Tailor education by learning where people struggle	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Broader Scope of Education: Provide detailed instructions about less common recyclable items, not just bottles for Return-It depots. Educate on composting options, including technologies like "Lomi" for home use.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID150	Research and target the most confusing items for residents that are often incorrectly sorted.
Real time data tracking to "gamify" waste reduction - make it engaging, informative and FUN! (In response to what waste reduction, recycling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Get people to reimagine an alternative reality for waste management. Minecraft might be an interesting place to start (or wherever the kids are playing games nowadays)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Look at gaming communities like Twitch and ask them how to connect games with waste management. A lot of incentivizing comes from games already.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Incentives and Engagement: Create incentive programs for recycling, such as supermarket discounts, coupons, or cost reductions for consistent recyclers. Increase costs for garbage disposal to encourage recycling and proper sorting. Gamify recycling through apps or programs that reward participation and good practices.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Social Incentives: Create community-led initiatives like "Recycling Parties" or competitions that gamify recycling and composting to make participation engaging and fun.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Gamifying participation could help. For example, setting a community challenge to raise recycling rates from 65% to 70% could foster collective action.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Competitions or challenges, even between neighborhoods or communities, could make participation more fun.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID151	Gamify recycling and reduction education.
Provide accessible and visible educational resources tailored to regional needs.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID152	Collaborate on the development of how to recycle videos to improve community pride and accuracy of recycling.
Provide visual instructions for how to recycle	4.6. Target recycling education	ID152	Collaborate on the development of how to recycle videos to improve community pride and accuracy of recycling.
Use visuals and demonstrations to overcome language or cultural barriers	4.6. Target recycling education	ID152	Collaborate on the development of how to recycle videos to improve community pride and accuracy of recycling.
Visual aids: Use signage and diagrams to make waste sorting simpler and more intuitive.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID152	Collaborate on the development of how to recycle videos to improve community pride and accuracy of recycling.
Conducting comprehensive needs assessments: Undertaking thorough needs assessments to project future waste generation and diversion needs, considering population growth, economic development, and evolving waste composition.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID153	Work on understanding recycling data and challenges in specific commercial sectors such as events, film, tourism, food service, and health care.
Attaining generation rates for commercial businesses	4.6. Target recycling education	ID153	Work on understanding recycling data and challenges in specific commercial sectors such as events, film, tourism, food service, and health care.
Provide feedback to citizens/businesses on results to show transparency, foster trust, encourage action (high level data)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID153	Work on understanding recycling data and challenges in specific commercial sectors such as events, film, tourism, food service, and health care.
We need Metro Vancouver to study healthcare waste (for example, by performing waste audits) to better understand the composition of the material. Auditing waste at the source and getting feedback on what is being rejected and why could help us improve. Blanket bans on recycling from certain sites make it difficult for us to understand what went wrong.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID153	Work on understanding recycling data and challenges in specific commercial sectors such as events, film, tourism, food service, and health care.
Work with health care sector to better understand composition of medical waste	4.6. Target recycling education	ID153	Work on understanding recycling data and challenges in specific commercial sectors such as events, film, tourism, food service, and health care.
AI and App Integration: Develop an AI-powered app to guide residents on what, where, and how to recycle/dispose of solid waste. Include multilingual options, visual aids, and voice command features for inclusivity. Offer notifications for waste collection days and nearest drop-off sites.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Overall, more education is required bc i see too many neighbours putting out ONLY their one large garbage bin + perhaps the blue box.....therefore there is no separation being done by the homeowner. BUT, in light of #1 above, i feel like the “dolt” for meticulously washing/cleaning out the containers every week, separating paper and plastic, place them accordingly, etc etc.....	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
A question - a few years ago, Metro Van or CoV were going to have an app that you could put in and check if this thing is recyclable; not sure if that still exists - is there something LIKE that? Now that technology and AI are big. She’s been to Globe many times and there’s often a machine that will sort recycling for you - but maybe using some of that technology in those ways	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.

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More language options for educational materials	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
All of my neighbours were Iranian and they weren’t going to get info on the Metro Van website in Persian. It needs to be on the bins to match the access needs for the people in the area	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Public Communication: Launch a regional public awareness campaign to educate residents on the unified policies, using simple, consistent messaging in multiple languages.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Multilingual Guides: Distribute recycling and composting guides in the most common languages spoken in the community, supplemented with visual aids for clarity.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
User-Friendly Applications: Design AI-powered apps with simple interfaces, voice commands, and multilingual support to assist residents in identifying and sorting waste.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Public Training: Offer workshops and tutorials to teach residents how to use AI tools for waste management, with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Multilingual Sorting Apps: Develop apps with AI-driven image recognition that allow users to scan waste items and receive clear, multilingual instructions on how to dispose of them.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Voice Command Integration: Incorporate voice assistant technologies (e.g., Alexa or Google Assistant) to answer solid waste management	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Study who is not using these services and why before doing anything	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Pilot technologies for reducing contaminants in organics recycling. Metro Vancouver should continue to pilot new technologies, in collaboration with members, industry and other stakeholders. A priority area of interest for future pilots is technology that can help residents and businesses understand what contaminants they’re introducing to organics recycling, and other diversion streams.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Collecting data on the source of waste and being able to pinpoint the geographical origin of the waste generated would allow municipal governments to have campaigns targeted at specific neighbourhoods promoting better recycling habits.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Implement regionally consistent contamination reduction efforts to improve material quality, including education, sorting instructions, collection equipment changes, and customer feedback methods	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
From a systemic approach: increase the rates of correct garbage disposal and recycling. Lots of areas out there recycling and garbage together.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Penalties for polluters or non-conformers to encourage proper disposal	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Publish regular statistics on recycling rates, contamination rates, and outcomes (e.g. what recyclable are turned into)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Impose fines for improper sorting or contamination	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Investment in AI/technology could improve quality of product	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Provide more information about what can/can’t be recycled to get cleaner streams – more valuable material going toward recycling	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Improving quality of material and adopting innovation. Consider AI solutions (e.g. for organics). Automatically notifies the correct address. Include these things in RFPs/bylaws	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Let haulers be a part of the solution. Education the public on the rounds.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
More public education (for example for reducing contamination)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
There aren’t enough people at transfer stations to catch folks who are poorly operating - the transfer station is just one point; the haulers are bringing in waste from multiple buildings, so there’s a bit of a MISS there. Accountability - it’s hard when there’s no MEANS of putting the accountability back on the individual within a multi-family building / strata. It seems to be missing something in that equation.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Provide more targeted education on what can and can’t be recycled	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Local organizations, food banks, local buildings, local binners. Have small groups of people go to businesses around the region to educate people on how to effectively recycle. Let haulers be a part of the solution, they can educate the public on their rounds.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Suggestion is to start with a pilot program,specifically targeted to specific populations	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Enhance public education and promotion of need for accountability	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Incentives for haulers to work with customers to recycle and reduce	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Develop systems to provide feedback to generators (collectively as a community as well as to individual generators)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Incorporate new technology where possible throughout the facility to enhance customer experience and operational performance, such as artificial intelligence in recycling depots – to help improve data transparency and visibility on contamination.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Introduce Enforcement and Incentives: Introduce enforcement mechanisms like fines for contamination and rewards for proper sorting. Offer financial incentives for buying eco-friendly products or participating in recycling programs.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.

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If a building is consistently doing the wrong thing there needs to be a notice about that. Bin going into landfill and going to waste because they don't understand what goes where, so action needs to be taken in advance. Sticker on the bin that says what the contamination was so that it doesn't happen again	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Identifying underperforming areas and targeting them with focused campaigns would be more effective than blanket messaging. Digital tools can help with precise targets.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Research the potential applications of AI in waste reduction	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
leveraging technology and data to reduce waste at source (ie AI, opitcal sorters, app-based reuse options, source analysis) (In response to what waste reduction, recvcling and garbage disposal topics are most important, now and into the future?)	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
In person from the waste hauler. They're already coming to the building; if they're able to provide information to a resident, a strata council, a property manager first hand - here's some flyers, put them up, or waste haulers coming to a building to provide more outreach. Building on waste haulers - one of the challenges is there is not much accountability from them, they're just providing a service to get trash from here to there, there's not necessarily - some of them are there to make money first, they're not there to be the best movers and shakers in waste; so, somehow metro vancouver, the BC government, to put more responsibility and accountability to be a PART of the solution rather than just a part of the problem	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Introduce Enforcement Measures: Use CCTV or other enforcement tools to deter non-compliance. Introduce waste diversion KPIs for local councillors to drive motivation and accountability.	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Leverage artificial intelligence to increase accountability at multi-family residences by installing cameras on container lids or in recycling rooms; address potential privacy concerns; streamline practices for multi-family across the region	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Use artificial intelligence to monitor contamination	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Use robots/automation and AI to sort garbage, reduce contamination, and refuse items that are reusable	4.6. Target recycling education	ID154	Work with member jurisdictions and other recycling collectors to pilot technologies such as optical AI contamination detection systems to provide education on proper waste sorting requirements.
Industry to develop a registry of the supply of volumes, annual volumes reported out and validated through assurance from independent 3rd party	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Common confidential database so that we can measure reductions/increases - independent industry platform.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Reduce uncertainty and confusion that arises from varied responsible parties (owner, manager, strata, board, landlord, custodians) for maintaining and ensuring compliance with waste diversion programs in MF buildings.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Clear definition of what is considered recycling (e.g. use of wood as fuel)	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
More education for general public about different types of garbage disposal	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide clear, detailed information about what happens to recyclables after collection, including videos, reports and publicized success stories	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide comparisons with other regions and proof of recycling effectiveness	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
More communication through newsletters, YouTube videos, or apps detailing recycling practices and successes	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide evidence of successful recycling outcomes, such as showing products made from recycled materials to ensure the public knows their efforts are not wasted	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Educate the public about separating waste and improve accessibility	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Simplify: focus on tangible examples of recyclable products.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Lack of education for people - the very existence of recycling programs makes people complacent (about prevention and reduction); okay, I'll chuck it in there, I've done my part. People don't know that things are not properly recycled, that when you put greasy stuff in it just contaminates something. People don't even know what is supposed to go in the blue bin. So, there should be more education about what can and cannot be recycled.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
We're talking about plastics and the 9% recovery figure, and RecycleBC claims its much higher in BC, and that they make something with the plastics, using Merlin Plastics. They claim they can make soft plastics and make a usable product they can resell. But it would be really nice to SEE that, talking about transparency, maybe more people would be interested if they actually saw something in their media feeds that told them that was happening, or commercials in regular television. At London Drugs where they accept the flexible plastics, and the City Zero Waste Center, they're the only places u can do that. Would be nice if EVERY PUBLIC BUILDING was doing that; I don't know if they have a special deal with London Drugs (LD). Did LD agree to subsidize the program? Every community center, every library, city hall, they should have those kinds of waste receptacles. But still, that's all recycling, that's not preventing waste.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.

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I think Metro already is beginning this campaign, but my suggestion is to reinforce in the mindset of the public that materials that go in your Recycle BC bin DO get properly recycled. The CBC report that came out 2 years ago that shows material is not recycled has grown wings and lives on in the minds of Canadians still, even though it's not true for BC's bales of material. That report turned many people from active participants in the recycling program into people who are ambivalent and half-heartedly participating (if at all).	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
We need to be more aware of what actually happens with our waste; how little is recycled, how degraded recycling quickly becomes, how much it costs us, individually, AND what alternate options are available, then I would expect that people might vote with their wallet by making better choices about the products that they buy.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Need to communicate the data more	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Where does all our waste go after it's collected? Both positive and negative statistics are of interest	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Information on why it's important to separate waste properly, importance for our region and services	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Comic/art pieces showing what's done with the waste/where it	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Government programs should educate the public on recycling and the environment.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
First, consumer awareness needs to improve: Consumers should understand legislative mandates and who is responsible for recycling.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
TV advertising showing lifecycle of our recyclables	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide a "waste journey map" to show the flow of recyclables, their destinations, and processing facilities, enabling accountability.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Establish public-friendly display points at recycling facilities (e.g., like WEEE Park in Hong Kong) to showcase operations.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Showcase products made from recycled materials, including their origins and processes (e.g., Taiwan's model for recycled textiles).	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Increase exposure of recycling facilities that produce new products from waste to demonstrate tangible benefits.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Form citizen watchdog groups to monitor recycling processes and improve public confidence.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Regularly update citizens with feedback mechanisms and educational visualizations to maintain transparency.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Partner with retailers to create and showcase sustainable initiatives using recycled materials.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Promote examples of products made from recycled materials to show tangible benefits.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Public dashboards or real-time updates on recycling progress to build trust.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Community Outreach and Workshops: Hold workshops at workplaces, libraries, and community centres. Host community forums at public libraries to engage diverse groups.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Educate on roles of different levels of government – as residents don't understand who is responsible for what	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Demonstrate what happens to recycling – this has worked with compost giveaways that tell the story of where compost comes from	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Educate about extended producer responsibility as not everyone understands it	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Clarity and Transparency: Provide clear, simple instructions for recycling and green bin use, especially for newcomers and non-native speakers. Increase transparency about where recycling fees and eco-fees are spent and how they impact the environment. Share examples of infractions and their consequences, helping residents understand the importance of proper recycling practices.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Visualizing the Impact: Use visual tools and media (e.g., showing the life cycle of reduce-reuse-recycle) to make the benefits of waste reduction more tangible. Highlight long-term consequences of not recycling through compelling visuals, like ocean pollution from plastics.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Demonstrating transparency in recycling processes: Providing clear information about the destination and processing of recycled materials, including showcasing success stories and the positive impact of recycling efforts.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Video about nothing gets recycled, was very popular. Make more of those to promote confidence in recycling systems.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
A media push on myth busting for waste	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
The data for the recycling report is quite buried - need to make it easier for people to find the data	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
We are responsible together and showing the system creates a bit more understanding about where it goes and who is responsible	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.

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Providing data transparency as scores for various municipalities (data on a more granular level) might help to define the challenges (and amplify the munis that are doing this well, including what’s working) to help a resident understand how this impacts them (and the region)	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide strong messages not only about "Metro Vancouver is so good at recycling" but go deeper to why/what areas, what happens after we provide something to recycling (clear up misconceptions about what goes where/whether it’s recycled in BC or elsewhere)	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Share success stories and statistics to demonstrate the impact and benefits of recycling programs.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide explanations for why specific waste management practices are required.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Public campaigns should focus on simplicity and clarity: If processes are easy to follow, residents are more likely to participate.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Transparency and confidence in waste management: Clear standards for recycled materials and consistent messaging are key to rebuilding public trust.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Reinforce that there is no AWAY, the recent history of garbage links to a patriarchal landowner system where they got together to make garbage go away.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Educate and re-educate the public on proper solid waste and recycling disposal	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide ongoing and detailed data and analytics on waste reduction information to increase transparency with residents of the community and businesses/organizations.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Combating misinformation and negative publicity: Actively addressing public concerns and misinformation about recycling practices, emphasizing the effectiveness of programs and dispelling myths that undermine public confidence.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Transparency and education are working well. Facility tours provided a clearer understanding of waste management and recycling processes. Expanding these educational opportunities would make a big difference.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Positive stories about recycling success need to be shared to counteract the cynicism people feel. Many are discouraged by statistics like only nine percent of plastic being recycled.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Leverage social media for positive messaging; create reels about the journey of organics from the bin to the finished compost product	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Amplify messages on what happens to recyclables; example is collaborating with C&D and recycling processing facilities to produce videos or organize tours for the public	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Social Media and Public Awareness: Leverage social media and age-appropriate platforms to promote recycling awareness. Use campaigns that highlight the consequences of poor recycling practices to create urgency. Encourage staff and businesses to set better examples and follow proper recycling practices.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Please continue enhancing current services while communicating out the benefits to all who are participating	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Include annual report data in a public dashboard. Data from Metro Vancouver’s annual and biennial reports could be included in the public dashboard described above (see Question 1, Idea 1) to help make KPIs, long-term trends and progress towards regional targets more visible to the public.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
A media push on myth busting for waste	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID156	Increase transparency of which organizations are handling which materials.
Provide public tours of recycling facilities to show how materials are processed and repurposed to help promote confidence in the system	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID157	Facilitate public tours of recycling facilities so that residents can see what happens to their materials.
Add what happens to material in the waste wizard	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID158	Facilitate adding what happens to material in recycling option databases.
Recycling end market traceability for commercial sector recycling. Use smart trackers to ensure clarity on where discard streams go, share data to improve public confidence in system	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID159	Show where waste goes and how it’s processed to provide more transparency in the recycling system.
Implementing transparent data tracking: Developing a comprehensive system to track and measure waste generation, diversion rates, and the environmental impact of waste management practices. This data should be readily accessible to the public to ensure transparency and accountability.	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID159	Show where waste goes and how it’s processed to provide more transparency in the recycling system.
Increase organics and recycling frequency	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Expand organic waste collection	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Make Organics curbside collection and drop-off options available across the region for all residents (SF and MF) and ICI sectors	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Supporting MF buildings to have strong sorting and collection systems (Strata organizations better recycling performance, good contracts for service of buildings + property management companies)-connecting people with the information	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Communal sorting space - pros and cons of this: Individual bins may be more successful. Consider that there might be success by taking the conversation about generating solutions to each individual building (consult each building for what would be best FOR THEM – the building specs, the people in the building will have individual needs – thus empowering residents to create their best solution)	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.
Increase organics and recycling frequency	4.7. Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID125	Identify and implement pilots and technology research that could advance and improve organics recycling in the commercial/institutional sector.

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Consider accountability and transparency measures, both for Metro Vancouver and for customers of haulers who may not be getting the services they are paying for (noted example of recycling being mixed in with waste when taken away)	4.7.Increase transparency of what happens to materials from recycling and green bin programs	ID159	Better transparency of what happens to materials collected from generators
Reduce Illegal Dumping: Increase monitoring and penalties for illegal dumping while promoting accessible disposal options.	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID174	Enhance litter and illegal dumping data.
Continue to waive disposal fees for community clean up materials (in partnership with members and groups) + develop a support program	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID176	Support community clean-up initiatives.
Making more actions in order to stop poverty including those homeless people on the street. Homeless people can produce lots of waste so we have to take actions on how to stop this situation before the streets are filled with garbage and waste.	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID176	Support community clean-up initiatives.
Wildlife attractant management should be a part of the management plan	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID177	Research the impacts of improperly managed waste on wildlife.
Greatly increase fines for improper waste disposal, such as illegal dumping.	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID178	Review approaches in other jurisdictions to reduce illegal dumping
Investigate the role of AI in public waste receptacles	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID178	Review approaches in other jurisdictions to reduce illegal dumping
Concern around littering in Parks. There are wetlands in some First Nations lands that require protection.	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID178	Review approaches in other jurisdictions to reduce abandoned waste.
Strengthening enforcement and penalties: Implementing stricter enforcement mechanisms and meaningful penalties for illegal dumping and improper waste disposal to deter negative behaviours.	4.8.Prevent litter and illegal dumping through public space recycling initiatives	ID178	Review approaches in other jurisdictions to reduce illegal dumping
Share information with respect to construction and demolition waste characteristics and quantities to support investigations into the potential to recover materials from non-recyclable construction and demolition waste.	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID168	Share information with respect to construction and demolition waste characteristics and quantities to support investigations into the potential to recover materials from non-recyclable construction and demolition waste.
Collect dimensional lumber not suitable for reuse or recycling to process into fuel to replace fossil fuels in applications such as district energy and other decentralized heating and agricultural/industrial systems.	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID169	Collect dimensional lumber not suitable for reuse or recycling to process into fuel to replace fossil fuels in applications such as district energy and other decentralized heating and agricultural/industrial systems.
Repurpose existing industrial facilities to incorporate waste-to-energy	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID170	Encourage diversion of non-recyclable construction and demolition waste to recover recyclables and alternative fuels in facilities with advanced environmental protection systems such as cement plants.
Continue to pursue processing of small load waste to recover recyclable and metal	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID171	Continue to pursue processing of small load waste to recover non-recyclable wood and other materials.
Government could allow for C&D waste to be used as a source for bioenergy or bio-materials by facilitating and funding the processes that promote circular economy in general	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Explore potential for biochar in waste reduction	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Biochar facility (In response to List words or phrases that describe what matters, when deciding what to do with products, packaging and materials that are no longer need.)	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Fund alternative technologies – biocoal, fuel alternatives, etc.	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Advance and fund the technologies such as gasification that can convert the C&D wood waste into energy and fuel such as: Electricity ,Aviation fuel or hydrogen, Biomass/Biocoal	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Work with Fraser Valley RD to jointly research 2-3 combined heat and power plants for lower mainland	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Easing the regulations that facilitate the energy and fuel generation from C&D wood waste	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID172	Advocate for and explore the potential for piloting technologies that can convert construction and demolition wood waste into energy and fuel such as: electricity, aviation fuel or hydrogen, biomass/biocoal
Continue to pursue the beneficial use of bottom ash from the Waste-to-Energy Facility in cement plants.	5.1. Recover materials and energy from non-recyclable materials	ID179	Continue to pursue the beneficial use of bottom ash from the Waste-to-Energy Facility in cement plants.