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1	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Not enough capacity to process and reuse C&D materials within the region with existing facilities	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan. Actions and strategies under this goal include building capacity in the region for materials such as C&D.
2	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	A large portion of material that used to be recycled, now can't be recycled. Historically, C&D MRFs separated putwood and sent it to CANFOR and other locations as alternative fuel. The remaining material was disposed to landfill. Construction has increased resulting in increased waste, but at the same time end market and disposal capacity has decreased.	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan. Actions and strategies under this goal include building capacity in the region for materials such as C&D.
3	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Lack of space (land) due to high price of real estate	Issues such as lack of space were considered in developing evaluation criteria for potential strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan. Actions that address this issue as well as others are more likely to be included in an updated plan.
4	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Diminishing disposal capacity (land use and siting challenges)	Issues such as diminishing disposal capacity were considered in developing evaluation criteria for potential strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan. Actions that address this issue as well as others are more likely to be included in an updated plan.
5	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Limited space at construction sites for on-site sorting and separate containers and systems for fast and easy material sorting	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement included ways to improve recycling in the construction and demolition sector.
6	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	On-site separation is not always happening properly –materials are sent to landfill because of lack of information,resources, or buy-in by construction industry	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement included ways to improve recycling in the construction and demolition sector.
7	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	It costs more to recycle C&D materials than to dispose of them.	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement included ways to improve recycling in the construction and demolition sector.
8	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	More affordable options within the region for source separation and disposal are needed	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
9	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Reuse and recycling of C&D waste does not seem competitive when in many cases landfilling is a more readily available and affordable option even in the case of out-of-region landfills	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement included ways to improve recycling in the construction and demolition sector, including mechanisms to provide incentives.
10	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Deconstruction and other solutions are expensive – the construction industry is already burdened with high costs	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement included ways to improve recycling in the construction and demolition sector, including expanding deconstruction.
11	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Lack of infrastructure for moving towards a circular economy: Historically pulp and paper industry was taking the wood waste but more forest industry facilities have been closing down	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement spoke to improving markets for recycled material.
12	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
13	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	With no where to take material, we still see material going to unlicensed facilities creating environmental liabilities for all parties. There are risks to the companies who take materials as they could be required to pay for the clean-up and subject to fines from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy	The updated solid waste management plan will include a regulatory strategy which sets out priorities for improving the existing regulatory framework.
14	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Declining market for fuel switching due to declining pulp and paper industry – also a lack of access to this market for C&D as it is mainly processing forest products	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement spoke to strengthening markets for recycled material.
15	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	No stable market for recycled wood - Market saturation with an increase in C&D material in an ever-growing region with increasing C&D activity	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement spoke to strengthening markets for recycled material.
16	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Viability of end markets is not consistent	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement spoke to strengthening markets for recycled material.

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17	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Lack of an established product market and demand. Current example market is cement kilns which have a limited capacity	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement spoke to strengthening markets for recycled material.
18	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some of the current challenges for construction and demolition waste management?	Invest in finding the end use markets cases for all types of C&D material	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
19	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Metro Vancouver should raise the price of disposal for C&D waste or stop accepting it altogether	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
20	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Metro Vancouver needs to re-assess tipping fees and see how it impacts where people choose to take C&D materials. The current tipping fee is lower than most private C&D processing facilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
21	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	When Metro Vancouver started accepting C&D waste and wood at transfer stations at a lower price, other facilities that accept and recycle these materials were forced to lower prices to remain competitive	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
22	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Prices need to be set at a rate that licensed operators can profit and have the certainty they need to invest in new technologies. A suggestion that \$300 per tonne would be more required for the market to make a profit.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
23	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Incentives to encourage wood recycling and reuse of products in new builds	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
24	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Make it easier for people on demolition sites to separate materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
25	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Additional fees for purchasing new materials that are not recyclable (EPR)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
26	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Fund alternative technologies – biocoal, fuel alternatives, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
27	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Easing the regulations that facilitate the energy and fuel generation from C&D wood waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
28	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	There is not enough dis-incentive for developers and property owners to demolish a house; the moving of existing houses should be incentivized	Many ideas received during idea generation engagement spoke to providing incentives to encourage reuse and recycling.
29	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	There needs to be a regulatory framework that forces the sorting of C&D waste at the site of demolition	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
30	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Policies for encouraging source-separation of the material	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
31	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved?	Enforcement can be improved at C&D processing facilities; fines should be levied at existing source separation facilities that are not following guidelines	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
32	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Metro Vancouver to stop accepting C&D waste and let the private industry manage these materials	Most construction and demolition waste in the region is managed by private facilities. Metro Vancouver primarily receives construction and demolition like material in small manually unloaded vehicles delivered by residents or businesses.
33	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Incentivize the private processing facilities within the region	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
34	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Adopt a system of off-site or out of region materials processing opportunities for industry - allow for industry to take materials out of region for processing and then back in for disposal	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
35	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Reduce the cost of entry to the market within the Metro Vancouver region with incentives and partnerships	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
36	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Review current regulations for taking materials out of region	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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37	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
38	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Develop deconstruction protocols and policy	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
39	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Foster new markets for materials to be reused, repurposed, and diverted	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
40	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Research successful jurisdictions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
41	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	Alternative technologies to manage C&D waste are 5-10 years away, and this issue is pressing now	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
42	14-May-24	Input and feedback on construction and demolition waste management	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of different solutions?	The site in south Vancouver (Southern Star) requires urgent action – the site is over capacity. Issue: If Southern Star was to shut down it would cause challenges for the construction industry o Likely will have a large clean-up bill and it is unclear who will be responsible	Thank you for the feedback. Metro Vancouver's regulation and enforcement division is aware of issues at this site.
43	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
44	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
45	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
46	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	More consistent programs across jurisdictional boundaries – makes it easier as residents move across the region (examples included cart sizes and how material is collected)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
47	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Consistent approach to mattress and large item pick up to reduce dumping	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
48	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Coordinated policy approaches to increase reduction and reuse (e.g. C&D waste)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
49	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Regional approach to service for multi-family instead of private hauling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
50	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Regionally provided organics/green waste hauling/processing/depots	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
51	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Overall themes of shared infrastructure, resources, education, rules, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
52	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Resilient system	"A solid waste system that is resilient to climate change and future challenges" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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53	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Expand new infrastructure to help manage regional growth/demand and ensure reasonable travel distances to facilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
54	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Densification and increased number of people per household is putting pressure on receiving facilities. Facilities are also moving farther away due to cost constraints, which in turn increases travel time and costs for municipalities and ultimately residents	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
55	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Need to protect the land available for facilities and transfer locations, space to sort recyclables, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
56	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	There is a lot of pressure around land use	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
57	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Infrastructure to provide space for reuse is very valuable – for example Urban Repurpose.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
58	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Build more composting/biosolid dryer facilities for resource recovery	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
59	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Organics composting combined with wastewater sludge	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
60	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Management of material within the region as opposed to transporting materials out of region for processing. This could include waste-to-energy expansion	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
61	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Advance reuse and recycling of material in local markets (C&D, plastic, organics, concrete/asphalt)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
62	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Pop-up zero waste centres	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
63	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Make it easy. Perhaps curbside donation pick-up.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
64	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Need for circular economy, quality materials/products that last, and repairing items rather than disposing. Everything is valued, and the rest is energy.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
65	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Elimination of waste – not producing waste in the first place. Consider municipal/regional actions that support waste prevention.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
66	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Clear information and education for the public	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
67	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Specifically education on food waste reduction, environmental impacts of food waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
68	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Need new space guidelines for solid waste/recycling management in multi-unit residential buildings, as more recycling streams have been introduced over time	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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69	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Have a means for C&D actually processed to be reported out	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
70	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Energy from residual waste is optimized to support climate goals	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
71	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Focus on large scale actions rather than individual actions	The solid waste management plan will focus on actions to be completed by Metro Vancouver, but may include encouraging individual action to further waste reduction and recycling.
72	7-Jun-24	Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop	Regional Engineers Advisory Committee	Member Jurisdiction Staff	What actions can build on our success to improve infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Better understanding of material flows to help evaluate and plan	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
73	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	Increased availability of recycling options for different streams	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
74	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	In our region, there are options for recycling challenging products like polystyrene and soft plastics	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
75	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	Availability of recycling and waste centres help capture more recyclable materials	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
76	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	Better access for plastics and paper recycling compared to organics	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
77	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	Accessibility and convenience of recycling depots (one-stop shop approach)	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
78	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	Ability to collect materials (curbside blue bin, commercial/industrial); there is accessibility	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
79	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	Free furniture pick-up systems for residents (Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist)	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
80	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What is currently working well?	On the recycling side - open competitive market drives good competition	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
81	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	When contamination enters stream, the challenge is to separate materials and manage the contamination	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
82	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Lack of understanding of and regulation on source-separation; people get confused	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
83	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	"Wish-cycling": people hope something can be recycled so they put it in recycling, which creates more problems in the system	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
84	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
85	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Challenges with receiving materials that people don't know what to do with, so they throw into the compactor, which creates a problem. There is a difference between what "can" vs. "what is" being recycled effectively at processing facilities	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
86	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	In-region vs. out-of-region processing. What is real carbon footprint of in-region vs. out-of region compost (e.g. North shore traffic). Fraser valley (e.g. Abbotsford, Chilliwack) closer to end user. In-region not necessarily better. There is a lack of facilities to deliver compostable materials for processing; challenging to meet the high threshold and limited local capacity	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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87	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	For organics, out-of-region transportation appears to be only solution (very costly)	Metro Vancouver continues to encourage organics processing capacity in the region and seek the most cost effective solution for residents.
88	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Lack of available processors for materials (certain kinds of plastics, organics)	Noted
89	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Lack of processing capacity for bulky items (furniture)	Noted
90	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Encourage reuse and exchange of materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
91	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Need consistent end markets and market price, which is not the case for majority of plastics and other materials today.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
92	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Markets for these products/materials are difficult to find; difficult to know where to take these products. Makes it unprofitable/difficult to do, costly for ratepayer	Noted
93	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Profitability of recycling – if loads are contaminated, then it doesn't work. Heavily contaminated bins can't be recovered and become waste	Noted
94	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Products that work well – ones with proven markets – are designed for recyclability, flexible packaging (examples: PET Clear bottles) – issue with some products is that they look “boring” on the shelf; enhancing packaging design could help incentivize greater uptake on product recycling	Noted
95	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Different types of bins at construction sites would be helpful for sorting at source, but usually there isn't the required footprint to facilitate	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
96	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Prioritize extended producer responsibility (EPR) for compliance	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
97	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Role of Metro Vancouver. Ensuring regulator is not competitor. Hearing of RFPs/RFQs for Metro Vancouver organics or C&D facilities causes more uncertainty for investment. To create more capacity, improve service, add technology, reduce residuals to landfill, we need to create regulatory certainty of the market	Roles and responsibilities will be clarified in the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver's approach to regulation will be included in the plan's regulatory strategy. Metro Vancouver will intend to continue meeting with the solid waste and recycling industry advisory committee to discuss issues of interest.
98	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Ensure level playing field (through regulation)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
99	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Federal plastics prohibition does not take into consideration some of the market complexities, for example, flexible plastics bags in BC had recycling options	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
100	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	More legislation is needed for compostable plastic materials; compostable plastics are difficult for plastics processors to recycle	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
101	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Need to understand barriers to develop infrastructure	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
102	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Regulatory environment . Creating more capacity/improvements to current process/access to technology	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
103	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	More transparency needed on what happens to organic and recyclable materials after they are collected	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
104	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Zoning and licencing make it difficult to site organics processing facilities.	Noted

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105	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Land use. Difficult, costly, and competitive to develop land. Metro Vancouver making land available could level the playing field. Same issue as for Construction and Demolition. Developing recycling requires land and cost	Noted
106	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Environmental challenges to find sites for processing of organics	Environmental stewardship is included in the guiding principles for the updated plan.
107	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Cost of land to successfully increase processing capacity	Noted
108	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Collection of materials from commercial/institutional and construction and demolition sectors. Lack of space for containers	Noted
109	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What could be improved? What should be prioritized?	Investment in AI/technology could improve quality of product	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
110	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Identify materials that are effectively recycled, and focus on ensuring those are separated effectively	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
111	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Focus on recyclables that have a viable market	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
112	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Provide more information about what can/can't be recycled to get cleaner streams – more valuable material going toward recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
113	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
114	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Stop telling public to recycle something that can't be recycled effectively at the existing processing facilities with existing markets	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
115	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Education is important; mostly needed on the commercial and multi-family side; residential is not as much an issue	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
116	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
117	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Need stable environment to allow competition to occur at pricing that can allow a business to get an adequate return	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
118	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	More leadership from all levels of government is needed to provide more regulatory certainty	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
119	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Focus efforts on behavioural change, instead of where processing occurs (in, or out, or region)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
120	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
121	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Provide tax incentives for producers that incentivize design for recyclability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
122	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Create more capacity/improvements to current process/access to technology	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
123	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	There are still a lot of consumer products that are not recyclable that create contamination; need policy/requirements for products to ensure packaging is all recyclable	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
124	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Appropriate mix of incentives and penalizations for producers who do not follow rules/regulations ("carrot and stick")	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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125	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Metro Vancouver working with municipalities on licencing of organics processing facilities. Expedite process or other incentives. Partnerships to find beneficial uses	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
126	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Better ways to separate clean wood from demolition loads that can be financially beneficial	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
127	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Improve reporting from facilities and data tracking	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
128	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Include recycled materials in procurement for new builds; there is a need to require an amount of recycled/reused materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
129	11-Jun-24	Input and feedback on recycling and organics capacity and product markets	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are some examples of potential solutions? Are there additional things we should be considering?	Develop a notification system for haulers who may be collecting from producers who are known to break rules	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
130	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Invest in upgrading existing facilities, work with what we have – focus on recovery and sorting of materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
131	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Invest in additional equipment – compactors	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
132	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Prioritize getting recyclable materials out of the waste stream	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
133	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Look at the long-term capability of Waste-to-Energy Facility and the rationale of expanding with District Energy	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
134	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Incineration is an alternative to landfill within the region when considering land availability and development costs. Understanding that there is opposition to incineration as well.	A solid waste system that is resilient to future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Considerations for guiding future residuals management decisions are expected to be included in the updated plan.
135	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	No further expansion of the landfill – opinion that the general public does not want that	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
136	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Need to look at other options to expand on organics disposal and processing site options.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
137	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Current challenges: There are a lot of organics in the region to deal with and this will only increase – a lot of organics are not being recycled due to lack of processing capacity and technology and high cost.	A solid Waste system that is resilient to future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
138	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Encourage private investment in recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
139	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Develop sustainable end-use markets for recyclable materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
140	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Increase capacity and reduce or eliminate the need to ship waste out of the region by incentivizing development of new licensed private facilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
141	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Need more construction and demolition waste disposal and recycling facilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
142	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Re-use infrastructure and programs that stimulate end-use markets	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
143	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Avoid any new public investment in developing infrastructure	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
144	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What infrastructure is most important for Metro Vancouver to prioritize for public investment?	Prioritize dedicated reuse infrastructure to help grow circular economy	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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145	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Suggest Metro Vancouver sell all facilities and allow the private sector to purchase the facilities. Metro Vancouver will regulate, the private sector will manage and operate.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
146	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Allow the private sector to develop infrastructure: Increase competitive space in the market (for industry) and accelerated licensing timelines for new facilities and services	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
147	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Align with regional/municipal goals while working with the private sector to develop infrastructure	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
148	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Avoid public investment in infrastructure that can be replicated by private industry	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
149	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Private sector should be leading the way; providing capital and taking the risk – leading with innovation	Noted
150	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Set up a percentage of fees to be collected for research and development (private sector to spearhead R&D)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
151	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Prioritize innovation to reduce waste	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
152	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Need more collaboration in the future – can learn from New York City and London, UK.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
153	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Streamline procurement processes to lower overhead and decrease timelines	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
154	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	The private sector should be leading infrastructure development within a framework regulated by Metro Vancouver	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
155	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How should the private sector be involved in infrastructure development for the region?	Surrey Biofuel is an example of successful private investment in infrastructure development, working with government to deliver the service.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
156	9-Jul-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Additional comments	Requirements of Bylaw 181 and the amended Tipping Fee Bylaw make infrastructure development more difficult for industry vs. Metro Vancouver	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
157	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are your thoughts on the generator levy?	Understand the intent, but it seems overly complicated	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
158	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are your thoughts on the generator levy?	Seems like a tax might work better rather than asking haulers to collect and remit	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
159	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are your thoughts on the generator levy?	Recyclers benefit from a higher garbage tipping fee as it incentivizes recycling	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
160	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are your thoughts on the generator levy?	Questions related to changing the current system, if we didn't have the generator levy: - Who will take on the burden of social change initiatives, if not the public entity funding such initiatives (through generator levy)? - Who will build recycling depots?	Noted
161	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What are your thoughts on the generator levy?	Generator levy is important to fund the system but should be funding work to create regulations that restrict materials from being disposed and invest in technology for source-separation.	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
162	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Prevents the flow of waste outside the region by making it more costly to dispose of waste outside of Metro Vancouver	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
163	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Discourages use of less costly private sites	Noted
164	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Generator levy is important as it helps to fund recycling initiatives such as mattress recycling, education, and behaviour change campaigns	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.

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165	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Generator levy helps to raise capital funds for the maintenance and development of Metro Vancouver facilities	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
166	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Generator levy helps to pay for the recycling and waste system in Metro Vancouver, but it also stifles innovation and competition	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
167	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Captures loss of revenue if waste is transferred out of the region	Noted
168	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	The generator levy is required to avoid taxation to fund the public system	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
169	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What does it accomplish?	Re-use programs are an example of solutions that address gaps in the system, which accompany the current approach led by Metro Vancouver and can be funded by the generator levy	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
170	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	Metro Vancouver has the advantage of being able to send waste out of the region at a lower rate than private businesses (as private businesses would pay the generator levy on top)	Noted
171	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	Generator levy's main focus is transferring waste to regional facilities (landfill/waste-to-energy). Instead, prefer to see money go into longer-term processing solutions (e.g. pre-sorting and pulling out some recyclables, equipment, processing capacity)	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
172	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	Recycling rates are set by the market and it fluctuates a lot; not a lot of money to be made so private companies may not be able to invest.	Noted
173	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	Neighbouring jurisdictions don't have the same rules so haulers from outside the region can avoid the levy (Metro Vancouver staff note: haulers from outside of the region picking up garbage within Metro Vancouver are obligated to pay the generator levy the same as local haulers).	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
174	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	No proof of stated benefits that the generator levy increases waste reduction, increases efficiency, and reduces GHG's.	Noted
175	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	People are not clear on what the levy is, and how it works exactly. A presentation on how it works would be helpful. -Increase transparency on where materials go after being received at Metro Vancouver facilities. -What about residuals from recycling facilities? Is that a loophole? -Explain the provision that prevents the generator levy from being collected twice for the same waste (for example when a private facility sends waste to Metro Vancouver facility)	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
176	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What challenges do you see with the generator levy and how could these be addressed?	Metro Vancouver's comparisons to other jurisdictions are not applicable. For example, private facility rates in Toronto are much lower than the rates charged at City of Toronto facilities.	Noted
177	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How does the generator levy affect competition?	No compelling evidence supporting that the current approach is creating innovation.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
178	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How does the generator levy affect competition?	Creates higher business costs across operations and supply chains.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
179	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How does the generator levy affect competition?	The current price of \$145 is not competitive (for private facilities). Metro Vancouver has funds and existing infrastructure, and being both regulator and competitor, it's not fair competition.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
180	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How does the generator levy affect competition?	Comment that Metro Vancouver will not license any private facility to receive municipal waste in the region.	Noted
181	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How does the generator levy affect competition?	Currently haulers end up winning contracts based on proximity to facilities as opposed to other factors	Noted

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182	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How does the generator levy affect competition?	Ensures that only Metro Vancouver can take waste out of the region, which has negatively impacted smaller waste businesses.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
183	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Fees collected at solid waste facilities need to go up to encourage more recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
184	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Cost of the generator levy should be charged upfront (at the point of sale or the beginning of the product life cycle) rather than at the time of disposal; so the payment amount is still based on the level of consumption, but it's at the front end instead of the disposal end. For example: Everyone pays half a cent for items bought – including visitors – so it's not all borne by the residents since visitors create a lot of waste.	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
185	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Distribute the costs more evenly throughout the system	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
186	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Incentivize with lower disposal fees on items that are highly recyclable	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
187	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Put in a mechanism to report tonnage for private transfer stations and use that to fund the public regulatory system	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
188	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Politically, it would be better to have a higher levy so those costs are baked into the services provided to municipalities	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
189	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Look at what Singapore, Taiwan, and other high-density populations where there's a lot of waste generation potential. Are there takeaways we can adopt?	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
190	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Less government intervention/input; the private sector can be more nimble than the regional district or the province.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
191	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Standardize requirements through provincial regulation – need legislation passed to establish a broader approach to long term waste management	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
192	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Look at how we're spending the money now, to help analyze how effectively the funds are being used; is there a way we can manage the money from generator levy better to increase value from our efforts? Example: San Francisco's disposal rate high because they apply a levy on waste, take money back from the levy and apply the surplus to subsidize recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
193	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Suggest Metro Vancouver put regional facilities up for auction and focus on regulating and compliance. Let private industry manage facilities and provide services.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
194	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	What alternative regulatory approaches could be considered for Metro Vancouver?	Suggest a hybrid version where private sector can accept waste, pay a discounted generator levy to acknowledge their investment in infrastructure, and must accept the same materials as Metro Vancouver sites	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
195	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Additional Comments	Consistent political lobbying is needed within the industry	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
196	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Additional Comments	Our priority must be to remove recyclables from the waste. Focus on creating and enforcing restrictions and regulations that support resource recovery.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
197	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Additional Comments	Government/Metro Vancouver does not have private sector expertise to effectively innovate and develop infrastructure.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
198	10-Sep-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Additional Comments	Invest in and fund more diversion technologies and projects.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
199	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	"No New Things" challenge – reduce consumption by borrowing, extending use, repairing/mending	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.

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200	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Reduce packaging	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
201	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Buy second-hand clothing and furniture, and upcycle items	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
202	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Reduce plastic use	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
203	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
204	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste? Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste?	Advocate for stronger leadership from politicians about preventing waste and raising awareness of costs of waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
205	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste? Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste?	Focus on the education and collaboration to bring out the message of personal consumption awareness and culture change	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
206	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste? Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste?	Regulation to limit certain types of waste can sometimes have unintended consequences of leading to different types of waste being generated, as business find work-around solutions	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
207	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste? Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste?	Consider financial incentives to drive desired behaviours	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
208	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste? Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste?	Improve accessibility for residential (e.g., shared housings) and small commercial venues (e.g., some rubbish rooms currently are not fully accessible to people in wheelchairs, or the bins are too small, which have higher rate of recyclable items going into the garbage).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
209	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing: Rethinking and preventing waste? Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste?	Members are interested to learn more about breakdown of diversion rate on commercial side	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
210	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of: Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste? What is going well and could be expanded	The EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) system is working well.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
211	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of: •Rethinking and preventing waste? •Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste? What is going well and could be expanded	The number of recycling & waste centres in Metro Vancouver is impressive.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.

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212	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of: •Rethinking and preventing waste? •Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Surrey has a large-item pickup program that works well	Noted
213	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of: •Rethinking and preventing waste? •Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste? •Meaning – do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	The ways of presenting information is also important	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
214	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of: •Rethinking and preventing waste? •Enhancing accountability for eliminating waste? •Meaning – do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	More information/measures to prevent contamination in multi-family garbage area are needed -Metro Vancouver has bin-signage on the website, which can be printed and used in multi-family buildings and on trucks	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
215	11-Sep-24	SPEC-ZWC Meeting	Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste prevention and accountability? How would you or your community like to receive communications about solid waste?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
216	16-Sep-24	Meeting Summary	RAAC	Local Government		Summary: Feedback included an emphasis on affordability - ensure to highlight this more prominently in the guiding principles. And also asked questions about MV's future role in providing organics processing capacity	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
217	17-Sep-24	Email submission	Proactiv Hazmat and Environmental	Waste Industry		Would like to know if the goal is to reduce waste entirely or come up with better solutions for waste. As of right now, we transport a lot of Hazardous waste out to Alberta as nowhere in the lower mainland accepts Asbestos Drywall. Is this an avenue metro Vancouver is looking into in order to reduce costs, lower the probability of waste not being disposed of correctly and boost BC economy?	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
218	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Recycle home supplies and shop at thrift stores. Sort through what I have, and donate to second-hand stores so that others can use it. Recycle home supplies.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
219	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Separate paper, plastic, garbage and compost as much as I can. Reuse bottles.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
220	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Recycle items at home. Maybe someone else can use it. Separate waste.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
221	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Carry reusable bags.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
222	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Recycle and repair furniture.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
223	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	A lot of people just don't know! I've seen and met people in condos who have no idea how to dispose of waste.	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
224	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Packaging - some packages can't be reused or recycled e.g veggie bags	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
225	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Plastic packaging! There is thin plastic packaging everywhere.	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
226	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	People just dispose of things in the alley. People don't want to waste money so they just throw it away.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
227	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Public knowledge isn't widely known about how to divert waste. Kids are great, adults have no idea.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.

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228	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Apartment buildings don't have a good infrastructure to support waste diversion.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
229	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	There needs to be a better recycling system for; cups and mattresses.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
230	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Things are not made to be fixed. Things are made to be disposed. Electronics are a great example, because we no longer take them to a store to be fixed, you have to either return to a manufacturer or dispose of it.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
231	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could metro do to address these challenges?	Furniture and clothes being shown out due to an outbreak of bed bugs.	Metro Vancouver will consider the implications noted when developing solutions to reduce furniture and clothing waste.
232	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could metro do to address these challenges?	Increase advertisement of waste systems. E.g. YouTube, and not just online, but with posters and person-to-person.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
233	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could metro do to address these challenges?	Education programs on where folks can go to fix, buy or recycle things.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
234	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could metro do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
235	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Let haulers be a part of the solution. Education the public on the rounds.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
236	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Incentives for reuse e.g. coffee cups and building more drop off locations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
237	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	News advertisements - get stories on the news to promote waste disposal. Build a new media campaign.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
238	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Local organizations, local buildings, local binners	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
239	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Promote to big chain restaurants to reduce packaging and get them to be a part of the advertisement	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
240	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Knowledge gaps and communications	Feedback on the updated plan	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
241	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Knowledge gaps and communications	Clear labeling on products, on how to recycle products, clarify on what is in products/product packaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
242	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Knowledge gaps and communications	Businesses need to take responsibility for their products and their end life.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
243	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Online Through waste haulers In-person Newspapers Local organizations Physical presence e.g speaking at a binners' meeting Pop up booths	Noted
244	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Need for more consultations. Update throughout the year on the plan update.	Noted
245	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Simplify the waste system! Offer more clarification	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
246	2-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Get the media involved!	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
247	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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248	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use robots/automation and AI to sort garbage, reduce contamination, and refuse items that are reusable	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
249	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Making projects from waste and organize volunteer opportunities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
250	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
251	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Educate the public about separating waste and improve accessibility	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
252	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Advocate and make the public aware of future impact of behaviours around waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
253	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Make Repair Cafes more accessible	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
254	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Give access to compost to create soil fertilizer from excessive food scraps	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
255	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	At school: Increase visibility/accessibility to recycle by having waste bins in more visible areas	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
256	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Apply a tax to all waste that is generated and disposed	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
257	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use bylaws and enforcement to minimize unwanted actions/contamination	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
258	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Ban plastic materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
259	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Make it illegal to throw electronics in the trash – must be recycled at licensed facilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
260	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Avoid batteries going in the garbage/landfill by enforcement (penalty/fine)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
261	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Recycle all materials that can be recycled	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
262	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use glass cans instead of tin cans, which are easier to reuse (smelt down)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
263	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Replace plastic materials with paper materials in daily life to reduce plastic waste and make it easier for recycle and reuse	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
264	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use reusable cutlery instead of single-use	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
265	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use personal reusable containers for takeout	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
266	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use honey bee wrap (reusable) instead of plastic wrap	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
267	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Give discounts for people who bring their own containers for take out or shopping	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
268	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Prioritize buying and consuming only what we need	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
269	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Donate excessive clothes, food, etc.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.

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270	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Make things last longer and use things as long as possible	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
271	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Repair items rather than disposing	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
272	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Implement measures to reduce food waste such as: encouraging food businesses to sell near-expiry food at discounts	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
273	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Plan meals and shopping to minimize food waste	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
274	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Rethink garbage and waste which go into the oceans, keep animals and humans safe	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
275	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Support R&D to reveal new ideas/approaches to waste management (e.g. packaging)	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
276	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Manage where waste goes and find ways to rethink waste management	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
277	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Look toward using what is unique about our region to our advantage (land, geographies, topography, etc.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
278	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Look for ways to reduce landfill mass or even new ways to breakdown waste in landfill (e.g., chemicals, micro-organisms to breakdown not only organic materials but also non-organic ones)	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
279	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	More opportunities for reusing/repairing	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
280	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	No time for homecooked meal	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
281	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	Affordability	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
282	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	Distance	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
283	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	It takes more effort to recycle (easier to just put all in garbage rather than sorting)	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
284	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	People don't always know how to sort	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
285	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	Limited number of recycling sites (the farther away they are, the less motivated people will be to come)	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
286	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	Composting may attract unwanted insects/pests	Noted
287	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	Available options are limited (e.g., most public places/workplaces only have one garbage bin rather than having also other bins like recyclable and green bins)	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
288	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	People don't think their actions will make a difference	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
289	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Problems	Bottle deposits only give 5 cents each, which is not enough to motivate	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.

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290	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Leverage trendy social platforms (e.g. tiktok)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
291	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Invest in education	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
292	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Make bike-friendly cities (like those in Europe) – leads to overall behavior shift that affects all systems	Environmental stewardship and climate action is included in the guiding principles for the updated plan.
293	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	incentives to people for bringing recyclable materials to designated sites	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
294	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	More clear labeling on materials (with more informative instruction/images that explain how to recycle)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
295	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Have instruction to proper disposal be attached to the product packaging of products like propane tanks, mattresses, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
296	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Build more recycling sites – make them more accessible and located within busy neighbourhoods, not on the outskirts	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
297	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Utilize technologies (e.g., smart trashcans that can sort automatically)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
298	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Implement regular large items pickup programs (Xmas tree, mattress, TVs, etc.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
299	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Media ads to inform the public about the existence of solid waste services	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
300	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	What actions can help to increase participation in organics and recycling programs?	Send presenters to schools to educate kids directly	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
301	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Why can't the government make more smart trash cans that sorts the trash for you?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
302	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Why can't the government raise the bottle deposit to \$1 or \$2 dollars (to encourage recycling)?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
303	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Should the government be more involved? Or should the responsibility be more on the individual?	All parties have a responsibility. Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste is a guiding principle for the plan update.
304	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Is it plausible to create a reward system for recycling?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
305	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Are you allowed to give recommendations to the government about the waste that's produced every day?	Metro Vancouver regularly has conversations with other levels of government, including the province and member jurisdictions.
306	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	What stops the government from increasing the bottle deposit fee?	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
307	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	How can homeless people be more sustainable?	Noted
308	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Why haven't we adopted methods from other countries? The same way we are ethnically diverse.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
309	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	What are some partners that Metro Vancouver works with on waste management?	Solid waste management in Metro Vancouver includes close collaboration with many different organizations, including First Nations, member jurisdictions, adjacent regional districts, businesses, institutions, non-profit organizations, and the solid waste and recycling industry.

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310	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	What are some ways that I can inform my community about reducing waste?	Metro Vancouver regularly publishes waste composition and recycling data on its website. This is a great resource for sharing information on how the region is doing with respect to waste reduction and recycling.
311	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Although education is good, some people don't want to listen for over an hour, what options are there to educate?	Metro Vancouver produces several behaviour change campaigns which provides digestible information in a variety of formats.
312	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	What are the strategies that you already started implementing in communities in terms of recycling and sustainability?	Metro Vancouver's annual and biennial solid waste reports provide a summary of key initiatives undertaken, with the biennial report providing a summary since approval of the existing solid waste management plan in 2011.
313	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Future for the smart trashcans – what does that look like?	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
314	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Is it possible to create a biological system/process within a landfill with chemicals and microbes together to break down non-organic items?	Metro Vancouver prioritizes rethinking, reducing and reusing material over disposal, and recycling material that is no longer suitable for use.
315	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Can we use the landfill for any type of waste and garbage?	Some types of waste require certified disposal in a waste-to-energy facility, or may need to be managed at specialized facilities.
316	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	If food is the biggest household waste, what is the biggest waste overall in the world?	Metro Vancouver does not have this information.
317	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	What is the recycling process?	The recycling process varies for different materials. RecycleBC provides great information on what happens to typical curbside recyclables on their webpage.
318	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	If Vancouver is a good recycler then why do we send trash to the USA?	Disposal capacity in the region is limited and a small proportion of waste must be sent to contingency landfills, some of which are currently located in the USA. Contingency landfills are determined through competitive procurement and may change over time.
319	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Is there a way to donate old electronics to people who want to fix them?	Many municipalities and organizations around the region offer repair cafes where people with the skills to repair items can help repair those items to be used again.
320	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Why don't we use plastic bottles to make new plastic bottles?	It is up to producers to determine the quantity of recycled content in their products.
321	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	How are materials recycled?	The recycling process varies for different materials. RecycleBC provides great information on what happens to typical curbside recyclables on their webpage.
322	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	How can we make thrift stores less costly? At Value Village a shirt is \$20, it's cheaper to buy new.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
323	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	I saw a lot of electronics at the landfill, is it all unusable? If not, what could we do with these items?	Electronics should be reused or repaired where possible, and recycled at end of life.
324	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Post-workshop questions	Are there deadlines to put initiatives into action?	Metro Vancouver is required to initiate an update of the plan within 10 years of its approval.
325	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Knowing the main suspect of waste going to landfill, we can figure out where to focus on first to combat this problem.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
326	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Our landfill is almost full – do a better job at separating waste.	A solid Waste system that is resilient to future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
327	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Reuse more items or donate or fix.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
328	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	We need biodegradable Slurpee straws.	Noted

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329	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Use paper more responsibly, less handouts in schools	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
330	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Put more compost bins in schools.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
331	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Ask schools to try and make the cafeteria food more sustainable (variable portions, etc).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
332	5-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Youth4Action	Public members-at-large	Other comments	Use items for longer and repair electronics.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
333	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
334	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Metro Vancouver needs to be able to listen and act on feedback of committees such as Industry Advisory Committee.	Noted
335	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Continue the conversation past the solid waste management plan update.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
336	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Bring all advisory committees together to discuss issues (Public/Technical Advisory Committee, Regional Engineers Advisory Committee Solid Waste Sub-committee, Industry Advisory Committee)	Noted
337	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Metro Vancouver can fund non-profits to take on education role, non-profits can build trust	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
338	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		More public education (for example for reducing contamination)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
339	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Collaborate with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) agencies on education Collaborate with provincial and federal government	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
340	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
341	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Outreach to businesses, property managers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
342	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
343	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider collaboration on mixed solid waste recovery facility Example: Durham Regional District	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
344	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Entrepreneurial workshop - getting people together to solve problems. Information sharing.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
345	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Leverage expertise from potential users to connect products to users	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
346	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Mandated post consumer recycled content through bylaws	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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347	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Industry representation on Zero Waste Committee	Under Metro Vancouver's governance model, the Zero Waste Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and members are appointed by the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board, and members include elected officials from member jurisdictions across the region. One of the Co-Chairs of the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee is a Zero Waste Committee representative - this helps to provide a linkage between the two committees. The Industry Advisory Committee also reports directly to the Zero Waste Committee through the Co-Chairs.
348	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Make space for all voices (non-profits, women, underrepresented groups)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
349	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
350	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Collaborate on emerging legislation from other orders of government For example the Federal plastics registry	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
351	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Collaboration with adjacent regional districts/province for inter-jurisdictional issues	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
352	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Incentivize/encourage private industry Generator levy dis-incentivizes collaboration	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
353	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider results-based regulation	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
354	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Have a private utility to manage waste (e.g. BC Utilities Commission)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
355	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Use social media to get facts out.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
356	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Auditing and reporting are done but not known by the public – increase transparency and inform.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
357	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Identify the public's main concerns and address them.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
358	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
359	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Simplify: focus on tangible examples of recyclable products.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
360	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Show true stories of circularities happening in the region.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
361	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Understand how much is residual waste and how much is being recycled – set a reasonable target to improve.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
362	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Have good metrics to track and report. Combine with public tours and media, key influencers, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
363	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Eliminate performative recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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364	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Grow recycling through reduction (e.g. plastic ban)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
365	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Have inspectors at the generators and issue tickets/fines	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
366	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Our problems are not unique we can consider other countries' best practices when considering solutions to our own waste management challenges in the region.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
367	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
368	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Look to tested solutions, such as organics in Edmonton, for solid waste infrastructure strategies.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
369	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Streamline regulations and shorten decision-making processes to facilitate private investment in infrastructure.	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
370	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Improve permitting and licensing programs to move more quickly and be more accessible to a wider range of service providers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
371	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Processing capacity for different streams; multiple years for permit approvals: preventing solutions being implemented.	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
372	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Efforts to be compliant do not seem to reap any rewards in terms of moving through permitting processes any easier.	A solid Waste system that is resilient to future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
373	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider the public-private partnership (P3) model; can be challenging, but need to consider all options. The profit motive cannot be a disincentive for a successful system.	Metro Vancouver will consider best practices for facility development as part of the solid waste management plan's Recycling and Waste Centre strategy.
374	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Look to the province, and other levels of government, to help provide more support in searching for solutions to various problems.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
375	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Develop markets and identify investment opportunities; lack of certainty discourages private sector from taking on opportunities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
376	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Look to results-based regulation	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
377	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Improve engagement between government policy makers and industry – currently feels like government is out of touch with how the industry functions.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
378	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consistency is needed for regulatory regimes, processing and permitting/licensing to allow for cost-effective infrastructure investment and operation (cross country/provincially/regionally). For example: public shingle recycling options at private landfills.	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
379	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Foster opportunities for more private investment.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
380	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		From the point of view of haulers: Provide companies with some kind of certification that is acknowledged by industry or government.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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381	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Protect and incentivize the best actors and players.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
382	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Prioritize licensing programs for businesses that are actively investing in new technology – help protect businesses willing to take financial risk.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
383	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Orders of government to implement procurement policies. There should be industry mandates to produce and use recyclable materials.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
384	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Recognize that shifts in the industry and manufacturing may not be within the scope and control of Metro Vancouver. Some changes and shifts are global.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
385	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Focus on simplifying the materials that are put into the market, especially plastic.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
386	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Recycling definition should be more clear (there is a misconception that energy recovery is the same as recycling)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
387	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Enhance clarity and transparency of what materials go through Metro Vancouver and other facilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
388	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
389	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		There is not enough infrastructure capacity and incentives for recycling. An example of limited processing capacity is the organics processors	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
390	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
391	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Competition issues can be solved by shifting the responsibility to the generator.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
392	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Design for reparability and recyclability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
393	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Encourage or regulate manufacturers to reduce their footprint and minimize consumer packaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
394	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Encourage redesign and enhance accountability for future manufacturing and construction.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
395	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Celebrate and look to larger companies that have already started working at reducing footprint, materials, and packaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
396	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		For construction and demolition waste (C&D), support innovative ideas and focus on marketing C&D waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
397	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Incentivize use of more recyclables at the procurement stage.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
398	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Think more globally and focus on moving up the waste hierarchy.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
399	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Point of view of generators: Create regulations to encourage mandatory three containers for businesses.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
400	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Education is more of a natural process as people naturally eliminate waste and harmful products when they learn and find out about them.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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401	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Multi-family buildings show the lowest accountability for their waste (high contamination) – increase education and focus on these demographics.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
402	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		A solution to the multi-family sector could be clear bags for everyone.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
403	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need high enough surcharges to cover for increased costs of contamination.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
404	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Enforce EPR: The stewardship program is there, but is not being enforced.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
405	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Accountability should go back to the generator (not the haulers).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
406	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Focus on the compactors and record footage in multi-family buildings, this could raise privacy concerns.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
407	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Waste audits and inspections can help, especially in the Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) sector. But who would be held accountable in multi-family sector? Strata corporations?	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
408	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Where will we see the practical infrastructure solutions being considered/implemented as part of this solid waste management plan update process (for all waste streams)?	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
409	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Planning for capacity – need clear solutions for long-term solid waste streams	This feedback will be considered in the development of residuals management technical criteria for the updated plan.
410	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need to look at infrastructure planning and using the existing system as a foundation	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
411	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		There is a need for advanced processing solutions	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
412	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		There will be operational challenges with some of the "big-ideas" solutions	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
413	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Planning needs to consider logistical challenges for tighter geographic constraints and lack of industrial land continues to be an issue.	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
414	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Real need for Industry Advisory Committee members to see how input is going to meaningfully impact outcomes (i.e., influence new solid waste management plan)	Noted
415	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Disposal bans have been effective, however, there should be technology and infrastructure to process the diverted material at a reasonable cost.	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the update solid waste management plan.
416	8-Oct-24	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Recycler's point of view for certain materials: In some cases, up to 95% of diverted material goes to landfills.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
417	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Starts with cans and bottles and the things that are less messy while on-site. Has the items separated at home.	Noted
418	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Try to buy things that will last longer so he uses less. Also tries to extend the lifespan of his items. "Quality over quantity"	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
419	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Didn't produce things that lasted as long	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
420	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
421	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Thinks there should be separate bins for organics in housing sites. Also referenced needles as a risk to sorting on some of our sites. Not as hard for refundables because people get money for the items.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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422	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Discussed the benefits of the recycling systems and the benefit of having a refund on items.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
423	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
424	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Surveys could help	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
425	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Robust marketing campaign to help educate and also highlight the successes of the system. Acknowledged the benefit of community gardens.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
426	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
427	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	More garbage and recycling bins all over.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
428	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Encourage/require large buildings/businesses to hire groups like BP to sort waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
429	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Sister city project, Metro Vancouver could do an exchange of ideas with another city/region with a focus on waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
430	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Have small groups of people go to businesses around the city to educate people how to effectively recycle.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
431	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Mentioned transportation and reducing car use. Looking at techniques to reduce waste while doing laundry.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
432	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful?	Flora referenced earlier comments about lack of consistency in what goes in what bins	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
433	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful?	Still feels unsure about what can be refunded especially regarding milk containers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
434	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful?	Asked why smoke or air quality were not included in this discussion.	Noted
435	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Give better access to tools like waste pickers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
436	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Set up community events to collect waste. Reduce more waste with better government involvement.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
437	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Hire people to educate residents about recycling programs and the waste systems. Better needle disposal options and signage for those bins.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
438	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Better compost options and encouraging household initiatives to compost	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
439	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Distribute posters and fliers to help educate residents. Monthly newsletter to help educate and inform.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
440	9-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with residents?	Offer information in other languages to engage more residents.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
441	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving waste prevention/collaboration?	The main barrier is not embracing a circular economy, that is the most impactful route to waste prevention	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.

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442	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving waste prevention/collaboration?	Lack of knowledge among businesses about circular economy -they don't know what the business case is, they don't know how to adopt circular practices, and they don't know how to set up a collaboration table -This knowledge gap hinders companies from actively participating in waste prevention initiatives within a circular economy framework.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
443	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving waste prevention/collaboration?	Industry and professional associations who are key to the circular economy transition are not aware of the circular economy imperative	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
444	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving waste prevention/collaboration?	There is a significant lack of collaboration skill sets within businesses and possibly within Metro Vancouver staff, which hinders effective teamwork and knowledge-sharing.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
445	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Businesses have a central role in leading the transition to circular models and that they should see this shift as a business opportunity. They'll attract more clients, customers, and suppliers and will have more business opportunities.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
446	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Businesses need to be engaged through their associations, including industry associations, procurement associations, boards of trade, etc. They can help educate their members about the shift to the circular economy and relevant practices to adopt.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
447	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	For the waste management industry and local government, their role is to provide the structures and systems that can support a circular economy.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
448	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Metro Vancouver is well-positioned to be a leader in the circular economy because there's no other organization in BC that could move on a regional level.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
449	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
450	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste prevention/collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
451	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste prevention/collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
452	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste prevention/collaboration?	Metro Vancouver should work with chambers of commerce to ensure SMEs are not overlooked in the circular economy shift. Partnerships with the BC Chamber of Commerce or Greater Vancouver Board of Trade to provide resources and guidance to SMEs.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
453	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste prevention/collaboration?	Metro Vancouver should collaborate with procurement associations to provide education to buyers on the circular economy.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
454	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Let's flip the script: Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of waste prevention/collaboration? a) What is going well and should be expanded on?	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://nzwcc.ca/documents/circulareconomybusinessstoolkit.pdf -https://corostrandberg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/circular-business-insights.pdf	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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455	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste prevention? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Resources that map out circular economy models by sector, particularly in identifying strategies for different industries.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
456	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste prevention?	The 1-pagers on the seven focus areas are done really well and are very helpful but need a strategic focus: they didn't feel strategic: what is Metro Vancouver trying to do with X industry and then what's the route by which they're mobilizing the industry.	Noted
457	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Metro Vancouver should adopt a community education approach that demonstrates the benefits of a circular economy in terms of business opportunities and environmental impact. This would create more public buy-in, making waste prevention a shared responsibility.	We would benefit from additional case studies and insights on the economic benefits of circular economy initiatives, examples showing how circular practices can be profitable.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
458	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Other comments	The value of integrating Indigenous knowledge into circular economy designs. In many ways, we're trying to live the way Indigenous people have always lived.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
459	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Other comments	There is a need for social innovation and systems thinking within Metro Vancouver's collaboration efforts. -We need training and education on how to do these things -Design thinking and holistic thinking	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
460	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Other comments	Extended producer responsibility is a critical element and fundamental -more products need to be caught up by EPR	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
461	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Other comments	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
462	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Other comments	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
463	9-Oct-24	Interview	Coro Strandberg	Sustainability expert	Other comments	It is important to frame the circular economy as an economic, climate, and social strategy:	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
464	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Take suggested actions approach, not prescriptive approach; municipal councils will be more receptive Multifamily – why is it doing so poorly, and should city take over some of these sites? Old buildings vs. new buildings	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
465	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Municipal Actions in roadmaps are helpful (i.e., nature and ecosystems) for comparative actions; helps for SWM since we don't have our own plan	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
466	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Waste hauler issues – good to note	Noted
467	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Organics recycling – what will the plan include?	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
468	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		C&D - what will the plan include?	Recover resources from non-recyclable materials is a goal of the updated plan.
469	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Data for behaviour change? Yes – behaviour change campaigns, etc, we do surveys. Broader systematic surveys over years could be helpful.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
470	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Do we do anything to engage youth?	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
471	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Incentivizing vs penalizing, sounds like the right approach	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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472	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Lowest cost is the driver behind municipal decisions; how do we strive and achieve for consistency between municipalities	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
473	11-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	City of Coquitlam	Local Government		Targets – will they change? Recycling, etc.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
474	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		Every week, I meticulously divide my waste into paper/food/pastics/containers/etc into my blue box And every week, when the pick-up truck comes, the fellow dumps the entire blue box, Wilty-Nilty, into the one and only compartment on the truck! It is frustrating to watch!!!!	Thank you for your commitment to proper separation of recyclables! This is a frustrating situation, and one that does occur from time to time in our region. If you can provide your municipality and the name of the company that collects your recyclables (if not your municipality) we can investigate further. Alternatively, you may wish to contact your municipality directly.
475	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		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.....	Your effort counts! Although some people may not properly separate their recyclables, many do, and that has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
476	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		How are these garbage trucks allowed to do this?	We can investigate further as noted above, or you may wish to contact your municipality.
477	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		Why isn't there more screening done at the dump to prevent such violators coming through and dumping everything in one heap	There are disposal bans in place at all of our recycling and waste centres (formerly referred to as 'transfer stations'), as well as disposal facilities in the region (Vancouver Landfill and the Waste-to-Energy facility located in Burnaby). Any individual or company that includes banned materials above a certain threshold (e.g. organic waste, recyclables), receives a surcharge.
478	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		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!!!!	There is a lot of work being done to advocate for better product design, but it takes a long time to change the system, especially because many of these companies are national or international in scale. Groups like the Canada Plastics Pact focus on advocating for design rules that help make sure products can be properly recycled. Senior levels of government have the legislative authority over consumer products and materials, and Metro Vancouver works with organizations like Canada Plastic Pact, and leads the National Zero Waste Council, on options to prevent and reduce waste at source.
479	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		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???	This is tricky as consumer claims of products are federal jurisdiction, as mentioned above. The federal government has started to investigate claims of 'greenwashing', and Metro Vancouver and its members have provided information to help shine the light on the situation here and why this is important.
480	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		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.	Metro Vancouver works with an organization called City Farmer, which as a long running community garden on the west side of Vancouver. They are a fantastic resource for residents, and can help provide an answer to any questions you may have about backyard gardening and composting. They can be reached at 604.736.2250.
481	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		I have also seen the sites of old garages/houses turned into gardens by the locals.....and BEST OF ALL, individuals have turned their front lawns into gardens!!! Unfortunately, it is only a small percentage of the population that has jumped on this whole-heartedly, and it requires much more spread.	Metro Vancouver works with an organization called City Farmer, which as a long running community garden on the west side of Vancouver. They are a fantastic resource for residents, and can help provide an answer to any questions you may have about backyard gardening and composting. They can be reached at 604.736.2250.

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482	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		Metro surely has the manpower to work on the various fronts to turn this around before it's too late!!! We have already seen the colossal damage climate change has brought to so many people and regions of the world, the situation is DIRE!!!!	Metro Vancouver works with an organization called City Farmer, which as a long running community garden on the west side of Vancouver. They are a fantastic resource for residents, and can help provide an answer to any questions you may have about backyard gardening and composting. They can be reached at 604.736.2250.
483	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		Leaf blowers must be banned! They are utterly useless, just blowing the leaves about for over an hour, then shortly, a wind comes along and they're scattered again....Far better to use hand rakes and bag them as you go! Then the leaves can be used for plant cover, for home compost bins.....people do NOT know what excellent,rich soil they can produce themselveselementary kids learn this easily, and can be the best advocates in a community!	Metro Vancouver works with an organization called City Farmer, which as a long running community garden on the west side of Vancouver. They are a fantastic resource for residents, and can help provide an answer to any questions you may have about backyard gardening and composting. They can be reached at 604.736.2250.
484	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		With more expensive groceries, now is a good time to educate and encourage families, schools, high school crews to comb through neighbourhoods and ask permission to turn lawn areas into school or neighbourhood gardens.... The produce distributed to the owner, neighbours, the students' families, food banks, etcetc..... these projects can easily be started at the local elementary levels, involve parent groups, etc.....	Metro Vancouver works with an organization called City Farmer, which as a long running community garden on the west side of Vancouver. They are a fantastic resource for residents, and can help provide an answer to any questions you may have about backyard gardening and composting. They can be reached at 604.736.2250.
485	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		A friend who lives in a downtown condo has filled his balcony with large pots filled with rich soil and grows his own veggies right there, no travel needed to tend to them....	Metro Vancouver works with an organization called City Farmer, which as a long running community garden on the west side of Vancouver. They are a fantastic resource for residents, and can help provide an answer to any questions you may have about backyard gardening and composting. They can be reached at 604.736.2250.
486	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		I could go on listing, but i am sure you know the above list + more of "good" things happening in all of Metro and beyond.....Please let me know if any of the above is being considered, implemented etc..... And where Metro itself is planning to do!	Metro Vancouver is currently updating its solid waste management plan, and our vision is a thriving region where resources are valued and nothing is wasted. We will record all of the input you've provided in your e-mail in our feedback log and consider it along with what we hear from others in creating a plan that will guide us in the years to come.
487	12-Oct-24	Email submission	Member of Public	Public members-at-large		WHY are plastic products allowed to be produced at all??! Surely the production (the source) should be the complete focus. Once produced it is too late!	Reducing waste at its source is our preferred solution and will be a key focus of our updated solid waste management plan. For issues like production of plastics, since it's an issue that stretches far beyond the boundaries of our region, we work with organizations like the National Zero Waste Council and Canada Plastics Pact, in collaboration with businesses and other organizations, to help amplify our voices in the effort to eliminate plastic waste. Here's the mission of the Canada Plastics Pact: "The Canada Plastics Pact is leading Canada's response to the escalating plastic crisis. We exist to eliminate plastic waste by accelerating and scaling the solutions that will keep plastics in the economy and out of people, animals and the environment. Through fostering innovation and collaboration, our 100+ Partners from across the plastics value chain are taking meaningful steps to eliminate unnecessary and problematic plastics."
488	15-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Canadian Beverage Association	Beverage Retailers		We lead within the most provinces in terms of recycling rate, recovery, and comparison to other programs. We are in contact with Return Deposit. Our Vancouver branch has a number of advisory committees. Members of the CBA are part of the Recycle BC program.	Noted

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489	16-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Canadian Beverage Association	Beverage Retailers		How does Metro Vancouver work with adjacent districts and the provincial governments?	We always inform adjacent districts about our activities. Examples include dialogues with Nanaimo. We work closely with the provincial government and the Ministry of Environment, following their guidelines. Our Industry Advisory Committee provides recommendations, and the provincial government participates as observers.
490	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	We've implemented Extended Producer Responsibility. Maybe we need to do Extended RETAILER responsibility, so retailers have incentives to seek packaging-free products!	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
491	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	Great thoughts and points. For me, one way I try to combat this frustrating reality is to 'vote with my wallet', recognizing my privilege of choice. So if I see tomatoes in a clamshell, or loose, I lean towards the ones which are loose. I like to think that if the retailer sees that the clamshell options aren't selling, they'll procure options which are loose.	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
492	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
493	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
494	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	What are the implications when they say 'resilient to climate change and future challenges'? What does it really mean? Does it mean the solid waste is away from water as it creeps inland? (another participant responded) I like to think that the fact that landfills produce methane and GHGs speaks to how waste is related to climate change. To put it very simply, burning fuel creates emissions that cause climate change, but landfills also create those emissions in a different way.	A solid waste system that is resilient to climate change and future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated plan.
495	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	Where does C&D waste go? We discussed, there are wood waste upcycling facilities, and also dedicated construction and demolition waste landfills. We discussed that wood products can become fibreboard, concrete becomes road fill, lots of different uses!	This feedback will be considered in the development of residuals management technical criteria for the updated plan.
496	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Opening Discussion	Is it true that each municipality can choose its own hauler? YES We discussed that municipalities have responsibility for managing their own waste contracts, and depending on the available infrastructure, may also choose between multi-stream or single-stream. They can even use different systems within the same municipality.	Noted
497	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Buy less. Have a list when I go shopping. Don't impulse buy; don't buy processed foods. Avoid restaurants (there is a lot of food waste there). Cooking with what you have in the home. Buying locally made products. Wear out our clothes. Reuse and recycle used textiles.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
498	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	When I think about my relationship with waste, I have three thoughts: -I try to buy less -As a foodie, I focus a lot of my time/money/energy around food - I prioritize making my own meals a lot. Cooking lentils and beans from bulk beans rather than in packaging. -I prioritize going to package-free grocery stores. I know that's not an option for everyone, everywhere, but I offset that by prioritizing that over some other activities. -On social connectedness - being a constant person in the group or family who's reminding people to be aware of their relationships with waste; try to impart a bit of wisdom and knowledge while I have conversations and interactions with others.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!

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499	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Favourite item to reuse is dog waste bags: She did make reusable dog waste bags as her master recycler project, but you don't need to go through that effort - she does have them, and other participants were fantastic supporters of her going through that, but you can just reuse the plastic ones if you're caught, because in Metro Vancouver we're encouraged to flush dog waste. She has two dogs, they go for walks twice a day, she could be using at least 4 if not more bags a day, and she doesn't. She uses either the bags she made or will reuse a plastic bag for weeks and weeks, instead of having four bags a day going to waste, she has very few (another participant asks) What do you do to reuse the same bag? Dog poops, flush it in the toilet, rinse the bag as she flushes, then hang it upside down	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
500	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Retired but does a lot of gardening and volunteering at Riley Park community garden. She's in charge of the composting section up there. -She has a great connection with a guy at Metro Vancouver who regularly sends packs of 'here's the dirt' leaflets, which she distributes to people whenever she gives a composting talk, and the worms leaflet too. -Her favourite thing to reuse is spreading coffee grounds around, so they never get wasted. They go on the roses or the pot plants who like them. And they seem to like it. So good, healthy plants.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
501	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	He reuses his paper garbage bags, and he uses an olive oil can as the garbage bin -The paper bag is probably a year old now, just emptying into their garbage can, and out in the lane. -They do, in their kitchen, his wife and he only, the kids are grown up, they have various waste baskets around the house, and when it comes close to garbage day, every 2 weeks, they aggregate the bins into 1 place, and sometimes he can just empty that directly into their big bin out in the lane -Sometimes the bag goes out with the rest of it, and then they use a new, small kitchen bag, which they used to reuse their shopping bags. Since those don't exist anymore, they do buy a roll of bags, it seems to last like 5 years.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
502	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Her daughter doesn't get home until 7 in the evening. They've taken to using the Hello Fresh delivery system. So you get the ingredients for a meal in a brown paper bag which fits perfectly into her kitchen caddy under the sink, so she's reusing those. And they have a slight element of a lining inside, which makes them relatively waterproof. So they're absolutely perfect for lining the food bin, and you can pop them into the green bin.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
503	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	He likes to reuse EVERYTHING , because he made a commitment more than 10 years ago that he doesn't buy anything new. The only things he buys new are food, bicycle brake pads that require replacing, and the head of his Sonic toothbrush is replaced roughly once a year, and is made of plastic.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
504	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	She's done a whole lot of stuff to do with improving her own recycling at home, and participating in zero waste events, since doing the MRV course in 2015.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
505	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	A constant struggle, realizing that things she consumes will end up in landfill, despite me recycling. She's trying to reconcile that difference. -I try to make sure whatever recycling or composting I do, I'm doing it well. -If I'm composting a container, I take out everything that is not compostable. -Anything that is recyclable, I separate all the components. -Also, I come from a culture (Pakistan) where waste is not a concept; we use everything over and over again. So it's ingrained in my upbringing to never throw it out. The idea of mindfulness. -Understanding how my individual action can impact the recycling process; if I put my pizza box that's stained in the recycling container, it can spoil the whole bale if it has grease. -You need to understand how your actions matter. The conversation around this usually blames others for why systems aren't working; we have to reframe and think about what we are doing to make it work.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!

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506	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	She takes individual actions, but also feels very frustrated by the manufacturers; if all the foods are in these clamshells, then what can we do to change that habit? I don't know if it is up to the individual to change these things. -I find it really frustrating that you can't buy anything that isn't in those hard plastics.	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
507	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Trying to be more waste-free by changing buying habits like switching to shampoo bars instead of bottles. - You really have to seek out refillable containers for beauty products. Some companies are better than others. -I go above and beyond to collect my soft plastics. -I've contacted companies to ask them to change their packaging - there are some things I don't buy anymore -If you tell people they have to spend 2x or 3x as much money to buy a product because it's locally sourced, reusable or has recycled content, it's hard for people to do. -Where can you make the biggest difference? -If I look in my garbage bin, you can't do much else with that -Dust, when i'm cleaning - what else am i throwing out - and I'm surprised by how much plastic I can accumulate over a month -But you find something inside a package that you don't expect. -the thing that makes me sad post Covid is only one major grocery store chain locally (Save on Foods) seems to have bulk foods still, others have shut down that option to consumer causing more buying than necessary	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
508	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Being from Hong Kong, coming to Vancouver to study is her first time (using multi-stream recycling). In Hong Kong the recycling system is not as good, so she's happy to see the number of different bins, including on campus. -Adding to the point about shampoo bars, her environmental awareness is influenced by my mom; so I encourage soap bars instead of liquid soap in bottles -Before that, I never realized how much plastic that one little bottle produces -It's very hard for people to adapt to a new way of using resources, even if it's simple to switch from liquid to bars.	Minimize waste generation is a goal for the plan update.
509	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	I like to bring Tiffin containers, or reused plastic containers to the bake shop and get them filled. There can be a hygiene issue, but we manage to take our reusable coffee mugs to coffee shops, etc. so that is an option. -As a retiree I'm lucky to be able to do all sorts of volunteer work in the recycling and repairing business. That's my main focus of trying to keep the planet from burning up.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
510	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Bringing takeout foodware to restaurants	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
511	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Reusable bags - hyper-portable	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
512	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	When done with a clothing item or not using it, will put it on the buy nothing site - pretty active on the local buy nothing; she uses it a LOT	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
513	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Use Facebook Marketplace second hand items	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
514	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Being a conduit for local schools, for family members (to take items to donation or depots)	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
515	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Talk to families about clothing-share. We just think that (and I was guilty of this too!) we think to dump unused items off at the Salvation Army or any other thrift store, e.g. SPCA, but we still have a lot of that stuff not getting resold in the Lower Mainland, it's garbage or sent overseas, so been trying to encourage people to share with cousins, and work with that, that's a big thing	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
516	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Volunteer at the repair cafes, helping to eliminate waste by repairing people's clothing items so they can keep using them	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
517	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Buy used items for grandchildren at MacGillycud's Children's consignment store at 33rd and Mckenzie	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.

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518	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	Recycle everything possible	Recycle into new products is a component of the goals for the plan update.
519	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you do to prevent and reduce waste?	<p>She's a zero waste artist who uses recycled and leftover items in her art. The main thing she uses these days is obsolete 1970s and 1960s polyester double knit fabric. She studied in a fashion design program, so she uses couture methods to make the waste fabric into something that is other than what it started out to be, really awful stuff. Also, her daughter has a cognitive disability and a number of health issues, so over the last 8 years they have eliminated everything from their life that could possibly contribute to various illnesses and problems, and ended up with pretty much nothing in the way of bodycare and food items. They've developed a bunch of bodycare products and are in a business program for people with disabilities, going to launch a line of skincare products in the spring. They grow everything and produce the raw materials for it, they forage and have a garden, so they make basically all the botanicals and make the products themselves. She wants their packaging to be an example of what they can do, not just a compromise. They want the packaging not to be greenwashed in any way, actual zero waste packaging. She doesn't even want it to be recycled, she really wants to give something that can be reused, so they're using proper canning jars for the packaging. They don't want glue or stickers so she's developed a way of making everything work, and a printer who can do what she needs to be done. It's hard to find anyone to make a circle for you that's not a sticky circle. She wanted to be an example of what they can do, not just a compromise - yes, it's recyclable, and therefore it's environmentally friendly - even though that's not environmentally friendly in my books, that's another part of the problem. I wanted to appeal to people who actually grow their one food and use their own food and preserve their own food. If someone ever gives me a canning jar, they know not write on my gravestone - never say no to a canning jar; something that can go in a hot water or a freezer.</p>	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
520	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	(Learn from the past). The Victorians always recycled everything, before plastic was invented, we should do some research into their practices	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
521	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	Clothing swaps - they want to host them; start the conversation with their community about textile waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
522	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	Implement reusable toilet paper at home; 'family cloths'	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
523	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	Bring take-out foodware when I go out for dinner.	Noted
524	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	"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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
525	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	Convince my friend who doesn't see the value in composting because she's thinking individual action doesn't have any impact, that composting every little food scrap DOES matter.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
526	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	(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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
527	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	More information sharing about the repair cafe, spreading the word more	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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528	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	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. 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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
529	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
530	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
531	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What people would like to do or have thought about doing?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
532	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	People don't know much about how recycling works, so they don't put their bins out.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
533	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	It's very hard to sort at the home; it's too confusing	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
534	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	It's disheartening that organics and recycling sometimes get incinerated	Dispose only as a last resort is one of the goals in the plan update.
535	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
536	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Behaviour change; people not following the right actions; we need to be letting them know what they can do.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
537	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
538	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
539	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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540	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
541	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
542	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Multi-family buildings have contamination	Noted
543	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
544	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
545	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Different cultures, different languages	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
546	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Health conditions and situations - for some people, it's very hard for them to drive to a depot, to the zero waste center or to depots	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
547	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Lack of continuity of waste bins. Sometimes, they're not always available. It is Complex, we've even done things with events in the summer where you're explaining where things go, which bin, but it's also the confusion of - you're standing in front of four bins, and you're like WHERE DOES THIS GO? Even when they have the pictures on them, it takes brain power that people don't necessarily want to take the time to figure it out	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
548	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
549	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Conundrum in my mind; we talk about waste reduction, but in the same talk we're talking about recycling, which is really just doing something different with the waste, so it's not really PREVENTING waste in the first place. So, the focus on recycling, and recycling better, is a barrier.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.

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550	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
551	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	How inaccessible it seems to actually prevent waste, because we encounter packaging and products once they're already designed to be wasted	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resoures and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
552	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	The notion Master 'Recycler' was misnamed, because you don't really want to recycle these things, you want to not create them in the first place	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resoures and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
553	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
554	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
555	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in tackling the goal to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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556	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
557	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
558	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
559	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
560	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	In ALL new buildings the waste sorting area should be built sufficiently large	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
561	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Provide more targeted education on what can and can't be recycled	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
562	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
563	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Educating the children, getting it in the school system, so that kids can educate their families	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
564	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Support programs for depot deliveries / help	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
565	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Fund pilots for streetside / curbside organics bins	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
566	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Host depots in public buildings. Encourage other public buildings to be waste depots; increase the number of depots	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
567	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Promote expansion of EPR programs so that all items are covered	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
568	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Mandate recycling, compost at public events	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
569	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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570	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
571	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	The Buy Nothing Groups are wonderful for redistributing stuff we no longer need	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
572	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	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?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
573	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	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 things 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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
574	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	We need to support good coordination for events to have good diversion. With managed waste coordination, you can get 70 to 80% diversion.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
575	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Consistency - sometimes things are not consistent between companies, and between buildings. In our multi family building it seems like we get different information from time to time, and it seems like different buildings have different rules, so some kind of consistency would be really helpful.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
576	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Organizations that regularly host events	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
577	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Farmer's markets	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
578	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Public parks, parks board	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
579	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Libraries	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
580	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Community centers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
581	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	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?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
582	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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583	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	Even if it's made of wood, everything has to be reusable.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
584	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Collaboration Opportunities	How is it working worldwide? Where is it working well, and let's learn from them.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
585	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	A fantastic blue box system for packaging and paper and glass and plastic	Noted
586	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	The composting mandate - organics ban to landfill Report for Master Recycler Vancouver's Collaborative Engagement Activities 2024 10	Noted
587	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	In general, BCs EPR programs are numerous and dare I say robust. There are a good number of drop-off locations but one could argue we need more.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
588	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	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.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
589	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
590	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	The EPR program has funded so much great infrastructure. MURFs, processors, collectors etc.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
591	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	The organics ban made us all switch to composting with relative ease ☺, residentially and commercially.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
592	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	As of January 1, 2025, Maple Ridge and Pitt meadows will have curbside pickup for Other Plastics. Remple is the hauler for this.	Noted
593	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	Garbage picked up weekly, but compost every other week. It helps people understand they have to cut back on their garbage because the cans are getting full. It's a good system to use	Noted
594	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	In my area, there are even some seasons where compost is only every 2nd week as well, which I think is good. The fact they're taking compost in the first place is amazing.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
595	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
596	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
597	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	My goal is to have every house to have a compost bin in its backyard	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
598	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	The green bin is a wonderful system, and it has definitely diverted a tremendous amount of stuff from landfill, but it has STOPPED people from composting their green waste and garden waste in their own yards, which is a shame	Noted
599	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Wins - what's going well and shouldn't be changed?	Generally, in Metro Vancouver, we have one of the best systems of collecting, recycling, composting in the world. Not first not the greenest area, but we probably are one of the top municipalities in Canada, and possibly in North America, so we've got a good system, we just can't let go of the gas, we have to keep on making new ideas and new innovations	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!

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600	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What's going well and should be expanded on?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
601	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What's going well and should be expanded on?	More drop-off stations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
602	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What's going well and should be expanded on?	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 batteries, etc.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
603	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What's going well and should be expanded on?	but I fear the major hurdle will be lack of space in the older buildings to accommodate more streams. It would probably work better in single family first?	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
604	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What's going well and should be expanded on?	Ban of single use plastics - bags, straws used to be bane of my beefs at restaurants, throw away utensils.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
605	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
606	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Not only international newcomers, Canadians coming to BC from other provinces where recycling/composting is not as strong as here	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
607	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	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!	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
608	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What are some of the ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Not everyone is on social media!	Noted
609	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What are some of the ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Messaging needs to be fun as well. We created a postcard for Trout Lake Community Centre's Green Committee's "No Balloon" campaign, and also posted them on social media, which received the most views.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
610	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What are some of the ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
611	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What are some of the ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Not just one avenue, we need to attack it from different ways. 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?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
612	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What are some of the ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Tables at schools and highschools, especially because those are the ones who will become the adults of the future	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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613	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	What are some of the ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
614	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
615	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
616	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	There are options like https://recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle/ , VanCollect, and RBCBs Recyclopedica, 311	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
617	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
618	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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!	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
619	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
620	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	If you don't put garbage out for 3 different collection dates, you get a rebate. That could take a lot of management, though.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
621	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	I think for me - educate kids and look around the world to see what's working in other places	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
622	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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623	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	“Recyclable container” - whether of glass, plastic or metals - is a greenwashing campaign by Big Industry aimed to make consumers feel better about participating in the polluting of our water, land, animals, bodies and air through the production, transportation and disposal of the products that Industry produces for us to buy and consume. And we should call it what it is. It's bad enough that so little of what we throw into the bin actually gets recycled - about 9% annually, according to various sources. And that, in the case of plastic, the quality deteriorates with each recycling to the point that we are ultimately creating more “trash.” In my opinion, the reality that we, as stewards of the earth, have to wrap our heads around, is that “single use” - regardless of the material of the container - is, by definition, the opposite of “green.” The solution to stop further pollution of waters, land, air, animals and people is not the continued mass manufacture of yet a greater variety of things for us to use once and then discard of - whether that's by chucking it into the trash, the blue bin, or just straight out the door. It's for us, as individuals, to recognise the fraud. And then, to whatever degree we each are able, to decrease our participation in a system that normalises the production of waste as being inevitable when, with a little creative thinking and a small adjustment in attitude, we can find ways to meet our needs that don't rely upon the production of more waste, necessarily, at all.	Minimize waste generation to prevent waste and use less is a goal for the plan update.
624	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	You need to make it not socially acceptable to throw items away that can be reused, repaired or recycled. Reference the “Participation” campaign in the seventies that got a generation of Canadians moving and investing more in their own health	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
625	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
626	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	Promote simple, and not costly or financially restrictive shifts in consumer behavior to reduce possible waste products at the source, before it reaches the household.	Minimize waste generation to prevent waste and use less is a goal for the plan update.
627	16-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Master Recycler Vancouver	SPEC and Master Recycler community	Closing Discussion	Promote conversations that instill the values of waste reduction as a community responsibility and benefit.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
628	17-Oct-24	Coffee cup revolution event	Binners	Public members-at-large	N/A	Hard to keep doing the good work of washing and sorting recycling when neighbours are just throwing everything in the trash -Similar comment about hard to do the work when items just end up in the landfill (related to building confidence in the recycling system)	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
629	17-Oct-24	Coffee cup revolution event	Binners	Public members-at-large	N/A	Waste-to-energy is bad for the environment, we shouldn't eat any food that grows within a certain radius of a waste-to-energy facility	Dispose only as a last resort is one of the goals in the plan update. Metro Vancouver's waste-to-energy facility meets or exceeds regulatory requirements.
630	17-Oct-24	Coffee cup revolution event	Binners	Public members-at-large	N/A	In multifamily buildings, people suggested to implement a share shelf (for items that can be reused)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
631	17-Oct-24	Coffee cup revolution event	Binners	Public members-at-large	N/A	For multifamily: Organize group recycling depot trips (organizing a schedule to take all items from building residents at once)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
632	17-Oct-24	Coffee cup revolution event	Binners	Public members-at-large	N/A	For multifamily: Support for the building ambassador program (Master Recyclers)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
633	17-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Canadian Beverage Association	Beverage Retailers		Regarding accountability, we're focused on research and advocacy, including expanding types of materials under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Can you provide more details about new EPR priorities or recycling management?	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
634	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Focus on environmental health, use doughnut economy approach to meet social needs while staying within planetary boundaries.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.
635	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Circular economy approach. The circular economy extends the value of products when done properly, this is integral to sustainable consumption and we need to pivot away from waste, e.g. York Region comprehensive CE approach. We need to look to Belgium and other regions for better models for reuse and eco centres.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan.

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636	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Pursue being part of a deeply interconnected system where material streams are not waste, they are material routes.	A thriving region where nothing is waste and resources are valued is the vision statement for the plan update.
637	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Link actively to climate change and scope three emissions, consumption-based GHG emissions.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
638	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Use a climate lens to evaluate built environment work across departments and sectors, factor in embodied energy, displaced virgin materials and job creation.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
639	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Consider the full lifecycle management of the product.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
640	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Use an environmental justice approach to sustainability, incorporate Indigenous knowledge and practices into policy and program approaches.	A solid waste system that is resilient to climate change and future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated plan.
641	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Address poverty and social equity as part of seeking waste prevention and reduction solutions.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
642	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Integrate Key Concepts for Environment / Planetary Boundaries / Climate / Circular Economy	Words matter. Shift mindset and language, eliminate the word waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
643	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize the Pollution Prevention Hierarchy	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
644	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize the Pollution Prevention Hierarchy	Focus on prevent and reduce, reduce all volumes even if recycled.	Minimize waste generation to prevent waste and use less is a goal for the plan update.
645	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Decommission the incinerator, don't use cement kilns for plastic or other recyclables.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
646	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Use the pollution prevention hierarchy; cement kilns taking plastic and other products is NOT recycling and shouldn't be counted as such. If we don't know where we are with accurate metrics, it's hard to see where we are going.	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
647	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Using the hierarchy also reduces toxins. Burning with impact to air quality and production of ash with toxins needs a full analysis with science behind it. It is also counter to a circular economy approach that extends product life and uses outputs as inputs to new systems. In some regions, there is already landfill mining in place to recover resources; if we burn items, we lose that opportunity.	Enable circular systems that preserve the value or resources and transition to a circular economy is a goal of the plan. Waste prevention is the highest priority.
648	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	No incineration or cement kiln for burning garbage. Cement kiln purports to be a solution for waste, it's an issue of distortion and doesn't consider downstream effects re: air pollution, carbon cost of processing cement. The projected co-benefit of producing energy and destroying waste sounds good only at first. It doesn't factor the external costs, impact on climate change and reduction of air quality. We need renewables focus; e.g., using solar for electric systems as is being done in Europe for steel manufacturing.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
649	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Don't use cement kilns for plastics and other municipal solid waste that should be designed out, used as a commodity.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
650	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	District heating is greenwashing. There is excess heat, it's already showing as being inefficient and then the infrastructure is being tied to an energy source that is proven to cause harm.	Noted
651	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	No chemical recycling or other burning that drains in the circular economy that enables poor product design.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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652	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Disposal infrastructure challenges - chemical recycling is a fantasy, it doesn't reduce GHGs and it contributes to the continuous use of fossil fuels. We have already set policy to reduce GHGs to mitigate climate change, so it doesn't make sense to build infrastructure that counters those policies and causes harm. Recognize the link between fossil fuels and maintaining oil and gas extraction infrastructure and the benefit to the plastics industry, including the recycling infrastructure side of it.	Dispose only as a last resort is one of the goals in the plan update.
653	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
654	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Don't burn materials, no thermal treatment offers a long-term solution.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
655	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Use products better, integrate regenerative practices including for biomass, and account for carbon sequestration as part of organics management.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
656	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Use a No Burn Approach for Disposal	Review the true validity of using aging incinerator infrastructure with a new district heating system, it's costly and not sustainable. Explore other renewable energy sources for district heating and conduct full cost accounting for incinerator infrastructure compared to landfill as we continue to reduce waste and recover materials.	Metro Vancouver has GVS&DD Board direction proceed with the district energy project, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, triple the energy recovery potential of the waste-to-energy facility, and provide heat/hot water for up to 50,000 homes. In spite of the region's success in reducing waste, approximately 1,000,000 tonnes per year of garbage from residential commercial and institutional sources require disposal. Waste-to-energy costs are consistent with local landfilling, and half of remote landfilling.
657	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
658	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
659	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	We need solutions beyond curbside programs and basic recycling.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
660	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	We need reuse capacity as part of our facilities and infrastructure, with strong partnerships to move materials and stimulate the economy.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
661	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	We need to normalize reverse logistics, plan for the full life cycle of an item, consider biological and technology cycles.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
662	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
663	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Fund Upstream Solutions and Scale Up Reuse	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
664	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize Interdisciplinary and Community-based Solutions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
665	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize Interdisciplinary and Community-based Solutions	Solution to reducing waste is collaboration and cross-disciplinary understanding. Consider health, climate change, carbon costs and what is needed for future generations. Maintain biodiversity, work across Ministries, level of government, and disciplines.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
666	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize Interdisciplinary and Community-based Solutions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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667	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize Interdisciplinary and Community-based Solutions	Avoid the pattern of downloading many programs and initiatives to municipalities, maintain an aligned approach across levels of government.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
668	17-Oct-24	InterviewNotes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Optimize Interdisciplinary and Community-based Solutions	Need community level approach to solutions, e.g., One Planet Saanich.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
669	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Number of transfer stations and bottle depots, network of locations.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
670	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Encouragement of binners.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
671	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Collaborations with the health authority and BC Housing.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
672	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Regional approach for education - food scraps, reduction campaigns, more inclusive to all communities.	Inclusivity is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
673	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Metro Vancouver sharing communications resources with other local governments.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
674	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Be a waste hero campaign.	Your effort counts! Actions like you take every day has helped our region achieve a 65% recycling rate – well above the north American average. Keep up the good work!
675	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Growth of reuse takeout platforms.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
676	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Face-to-face contact for engagement - partnerships for reuse.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
677	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Working with offices (lunch and learns) and education on reuse, e.g., get everyone to bring their own coffee cup.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
678	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	C&D waste - exploring barriers for reuse, developing toolkit, create tools for people to deconstruct.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
679	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Digital infrastructure - more information about repair cafes, reuse.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
680	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Carpet collection in Coquitlam.	Recover resources from non-recyclable materials is a goal of the updated plan.
681	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Mattress collection even though not in EPR.	Recover resources from non-recyclable materials is a goal of the updated plan.
682	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Relocating houses, decreasing construction waste - seeing more of these projects.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
683	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Current Successes	Need more of the businesses like Chopped Value to use these materials in an innovative way.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
684	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
685	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
686	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Multi-family mixed residential buildings have very limited infrastructure and systems for implementing policies. Not able to easily get that changed.	A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region is a guiding principle for the plan update.
687	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	TRU certifications - use those to inform the SWMP.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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688	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Disaster debris based on individual communities. Need more on mitigation. Asbestos is a major barrier. After a major event, have a lot of material to remove. How do you remove this material before it is damaged? Example: US has tool lending libraries to protect homes and not create debris in the first place. How to build homes for deconstruction?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
689	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	GHG emissions - methane from paper/cardboard, should go back to the product manufacturers. Need ICI regs for businesses.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
690	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Time - not enough movement making in the time we have.	Noted
691	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Greenwashing - public entities should report on the same guidelines and get transparency. Clear bags for the commercial sector to increase transparency.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
692	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Education programs - systems are fragmented from an end-user experience, EPR organization name doesn't match the material being recycled.	Keep materials in use as long as possible is a goal of the plan update.
693	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Pushing the Recyclopedia app more.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
694	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Gap - Awareness to action falling on individual municipalities, Metro Vancouver can better support them and encourage practical action.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
695	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Regular person not able to easily understand the waste landscape.	Make it easier to recycle effectively is one of the goals in the plan update.
696	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	One-stop shop is needed (e.g., VSTS).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
697	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Waste hierarchy - a lot of the education is about the middle of the hierarchy because the funding comes from the municipality.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
698	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Higher level concepts are missing, but concern about anti-economy.	Noted.
699	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Municipalities cannot push the reduce and reuse parts.	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
700	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Who is going to fund the work at the top of the hierarchy?	Issues such as affordability were considered in developing evaluation criteria for potential strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan. Actions that address this issue as well as others are more likely to be included in an updated plan.
701	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	There are jobs in reuse and repair - need to show that.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
702	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Difficult to have funding for schools for things that aren't just recycling (Encorp funds a lot of education on returning containers).	Inclusivity is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
703	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	SLRD funds education in schools.	Noted.
704	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	EPR trickles to the consumer, need to incentivize both the producer and the consumer.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
705	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Example: Bought flowers and the flowers come in plastic wrap that could go back to store.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
706	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	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)?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
707	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Need milkman programs to come back.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
708	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	More incentives for consumers and companies for reuse, especially items that are widely dispersed like bags.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
709	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Is there a role for Metro Vancouver, working with chambers of commerce, to encourage return to retail?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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710	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Tree permitting doesn't recognize that large trees should be protected, no bylaws for required salvage.	Noted.
711	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	No one knows how much sequestered carbon is lost when trees are turned into firewood.	Noted.
712	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Lack of awareness of what has more or less utility. If they knew it could have been reused, then they can recover it.	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
713	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Not having someone on-site to do source separation, can get the materials to higher and better uses.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
714	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
715	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Time is limited, using that as an incentive, like making permitting faster if you deconstruct instead of demolish.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
716	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Examples of success: Carpet separation in Coquitlam. Over time, more contractors were separating when the infrastructure (designated spot) was there and habits started happening.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
717	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Clean Farms in Northern BC to collect agricultural plastics.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
718	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Enforce habits and incentivize them with the industry (e.g., contractors, farmers).	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
719	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Some upcycling initiatives may be creating more waste down the road, like Chopped Value. The products are not recyclable or compostable.	Transparency about what happens to waste is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
720	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Gap in new processes and methods to recycle items that currently are not recyclable.	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
721	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Gray area, could some of the new businesses or initiatives be a stepping stone towards better systems?	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
722	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Big corporations not being held accountable, being trickled down to the individuals who end up being responsible instead.	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
723	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Sometimes cannot start programs - chicken and egg problem of not having a processor for a material, so cannot separate it, which then doesn't incentivize getting a processor.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
724	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Technologies are needed, but still a lot is behavior change.	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
725	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Higher pricing for disposal compared to separation to save tipping fees.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
726	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Neighbourhood reuse groups on Facebook - the 10x10 block area makes reuse opportunities very accessible and co-benefit of building community.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
727	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Is there something we can learn from these groups in terms of building networks for reuse? Possibly trying return to retail with a Business Improvement Association?	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
728	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	No salvage options at transfer stations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
729	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Need staff to be intercepting every load and educating.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
730	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Providing all reuse options at transfer stations (ahead of the scale / before it touches the ground).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
731	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Need health impacts to be more clear and engage more with health officer involvement.	Emissions from the Waste-to-Energy Facility are closely monitored and openly shared in real time online, in addition to being reported to regulators. All regulated emission parameter values are below regulatory emission limits.
732	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Barriers and Key Challenges, Missing Actions	Start at the top with design, design out waste, find ways to keep upcycling materials.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.

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733	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Collaboration Opportunities	Partnerships with organizations to take materials for reuse before they get to transfer stations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
734	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Collaboration Opportunities	How can you have municipalities work with private contractors or companies, not just non-profits?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
735	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Collaboration Opportunities	Municipalities all almost exclusively work with the traditional process of tendered bidding and rarely respond to unsolicited proposals for waste diversion solutions.	Noted.
736	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Collaboration Opportunities	Cross-utility between companies and work together with smaller producers.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
737	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Other Feedback	A lack of knowledge among residents. People just don't know about opportunities to reuse.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
738	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Other Feedback	Dumping lots of wood at the transfer station (hundreds of dollars).	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
739	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Other Feedback	Scamming from greenwashing. Getting people to understand what's going on.	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
740	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Other Feedback	Messaging: Not have the people at the bottom need to do the most amount of work (justice), bigger things not being resolved.	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
741	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Other Feedback	Engaging people with the incentives.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
742	17-Oct-24	Workshop Notes	Zero Waste BC	Public members-at-large	Other Feedback	Need health authority collaboration on air and water quality.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
743	18-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Canadian Beverage Association	Beverage Retailers		The beverage sector has a high return rate for plastic bottles. We believe it's essential that the beverage industry's success is recognized, and that the lifecycle of products is shown to the public.	We agree on the importance of showing people what is already being done. Under the topic of Leveraging Knowledge, we'd like to learn more about this. While there is substantial recycling activity, there's a gap in market demand for recycled products. We're interested in discussing ideas to help build these markets.
744	19-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Canadian Beverage Association	Beverage Retailers		We suggest connecting with Sidney Koontz from Encorp Pacific as a resource or for further engagement. CBA is an official member of Encorp Pacific. We continue to perform at high levels (80% rate), exceeding the average. PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) are in demand as raw materials for plastic bottles in a developed marketplace. Contacting Sidney Kuo could be beneficial for engagement.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
745	20-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Canadian Beverage Association	Beverage Retailers		Building confidence in recycling is a priority for us too. A partnership with Encorp Pacific could be beneficial in building confidence. CBA is interested in potential areas for collaboration in this aspect.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
746	24-Oct-24	Meeting Summary	FVRD Board	Local Government		Mostly questions about waste-to-energy; clarifying intent with respect to increasing capacity, and also questions about regulatory requirements. Desire to collaborate more particularly with advocacy through the NZWC for things like packaging and design (further advancing waste prevention)	Issues such as capacity, regulatory requirements, collaboration, and innovation were considered in developing evaluation criteria for potential strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan. Actions that address these issues as well as others are more likely to be included in an updated plan.
747	26-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Warm up: How do we eliminate waste?	Reuse and use of Facebook Marketplace, Habitat for Humanity, and Urban Repurpose (though some items are not accepted).	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
748	27-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Warm up: How do we eliminate waste?	Shopping at Bulk Barn.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
749	28-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Warm up: How do we eliminate waste?	Encouraging workplaces to bring their own cutlery.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
750	29-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	Leftover waste/garbage after shopping—suggested giving packaging back to facilities for reuse.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
751	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	I refurbish goods e.g. shoes, electronics etc. I'll retread shoes and give them for life.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
752	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	Arts and crafts	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.

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753	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	Clothing! Donate clothes or used clothes.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
754	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	Encourage folks to reuse or buy second-hand clothing	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
755	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	Try to purchase organic where possible. Better fabrics.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
756	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	Buy things on the street. It's cheaper!	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
757	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What actions do you take to eliminate waste?	On my days off , I go binning to get people to save their cans.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
758	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Challenges with the current system	What are we doing with the systems we have in place right now?	The updated plan will build on the successes of the current plan and identify how our region can continue to reduce waste, increase reuse and recycling, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and work towards a circular economy.
759	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Challenges with the current system	Government	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
760	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Challenges with the current system	Not having the motivation or commitment from the public	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
761	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Challenges with the current system	Variations in lifestyles across the city. We live a fast-paced lifestyle where we aren't thinking about how to make things better if it changes our lifestyle. E.g. young mums disposing of diapers. The can't keep up with the demand to consider better and more environmentally beneficial diaper disposal options.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
762	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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 binnners could relay that information.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
763	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
764	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do?	Flip the prices around. Ay less to get the good stuff and make it more expensive to buy the cheap stuff .	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
765	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	Try different collaborations!	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
766	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	Local politicians	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
767	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	Stadium level, in-person, consultations system where community members could come and vote on various waste management issues/practices. Make it an open invite to everyone.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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768	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
769	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	Engage with artists and incorporate recycled art into our natural landscape.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
770	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	Partner with food banks to reduce waste and educate.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
771	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	Who could Metro Vancouver collaborate with?	Facilitate a collaboration between local farmers, local food deliveries, and DTES to reduce carbon footprint.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
772	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What can Metro Vancouver do to reach residents?	In-person surveys.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
773	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What can Metro Vancouver do to reach residents?	Reflect on what has worked well in the past and make the necessary adjustments	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
774	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What can Metro Vancouver do to reach residents?	Social media - cool engagements that are up with the trends! Collaborate with youths.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
775	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What can Metro Vancouver do to reach residents?	Hand-delivered notices to residents	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
776	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What can Metro Vancouver do to reach residents?	Connect with local organizations to engage residents in the DTES	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
777	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What can Metro Vancouver do to reach residents?	Create a Metro Vancouver newspaper to share with residents	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
778	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Recycle home supplies and shop at thrift stores. Donate to second-hand stores so that others can use it.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
779	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Separate and divert paper, plastic, garbage and compost as much as possible, while encouraging and educating others to do the same.	Recycle is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
780	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Recycling, and repairing furniture. By refurbishing goods such as shoes and electronics, new life is given to these products.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
781	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Try to buy things that will last longer so they use less, "quality over quantity".	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
782	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Public knowledge isn't widely known about how to divert waste. A lot of people just don't know [about recycling or their consumer habits]! I've seen and met people in condos who have no idea how to dispose of waste, but apartment buildings also don't have a good infrastructure to support waste diversion.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
783	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Improper or inconsistent availability of specific bins for organics, needles and diapers in housing sites. When there is a lack of access to needle boxes, people just put them in the waste, contaminating the bag and making it dangerous for binnners. Diapers become a problem because they spoil everything else in the bag.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
784	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Plastic packaging! There is thin plastic packaging everywhere and not a good system to dispose of it. Some packages can't be reused or recycled e.g. veggie bags.	Noted.
785	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Things are not made to be fixed. Things are made to be disposed of. Electronics are a great example because we no longer take them to a store to be fixed, you have to either return them to a manufacturer or dispose of them.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
786	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binnners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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787	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the challenges and barriers?	Not having the motivation or commitment from the public. We live a fast-paced lifestyle where we aren't thinking about how to make things better, especially if changes will impact the lifestyle that we enjoy.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
788	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
789	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
790	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Create more incentives for reuse and proper waste diversion e.g. coffee cups, mattresses, and building more drop-off locations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
791	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
792	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
793	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	In what ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
794	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	In what ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
795	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	In what ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Encourage/require large buildings/businesses to hire groups like Binners' Project to sort waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
796	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	In what ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	A Sister City project. Metro Vancouver could exchange ideas with another city/region with a focus on waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
797	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	In what ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
798	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	In what ways can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others?	Facilitate a collaboration between local farmers, local food deliveries, and DTES to reduce carbon footprint.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
799	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications. What info is missing?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
800	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications. What info is missing?	Businesses need to take responsibility for their products and their end-life	Accountability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
801	30-Oct-24	Community Consultation Notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications. What info is missing?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
802	30-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	More recycling and accessibility—many people must go to depots, and not many are willing to do that.	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
803	31-Oct-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	Need for packaging with less plastic—use more paper instead.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.

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804	1-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	Individuals having to take packaging from the workplace instead of systemic changes.	Noted.
805	2-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	Common recycling areas in condos—should be more accessible for residents.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
806	3-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	Soft plastic could become messy if incorporated into single-dwelling recycling.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
807	4-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Implement more regulations (e.g., bans on single-use plastics, like straws).	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
808	5-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Create education programs for immigrants to familiarize them with waste systems.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
809	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Define the frequency and purpose of reporting – how and when will the data will be used.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
810	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Consider the administrative burden for haulers, processors, and Metro Vancouver staff.	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
811	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Collaborate with industry to determine who is tracking and accountable for providing information and thresholds for businesses that are asked or required to report.	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
812	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Determine who will have access to the data, how much will be shared, and ensure no impacts to business confidentiality.	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
813	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Prioritize measuring versus estimating: Enhance detail level (e.g. composition data versus tonnage)	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
814	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Ensure the waste stream is consistent with what is being measured and how it is being tracked (tonnage)	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
815	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Perform composition breakdowns for mixed loads (organics, recyclables): Waste composition studies should occur more often.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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816	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Consider how waste streams are changing – investigate if measuring by ‘tonnes’ is still the most applicable or if there is another more relevant metric (e.g. composition).	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
817	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Examine terminology – agreement on the definition of recycling is needed. Measure concrete and asphalt separately. Do not track materials sent for incineration as recycled.	The updated solid waste management plan will include a glossary of terms and definitions. Materials sent to waste-to-energy are considered disposal, not recycling.
818	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Track commodity markets from recycled materials to assess whether what we're recycling makes sense and if there is a market for it.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
819	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Targets have to be measurable/quantitative.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
820	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Interpret numbers based on what is recycled according to various materials rather than the overall percentage.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
821	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Ensure that chosen metrics support financial responsibility with taxpayer dollars by generating practical data that members and taxpayers can relate to and understand.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets. Affordability is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
822	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Ensure chosen metrics can provide meaningful/actionable insights.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
823	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Increase clarity and transparency with data that is generated from metrics.	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
824	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Transparency about the materials that can't be recycled (no market), being sent to cement kiln and considered as recycling. Terminology is very important to define what materials are being considered recycled and where those materials end up. E.g. RDF material being considered recycled even though being sent to cement kiln	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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825	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Prioritize metrics that are business-related (e.g., cost per tonne, financial review, financial efficiencies at the landfill or waste-to-energy facility); metrics that members and taxpayers can relate to.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
826	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Adopt lifecycle view of materials and calculate greenhouse gases [GHGs] from extraction to the point of recycling.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
827	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Focus on reduction and reuse when considering the change of tracking method, materials tracked, and metrics used. Anything that is not relevant to measuring reduction and recycling that is currently included should be reconsidered.	The draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan prioritizes waste prevention and reduction, with recycling as a less favourable option compared to waste reduction. Disposal is a last resort.
828	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Choose metrics based on relevancy to the waste material	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
829	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Track organics and recyclables	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
830	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	More metrics needed on C&D Waste and greater clarity is needed on data, in terms of what is being tracked (i.e., waste type, locations, etc).	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
831	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Greatest factors/impacts that will influence diversion need to be looked at more closely.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
832	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Consider changing waste streams – the change in material and makeup of the waste stream over the years and into the future.	Resilience to climate change and future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
833	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Base metrics on what's produced versus what is recycled	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.

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834	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	With respect to performance metrics and applicability to the updated SWMP plan: What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?	Report in terms of various materials rather than percentage in total. Example: concrete and asphalt skew the statistics	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
835	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
836	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	In other jurisdictions, industry reports on waste and recycling quantities; assigned a 'generator number' etc (similar to hauler licensing)	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
837	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Balance between confidentiality on one hand, and on the other hand and sharing the generation number to help advance recycling across the region	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
838	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Report total tonnage – tonnage in should equal tonnage out	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
839	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Report residual waste (from recycling facilities)	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
840	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Include recycling amount exported vs recycled in BC	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
841	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Comparison reports on Metro Vancouver waste how much is disposed of vs diverted, disposed of in different locations, Waste-to-Energy vs. landfill vs. other options	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
842	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Tipping Fee Rates – increase them to drive diversion from landfill and stimulate market development and innovation in other waste streams (eg., shingles in 2010)	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
843	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Develop mechanism for industry to report on efforts in this area (e.g. measuring GHGs, tonnage reported), still needs to be protected as it is highly sensitive due to competitive industry.	This feedback was considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
844	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved? What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?	Needs a lot of discussion to get to what that mechanism could be so that private sector and government are in agreement.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
845	5-Nov-24	Committee Meeting Discussion Feedback Summary	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Additional comment	To help enhance engagement, it could be helpful to have a waste hierarchy graphic with explanations to clarify what the terms mean (above and beyond the traditional three R's)	Metro Vancouver developed a draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan based on feedback received.
846	6-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Clarify recycling education in schools—currently, kids put things in the wrong bins due to confusion.	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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847	7-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Improve signage—school waste bins have unclear images making it difficult to sort properly.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
848	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Food waste is primarily water	Noted.
849	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		In-sink food disposers turn food into a slurry that goes down the drain	Noted.
850	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Studies completed in Calgary and the US have shown 30-60% reduction in food waste and 75% decrease in odor	Noted.
851	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Insinkerator has participated in City of Vancouver and Metro Vancouver engagement, including liquid waste management plan	Noted.
852	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Compostable organics remain the largest component of multi-family residential waste, Insinkerator presents a potential solution	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
853	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Food waste disposers are a convenient option for disposal of organics	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
854	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Joint conversation with liquid and solid waste required prior to more widespread implementation of in-sink food disposal solutions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
855	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Are disposers banned in Metro Vancouver?	Disposers are not banned, however implications are considered in liquid waste management plan. Not aware of any bans on disposers in Metro Vancouver municipalities. Solid waste is interested in increasing diversion of food scraps, but the use of disposers is not just a solid waste conversation; rather, the conversation would need to include liquid waste.
856	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Looking to support growth in the deconstruction industry	Prevention of home demolition waste was considered as a potential action and included in the options analysis process.
857	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Expecting 10,000 home demolitions in the next five years	Noted.
858	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Instead of demolition, materials can be salvage, donated, sold and reused	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
859	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		An increase in the removal of single family homes as a result of densification will require space to store and process recoverable materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
860	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		There is also a missed opportunity for secondary markets for items such as tubs, sinks, flooring, etc. How do we go from lost opportunities to opportunities for growth	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
861	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>What does the industry need to be able to do more recovery?</i>	Education and working with local governments on incentives for deconstruction	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
862	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>What about cost? If it became mandatory what would happen?</i>	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
863	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>How does the timeline compare with traditional demolition?</i>	The average timeline to deconstruct an average single family home is 1 week once the permit is issued, and cost is on par thanks to tax credit	Noted.
864	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>What age of homes are appropriate for deconstruction?</i>	The interest so far has primarily been in heritage and character homes, average 1905 to 1970	Noted.
865	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>De-nailing must be expensive, how is that offered?</i>	Currently it's worked into the cost of deconstruction – but in the future there are many options for how we might price and sell materials.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.

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866	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Prefab component could be great in terms of deconstruction. Reused wood can be used for building panels for prefabricated construction, and this has been done in partnership with Kiwi Innovation, a local construction company. Four homes have already been interested in these types of panels. They are especially useful in retrofits and laneway homes.	Prevention of home demolition waste was considered as a potential action and included in the options analysis process.
867	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		VEMA is working with StructureCraft and Urban Machine to develop a plan to use reclaim material, which is regraded and used as dowel laminated timber in mass timber construction.	Prevention of home demolition waste was considered as a potential action and included in the options analysis process.
868	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		CWWR looks at urban wood waste, forestry waste, and other industrial wood waste sources	Noted.
869	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		CWWR's goal is to become Canada's fifth major environmental recycling powerhouse, after paper/cardboard, paint, tires and electronics	Noted.
870	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Wood recycling and advocacy – wood waste includes homes and residential, forest industry, disaster, etc.	Metro Vancouver will consider deconstruction and materials reuse when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
871	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Important to understand how to get materials to the market	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
872	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Global partnership – most members are European but Canadian market is primed for development	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
873	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		All end-of-use wood waste is 100% recyclable	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
874	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Creating a reuse market is one of the biggest challenges and opportunities	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
875	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		We provide resources to anyone who is interested	Noted.
876	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Immigrants face challenges in understanding the waste and recycling system in Canada	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
877	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		41% of Metro Vancouver residents and newcomers come from countries where waste management is not a priority	An inclusive solid waste system is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
878	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
879	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Immigrants want to belong and feel as if they're part of something larger	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
880	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Engagement has to be in a language and in a way that connects with them	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
881	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
882	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		There is a lack of diversity in this space. We need to mobilize and increase inclusion with meaning and purpose	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
883	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Based on study in Surrey, 50% are not participating effectively in the waste management programs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
884	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Suggestion is to start with a pilot program, specifically targeted to specific populations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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885	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Circular Environmental Education (CEED) out of Toronto runs a similar BIPOC led program for social housing	Noted.
886	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		KIAM has identified a very important gap in the circular economy. 40% of immigrants aren't even using their bins, as they are not equipped with information. It can feel shameful to ask for help on something seen as basic in the community	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
887	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Showing that actions have a positive result can go a long way, as many immigrants come from countries where the government is deeply mistrusted	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
888	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
889	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Throw-away lifestyle is out of control	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
890	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Reusables are a proven solution to reducing waste from single-use items	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
891	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
892	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Every collection could include data tracking	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
893	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Reuse system is possible, but government support required on the public collection and washing facility components	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
894	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		This type of system could also be used for textiles, transport packaging, non-consumable goods	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
895	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>How many times can a cup be reused, and what is the plan for end of life?</i>	With efficient and convenient collection, Sharewares demonstrated that in four months, only six out of 1000s of cups need to be replaced	Noted.
896	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>Is this implemented currently anywhere?</i>	Currently working with Tim Hortons on reusable cup program, as well as Vogue theatre, Bard on the Beach. These are closed loop systems which show very high recovery	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
897	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>Is convenience the biggest challenge?</i>	The initial choice is also a challenge if consumers are unfamiliar with reusables. Requires a lot of explanation	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
898	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>What happens if the items end up in the garbage?</i>	It is a deposit-based system, so there is no additional program cost associated with items ending up in the garbage. In theory if it goes in the recycling bin, RecycleBC or stewards could be pulling the item out in their facilities and collecting that deposit	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
899	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>The closed site model (e.g. theatres) make a lot of sense, but beyond that what do you envision for infrastructure? The depots are probably a very key part of this infrastructure.</i>	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 Binners could participate in. Looking at recycling depots and how they could participate is an important element	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
900	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Been operating for 40 years, located on Mitchell Island. Started as recyclers for contractors	Noted.
901	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Can service demolition projects and large-scale renovations	Noted.
902	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Produce recycled concrete aggregate to make interlockable concrete blocks	Noted.
903	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		There is lots of incoming material; however, we are looking for more opportunities for end use of the recycled materials	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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904	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		What we hope for is more opportunities for contractors and others to be a part of the zerowaste community	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
905	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>How does the process work?</i>	Loads of concrete are weighed, then concrete and rebar is sorted manually, the concrete is then fed through a crusher (magnets and air blowers help eliminate contamination), and then the output material is then discharged or washed. Lots of testing is done to ensure that it meets Master Municipal Construction Documents (MMCD) requirements. 100,000 - 200,000 tonnes per year are brought in and regenerated. Much of the material is reincorporated into lock blocks. Metrics on energy consumption for producing lock blocks to be provided.	Noted.
906	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>RecycleBC was looking at adding plastics into concrete to give it certain features. Would that create a challenge for Lock-Block?</i>	This could create a struggle for usage, as plastics is considered a contaminant that is removed during the picking/cleansing process. Would likely be removed from the process.	Noted.
907	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>How much can typically be recycled?</i>	If the incoming material is pure concrete, 95-100% could be recycled.	This feedback will be considered in the development of residuals management technical criteria for the updated plan.
908	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Manufactures certified compostable film products and also provide sorting bins and food scrap collection programs	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
909	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Certified food scrap bags are important to waste collection systems	Noted.
910	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Ecosafe compostable bags are certified by both Biodegradable Products Institute and Compost Manufacturing Alliance	Noted.
911	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Compost Manufacturing Alliance represents over 30 of the biggest compost manufacturers in the US and works on field testing compostable products	Noted.
912	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Residential programs over the last 30 years have seen an increase in plastics that could potentially be replaced with certified compostables as a system improvement	Noted.
913	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Certified compostable products can help increase capture of organics	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
914	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>Who certifies the compostable product?</i>	We work with labs and do field testing. Perhaps we don't currently have the infrastructure to deal with the compostable products (We need to think about food wraps in general, dog poo, etc.) Compost Council of Canada works within the community to connect on this system of growing compostable products	Noted.
915	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	<i>Are there many Indigenous led buildings that are using these products? (Multifamily residential units)</i>	EcoSafe has worked with BC Housing and are very interested in these types of partnerships. Many of the bags are manufactured in an Indigenous led facility in North Dakota. Suggestion for EcoSafe Zero Waste to get in touch with Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG)	Noted.
916	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	Municipal e-waste hub: a sustainable exchange platform	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
917	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	Municipal e-waste hub: a sustainable exchange platform	This type of hub could categorize items into different types and classifications, as well as condition and usage.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
918	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large	Municipal e-waste hub: a sustainable exchange platform	Benefits of the platform are a reduced environmental impact and increased cost efficiency	Noted.
919	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Envision's technology uses mixed waste processing and end use manufacturing to transform 90% of a city's waste to new finished products using advanced equipment	Noted
920	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Mixed waste processing allows for picking up everything on the same day and everything can be combined. Involves CO2 capture and sequestration	Noted.

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921	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		RecycleBC serves 99.4% of BC by population, to provide residential recycling collection services for packaging and printed paper.	Noted.
922	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		RecycleBC partners with 10 municipalities in Metro Vancouver for multi-family, three private haulers, and four direct service (multi-family service provided directly by RecycleBC) , and supported by 38 depots and 18 London drugs locations	Noted.
923	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		RecycleBC services over 93% of all multi-family households in Metro Vancouver based on 2021 census data	Noted.
924	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Looking to improve multi-family recycling by offering incentives to private haulers collecting comingled recycling from commercial and multi-family buildings	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
925	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Also offering flexible plastics packaging collection for any collection partner	Noted.
926	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Solution for forgotten reusable bags that are not reused as intended, and can become another environmental burden	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
927	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		If not reused, these bags have a greater environmental impact than disposable bags	Noted.
928	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
929	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Goatote proposed partnership with Vancouver	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
930	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Urban repurpose has been operating since 2016, and reuses material	Noted.
931	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Currently has a contract to operate reuse days at the North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre - 30 reuse days held so far	Noted
932	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Looking to increase number of days and amount of material collected but primary barrier is space.	Noted.
933	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Urban Repurpose's goal is waste diversion	Noted.
934	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
935	7-Nov-24	Presentation Notes	Zero Waste Committee and Public Technical Advisory Committee	Public members-at-large		Goal is to work with Metro Vancouver to work through these barriers and increase waste diversion	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
936	8-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large		Binners' Project's low-barrier engagement strategy focused on gathering feedback from community waste experts, binners. Binners are among the most marginalized groups in urban areas, and they offer valuable feedback on solid waste systems and key insights into the public's approach and habits when disposing of waste. The goal of the strategy was to collect binner feedback in a manner that was informed and in an accessible environment where binners felt comfortable to participate (e.g. on the street, near the depots).	Noted.

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937	8-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large		143 binners participated in the engagement, either through the consultation or survey. The results showed that binners are interested in improving the region's waste management and are eager to participate in waste initiatives and recycling programs if they are informed and in a position to contribute. Barriers such as housing, education, accessibility and transportation, and language can impact a binner's ability to participate. A common theme that arose from the engagement centred around a simplified and uniform recycling system, that was accessible to everyone and that held everyone accountable.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
938	8-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large		The length of the survey made it difficult to keep participants engaged and complete the survey in its entirety. As a result, the open-ended questions were often skipped over or answered in less depth. Binners facilitating the surveys used various engagement tactics, in addition to gift cards, to keep participants engaged to complete the survey in its entirety.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when designing engagement materials in future phases.
939	8-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large		The survey was noted as more user-friendly compared to 2023's phase one engagement survey. The multiple-choice layout proved easier for participants to follow, as well as the use of simplified language. This could have been a contributing factor to the larger amount of surveys collected during this phase. Binners expressed appreciation for being able to participate in the engagement noting that it was nice to be included, and their perspective sought after.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when designing engagement materials in future phases.
940	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large		The majority of participants noted a level of familiarity with Metro Vancouver's role in waste reduction, recycling and waste management. People living on the streets, the homeless, and persons with mobility limitations or disabilities were identified as community members who have a difficult time with current waste programs and services. Those who live in poorer neighbourhoods were also flagged as more likely to have barriers to participation in waste management. Rich people, tourists, youths and businesses were noted as having an inability to participate due to a lack of knowledge on how to properly divert waste.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
941	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Barriers	The majority of participants noted to have slight to moderate barriers preventing them from participating in recycling efforts and waste reduction. The following were noted as significant barriers: - Low availability of products that use less packaging or reusable packaging - Time constraints - Not feeling welcomed at facilities and recycling and waste drop-off points - Not enough overflowing recycling and green bins in multi-family residences	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
942	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Additional barriers not listed that prevent participation in waste reduction efforts: - Locks on dumpsters - Mobility limitations - Transportation	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
943	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Access to current waste management programs and services	The majority of respondents claimed that the current waste management programs and services do not work well for all community members.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
944	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Suggestions on what can be done to make programs and services more inclusive for everyone	Increase refunds on containers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
945	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Suggestions on what can be done to make programs and services more inclusive for everyone	Improve and increase transport and accessibility to depots	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
946	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Suggestions on what can be done to make programs and services more inclusive for everyone	More recycling depots and recycling programs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
947	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Suggestions on what can be done to make programs and services more inclusive for everyone	More advertising available in other languages	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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948	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Suggestions on what can be done to make programs and services more inclusive for everyone	Simplify recycling programs and make them consistent across the region.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
949	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Suggestions on what can be done to make programs and services more inclusive for everyone	Create more community programs and education resources (in multiple languages)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
950	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional ideas on how Metro Vancouver can reduce the amount of waste in our region	Host more community events to educate the public and get them invested in disposing of their waste the right way.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
951	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional ideas on how Metro Vancouver can reduce the amount of waste in our region	Create more events that incentivize people to divert waste e.g. Binners' Project's Coffee Cup Revolution	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
952	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional ideas on how Metro Vancouver can reduce the amount of waste in our region	Add more bins and more collection points.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
953	8-Nov-24	Questionnaire summary	Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional ideas on how Metro Vancouver can reduce the amount of waste in our region	Update facilities! Edmonton has some of the most up-to-date waste management facilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
954	8-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	New immigrant groups could support teaching newcomers about recycling.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
955	9-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Rotary Clubs and Lions Clubs could collaborate with Metro Vancouver to spread awareness.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
956	10-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Having an "Ocean Leader" to explain waste management to volunteers and educate the public.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
957	11-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Increased collaboration between community and service groups.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
958	12-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large		While the information provided by Metro Vancouver through the Collaborative Engagement toolkit document was comprehensive and extremely helpful in planning for the engagement, there were specific questions that attendees had that would have benefited from having a Metro Vancouver representative present. Questions around the subject matter of Solid Waste Management as well as the overall engagement process itself came up throughout the engagement and while we tried to direct folks to the website and backgrounder, a representative would've been able to provide more depth. This would've also helped facilitate trust building between young people and Metro Vancouver.	Metro Vancouver will take this feedback into consideration when facilitating future collaborative engagement opportunities.
959	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	It wouldn't be such an issue eliminating waste if we weren't so consumerist, where mass consumption is incentivized. If we were the generation of my grandparents where things were made to a high quality or could be repurposed, then we would not face the same issues of waste management. I think this is the biggest challenge/barrier in managing waste.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
960	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Reducing waste by reusing I feel like Metro Van could have more repair clinics. Where do you go if you want to reuse something? Or donate something? They haven't updated their website in years. I don't know what to do with these things but if there are alternatives they could make that more present.	Reuse and repair is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
961	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	One of the issues is the idea of recycling as removed from the home, we are now separated from it and just send our recycling to another location instead	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
962	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Every system is complicated. While we are all here and interested in sustainability, not everyone is	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
963	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	The housing crisis, food insecurity, etc.. Many crises facing people, it's hard to ask people to care about all these things, when their immediate needs are not met. This issue is much bigger – if we cannot tackle people's core needs we will struggle to get people to be engaged.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
964	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	At the core of it recycling is not the best answer to any kind of waste, the issue is more at the production site.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.

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965	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	I am not sure if there is enough care from the government to have policies and guidelines on this. Hard to talk about this at an individual level because we know it is systemic. But it is good that Metro Van understands it is not just on the consumer. Should mostly be on producer accountability	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
966	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Some people don't have time in their lives to keep types of packaging at the top of mind when doing their regular shopping. Even for individuals it is hard to know what to recycle, where to recycle, etc...	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
967	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	A lot of the stuff in there isn't sorted properly so knowing that a lot of it might just end up in the garbage anyway	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
968	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Different municipalities do things differently too. On the island aluminum and soft plastics are separate. More consistency across municipalities could be less confusing. More streamlining.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
969	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Education doesn't change behaviour. Awareness can to some extent. But we have a lot of immigrants coming in and for newcomers there is a need to understand a difference in behaviour. There needs to be incentive. Free or low cost recycling ... but people feel like they should be benefiting from this	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
970	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	There's no risk/reward balance for individual recycling choices. For individual choices: make it more interesting/gamify it	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
971	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
972	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	A lot of communities have the skills to be sustainable, but may not have the land to operate in a circular nature. If you only have an apartment, you can't grow your own food, and then have a compost system. When you have your own needs met you also can be creative in sustainability within your own home	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
973	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Sewing, growing your own food, etc.. Having land is important for this	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
974	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
975	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	What do you do when you don't have a car? Happy to call for pick up for a fee. People turn to private companies, but prefers city for accountability - want to know it's actually being recycled and have dedicated systems to address it	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
976	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
977	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Vancouver household waste app; not good user experience and not widely used. There is a language barrier in Richmond because it's only English. There should be a picture feature eg take a photo and know where it goes	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
978	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Confusion - more education + misconception about where waste is going	Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
979	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Lack of transportation - people are not incentivized to waste less, but actually recycle less when they have no means to get to a dump	A solid waste system that is convenient across the region is one of the guiding principles for the solid waste management plan update.
980	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Could we put refundable deposits on other objects if you recycle?	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
981	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Want to see more accessibility, make it fun	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.

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982	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	More legislations on producers to make more sustainable packaging	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
983	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Several years ago, I tried gathering data on how many tonnes of waste we've been producing. At that time, data was inconsistent or wasn't there. How does the system work in terms of data collection - maybe it's not within their capacity in terms of capacity/fiscal budget. But having a consistent garbage and composting system might be helpful, but this could be too high level for a complex system. Could be helpful for personal and producer accountability.	Noted.
984	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	In terms of recycling, maybe it's just me but in the past I've struggled to find recycling depots close to me for electronics. Had to go down to Marine Drive. Some would take TVs but wouldn't take cell phones, for example. I don't want to drive all the way down to Marine Drive. Making this process easier might be more helpful for individual accountability. Especially hard when these places are only open during work or school hours. Not everyone can take time off to do these things. Even hard plastics, they do collect these at the depots but I don't want to collect these at home. Hard to know cups with styrofoam, where that would go in regular recycling. I know this exists for certain languages, but I	Convenient and accessible waste and recycling systems is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
985	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	know that there aren't many resources that exist for Vietnamese communities. So sometimes people just have to guess where things go if language is a barrier.	Noted.
986	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Hard to go to the recycling depot if you don't have a car. Difficult to take transit with garbage. It's even still common to not know where things like pizza boxes or paper go in regular recycling cans. Having pictures above recycling bins would be helpful. Especially for those that don't speak English.	Accessibility and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
987	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Not only recycling, but understanding how we can reduce waste in general would be helpful. I think consumption is a big part of it, how can we consume less?	Reducing waste at its source is our preferred solution and will be a key focus of our updated solid waste management plan. For issues like production of plastics, since it's an issue that stretches far beyond the boundaries of our region, we work with org
988	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Even with peeled garlic at the grocery stores, lots of waste there from producers.	Noted.
989	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	For international people, not as much access to recycling programs. More engagement should be done with international communities. In their home countries, recycling might look very different and you have to learn a new system when you're here. More accessibility to education and language-friendly options would be helpful.	Accessibility and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
990	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	Thinking about producer accountability... What is Amazon doing to reduce their garbage?	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
991	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	In New West, people get stars if they recycle well. This gives people at New West the opportunity to receive positive feedback for their work or gives them opportunities before they are fined.	Noted.
992	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Identifying Barriers and Key Challenges	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 emotion when you put waste in the right bin.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
993	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Library and recreation centers having workshops for knowledge sharing	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
994	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Needs to be a general consensus on how to go about things	Metro Vancouver will continue to engage with interested parties
995	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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996	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Partner with container-free stores	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
997	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Have a common map: Where can you go to refill your things, Where can you go to donate X,Y,Z	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
998	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	One resource for: Repair, Donate, Deposit	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
999	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1000	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1001	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Each community has different needs and wants, but when it comes to recycling and waste there is common ground – everyone produces waste and needs to dispose of it. A universal approach with waste may be more efficient	Waste prevention is at the core of the vision statement for the updated solid waste management plan.
1002	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	In schools, kids can hold the family accountable too. When I was in school I remember they would have challenges for us to do at home and it would get the whole family involved. When you are consistent in teaching a behavior it can create change	Noted.
1003	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Single family homes vs stratas vs apartments are all very different. Just want to throw everything in one place when waste sorting is less accessible. In single family homes it is easier to sort things than in an apartment. Some people don't have the interest in doing that. Landlords should enforce that more	Convenience and accessibility are incorporated into the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1004	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	My strata do audits on waste management. My friend's apartment has one stream recycling and then other people will sort it down the line. But once again, there's no consistency between different stratas	Consistency of services provided is integrated in the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1005	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1006	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Hopefully the municipality has it in the first place – not every municipality has the same resources. Only 17 out of 22 of the member jurisdictions have the same schedule of garbage collection every other week to reduce waste. There is no continuity from jurisdiction to jurisdiction	Noted.
1007	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Schools - changing cultural norms, have 'Recycling ambassadors' to help build cultural awareness	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1008	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Universities - make it cohesive across campuses	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1009	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1010	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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 functional	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1011	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Apartments and housing units contract companies to manage waste	Noted.
1012	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Working with companies to add deposits on toiletries	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1013	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Encourage easily-recyclable designs for products for example all made from same components	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1014	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Improve capacity for recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1015	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Prevent companies from creating things designed to break	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1016	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Create new norms - Programs like cupshare at cafes, discounts if you bring your own container	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1017	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Greenwashing: Where do the extra 25c go from cup fees? It doesn't really incentivize people to change behaviour. Cities have to track where the collected money is going - would have to implement a tax (province)	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1018	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Zero-waste initiatives, stores, movements	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1019	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Translink for transporting the waste with public transportation	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1020	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Private companies	Noted.
1021	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	All municipalities collaborate on the same waste management policy/plan	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1022	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Local/Canadian social media influencers to make funny ads on waste disposal (youth awareness) → combine with raffle to get views up	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1023	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Work with companies for sustainable swag	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1024	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	One of the things I'm curious about but I feel like individual accountability is focused on those single family homes. What does that look like for people in apartments? Harder to hold people accountable when there's 100+ people in one building. Maybe there needs to be collaboration with property owners or managers.	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1025	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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)	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.

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1026	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Would like to see more options than plastic. Are there other resources or materials we can use that's biodegradable? But eco-friendly materials are oftentimes shipped in plastic too.	Rethink is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
1027	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Incentivizing recycling with other things, such as bus pass price reduction or reduced strata fees.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1028	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Look at gaming communities like Twitch and ask them how to connect games with waste management. A lot of incentivizing comes from games already.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1029	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Metro Vancouver should collect data on what waste is mismanaged the most - as in not sorted properly. And incentivize those especially. That would be so nice to have, but at the same time, it would be hard to implement. Where else would we get the percentage for the city budget.	Noted.
1030	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	One thing that's worked for my partner's building is they hold yard sales for items they don't need anymore; it's especially helpful for those who don't feel safe to sell items on Facebook Marketplace and sell to the community instead. For things like furniture or children's clothes, if you leave it in a certain spot, the property manager takes it and makes sure that it's recycled property. Maybe a community center collaboration??	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1031	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1032	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Not all restaurants classify and sort out their garbage. Maybe some incentives for restaurants to recycle more. Maybe a discount can be offered. In downtown, you can use an app to recycle, but it's not accessible for everyone. (Similar to Mugshare program at UBC)	Noted.
1033	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Who could instruct? Be an educator on these issues	Noted.
1034	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could MetroVancouver collaborate with others to more effectively advance accountability for eliminating waste?	Could legislation help create more consistency in different forms of housing?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1035	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Big gap of where does our waste go. Is it the municipality? Or each city does its own? Or is there one central location	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1036	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Are we doing better this year compared to previous years? What is the future for where we are headed? Are we projected to be doing better in terms of wasting less? What are we doing now to be proactive in reducing waste?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1037	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	I want to know where and how we got the statistics. Where does one bottle get you? How important is each piece of waste? If you do this, it has this impact. Those kinds of things, people knowing about their contribution and impact is important. Seeing in numbers that if every person does something there is change possible	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria. Metro Vancouver regularly reports on metrics related to the solid waste management plan.
1038	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Cool to know what initiatives or legislation that Metro Van is working towards to make the producers more accountable. "Compostable" bags not actually being composted because they require very specific processes that are not available in metro-van	Noted.
1039	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	How are we combating green washing	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.

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1040	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	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	Noted.
1041	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	What happens to those bags when they go in the compost? Same with those forks?	Question.
1042	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Curious how we increased it already to 65% and what is everyone else at?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1043	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	The information we receive on a local level is all city specific. People don't know that Metro Vancouver has this impact and mandate to bring about real change. If people actually knew that they may pay attention more	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1044	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	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	Affordability is incorporated in the guiding principles for the solid waste management plan.
1045	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Financials: Tell people how much they are saving by doing these things	Affordability is incorporated in the guiding principles for the solid waste management plan.
1046	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Schools - Culture of sustainability; Targeting young generations through workshops. Initiative to connect larger community with the school (waste management stewardship)	Noted.
1047	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	What can you recycle and how clean do they need to be?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1048	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Transparency - where does it go	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1049	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Communication on available resources like graphics or technology like apps. Link headquarters e.g. "Waste Hub" website as a landing site for resources	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1050	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Workshops, open houses with Metro Van residences, groups, communities. People are ready to learn and ready to contribute. For businesses specifically too	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1051	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Transit ads (eg Richmond) w/ QR code in multiple languages and graphics/ photos for accessibility	Noted.
1052	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	How is management responsibility split within municipalities in Metro Van? What would be possible for all municipalities? Metro Van has high rates of mobility within municipalities-- a metro van comprehensive recycling communication strategy for people who move through multiple municipalities during their day	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1053	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Jurisdiction map of Metro Van	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1054	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	What happens after you recycle?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1055	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Why is it hard to recycle all kinds of materials?	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1056	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	What does metro Vancouver do with the recycling they collect?	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles for the solid waste management plan.
1057	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Where does the waste get sorted?	Noted.
1058	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	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	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1059	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	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.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1060	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	It's interesting how every municipality would have different waste management system	Noted.
1061	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1062	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Textile Exchange - global non profit	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1063	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Recycling campaign challenges where you post on social media might work. Meme challenge could also work. TikTok challenge?	Accessibility and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1064	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	CityHive Youth Engagement Society	Public members-at-large	Knowledge Gaps and Communications	Don't know how important solid waste is to the government/how many resources they want to put into it	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1065	12-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – “Earthworks” Environment Club)		Overall, I heard from students that while they are aware of how to recycle and compost most items properly, they felt that there was a lack of knowledge and infrastructure on recycling more “complicated” items such as soft plastics, Styrofoam, clothing, and mixed materials. Students mentioned a lack of recycling bins in spaces that they frequent, such as parks. They would like to know where to find a reliable source of information if they run into questions of where to dispose of something. Students emphasized the importance of using the school system to reach their peers with information about waste, and mentioned that they enjoy in-person workshops and activities that are engaging and fun, and prefer to hear directly from someone working on these issues so that they can ask questions. Through this workshop, students were able to increase their awareness of Metro Vancouver and its role in managing waste in the region.	Accessibility and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1066	12-Nov-24	Engagement Summary Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)		Overall, I heard from students that a major barrier to recycling and composting waste properly comes from a culture of laziness that is due to a lack of knowledge on waste and also due to the inconvenience of our waste systems and infrastructure. Common barriers mentioned by students included not knowing how to recycle common items that aren't accepted in residential waste collection and in school bins, as well as missing information on the products/labels about how to dispose at the end of life.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1067	12-Nov-24	Engagement Summary Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)		Students preferred finding their information through online sources like websites, apps, and social media, and would like to learn more about what can be recycled and where, why it's important to recycle, and what is done to the material after it's collected. Generally, they would like to see more awareness campaigns on TV, posters, and in ads too.	Accessibility and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1068	12-Nov-24	Engagement Summary Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)		Students agreed that it was important to engage youth on this topic and to educate their peers, both online on social media but also in person at the schools. They would like to see a more active push for waste education in schools through activities such as mandatory coursework, field trips, presentations from external speakers working on waste, and potential incentives like scholarships, prizes, and volunteer hours for graduation.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1069	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in trying to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Figuring out which bin to go in, end up throwing out in garbage (Solution: More education)	Noted.
1070	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in trying to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Not enough garbage bins, e.g. in parks	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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1071	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in trying to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Inconvenience – Have to drive out to London Drugs etc. vs can easily trash it at home. Especially when you have just one item	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1072	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in trying to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Clothing – my family usually passes down clothes but it doesn't work for all families	Noted.
1073	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in trying to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Deciding what goes where. Surrey is strict; they notify you if you don't sort properly and won't pick up your trash again, so end up throwing it in the trash	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1074	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Social media – we use it a lot more	Noted.
1075	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Signs above bins, outside of school	Noted.
1076	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	An app that scans objects, tells you where to put waste	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1077	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Would be nice if Metro Vancouver website had search engine for where to throw away items	See the Metro Vancouver website for a guide on how to recycle and dispose items https://metrovancover.org/foodscraps/confusing-items
1078	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Door-to-door flyers (even though many times they're ignored)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1079	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Access to a direct source who can speak to these things and students can ask questions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1080	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Presentations at school, done for all classes to spread the word. Since students are "forced" to be here	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1081	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Garbage sorting duty, rotated through the classes at school	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1082	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	More high school workshops. Add on activities to make it fun	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1083	12-Nov-24	Wokshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Elementary school students are impressionable, start there. Note: I followed up to ask students for their memories and impressions of learning about waste in elementary school and this is what they said: "We used to have to take trash home and were not allowed to throw out anything at school" "We didn't talk a lot about how to sort or reduce waste in elementary school" Remember having a box just for recycling sharpies; There was only one teacher who was the champion for reducing waste at school. Need more educators to champion for these things.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1084	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Too much effort needed to take the extra step to recycle, especially when there are already limited bins to sort the waste into	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1085	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Difficult and inconvenient to recycle waste that is not collected by the household recycling/composting bins	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1086	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Single-use options are just more convenient to use in some cases	Noted.

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1087	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Don't know what to do with mixed materials (e.g. when plastics and paper are used together in a product)	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1088	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Don't know what to do with waste that could potentially go into multiple bins (e.g. paper straws, take out containers, pizza boxes)	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1089	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Confusing when different locations have inconsistent/different bins (e.g. school vs home)	Noted.
1090	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Packaging and containers don't have enough labelling or instructions on how to dispose; need more clear labelling	Noted.
1091	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Would like to know where a product came from, what it's made of	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1092	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Lack of information on where to recycle other items that are not as common; would like to learn what websites can be used/trusted to find out this information	See the Metro Vancouver website for a guide on how to recycle and dispose items https://metrovancover.org/foodscraps/confusing-items
1093	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Older generations also don't know, need to reach them via newspaper, billboards	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1094	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Compostable bags are not accepted in residential bins	Noted.
1095	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Residential waste limited in the types of materials accepted	Noted.
1096	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Some places have bins with different slots for recycling but everything ends up in the same trash bag	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1097	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Some places don't have enough bins or they're overflowing	Noted.
1098	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Build more stations/depots to get refunds on recyclable bottles	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1099	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Better labelled bins	Accessibility and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1100	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Install more recycling/composting bins in public spaces	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1101	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	One student said she used to live in Vancouver and when she moved to Surrey it was confusing as the different municipalities had different sorting systems	Noted.
1102	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	More labels on everything that say where they can be thrown away	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1103	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1104	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Labels can include more info like photos and words to make it more accessible and easier to understand	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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1105	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Official source online such as websites or apps with information. They may exist already but students are unaware of them	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1106	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Create an app that helps identify waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1107	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	QR codes in public places that link to a website with understandable language	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1108	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Use social media to share information	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1109	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Clearer guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled in my area	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1110	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	More education about the types of waste to be sorted	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1111	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Clear alternative methods of disposal for waste that's not acceptable in residential collection, show exactly where it can be recycled instead	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1112	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Locations of all recycling facilities for electronics, clothing, mixed material items	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1113	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Where does all our waste go after it's collected? Both positive and negative statistics are of interest	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1114	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Advantages and incentives for recycling and reducing waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1115	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Information on why it's important to separate waste properly, importance for our region and services	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1116	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Informational posters, TV ads, Flyers in the mail, More workshops, hands-on learning opportunities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1117	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Field trips for high school students	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1118	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Comic/art pieces showing what's done with the waste/where it	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1119	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	Questions	Does MV have any incentives for reducing household waste?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1120	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	Questions	Are there any plans to expand composting options for materials like Styrofoam or other materials that are harder to process?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1121	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	Questions	How do you dispose of: - Clothes - Wooden cutlery - Tiny pieces of paper - Metal - Broken glass/porcelain objects if wrapping them with plastic would make it different materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1122	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	Questions	Do you take staples out of booklets?	Noted.
1123	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	Questions	Is there an easy-to-follow guide to what goes where, is there a website?	See the Metro Vancouver website for a guide on how to recycle and dispose items https://metrovancover.org/foodscraps/confusing-items
1124	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	Questions	If people are throwing away furniture, who should we call or where can we throw it?	See the Metro Vancouver website for a guide on how to recycle and dispose items https://metrovancover.org/foodscraps/confusing-items
1125	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	More awareness through presentations to classes from teachers	Noted.
1126	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	External guest speakers and workshops to talk to students	Noted.
1127	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	More in-classroom discussions	Noted.
1128	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Creating scholarships related to waste	Noted.
1129	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Incorporate waste education into curriculum and course coverage (have mandatory units in a course and field trips)	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1130	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Hands-on learning	Noted.
1131	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Offer prizes and reward system in school	Noted.
1132	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Require volunteer hours for students	Noted.
1133	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Waste sorting competitions	Noted.
1134	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Make sorting and recycling fun and engaging for younger kids so that they are more educated and care more as they grow up	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1135	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Social media - Instagram page, stories, reels - TikTok trends, videos - YouTube videos - Informative posts but also make interesting, eye-catching videos; funny videos with catchy phrases; short but engaging content - Giveaways on social media	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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1136	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Create a BC-specific website that provides searchable information on how to sort waste in every city	Recycle BC hosts a tool on their website https://recyclebc.ca/where-can-i-recycle/find-a-depot/
1137	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Online lists of what kinds of things are accepted in blue, black, and green bins	Recycle BC hosts this information on their website https://recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle/
1138	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Create a recycling app that shows what items are recyclable, their drop-off locations, tips for reducing waste	Recycle BC hosts a tool on their website https://recyclebc.ca/where-can-i-recycle/find-a-depot/
1139	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Make information relatable to the everyday citizen	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1140	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Hands-on activities in the community	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1141	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	More encouragement for citizens, share the consequences of inaction and how important it is	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1142	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Spread awareness through posters, news, advertisements	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1143	12-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Semiahmoo Secondary – Two Life Sciences 11 classes)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	More presence at community events where people already gather (e.g. a booth on waste at the Christmas market)	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1144	12-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Government programs should educate the public on recycling and the environment.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1145	13-Nov-24	Engagement Summary Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)		I observed that these students obviously knew and cared a lot about the issue of waste. But even within this highly engaged group, they had identified some barriers to sorting their waste properly, namely with flexible plastics and items composed of mixed materials. The rest of the discussion was mainly focused on how to reach other youth who may not be as passionate or aware of the issues, and ways to incentivize and mobilize them. They believe that more signs and labels are needed to educate people on how to sort their waste. There is a lack of education on why this all even matters, and the possible scenarios from reducing waste or not reducing waste should be clearly communicated to people in order to encourage them to adopt habits. The students also mentioned that while online spaces like social media are important to raise awareness, they would like to see more in-person activities, engagement, and support through events and school environment clubs.	Noted.
1146	13-Nov-24	Engagement Summary Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)		The club was somewhat familiar with Recycle BC already because of their participation in the Flexible Plastics School Collection Program, but they weren't sure about how Recycle BC fits in with the work that Metro Vancouver is doing on the SWMP. Metro Vancouver should consider tapping into and collaborating on the work that Recycle BC and the Vancouver School Board are already doing in schools on waste, in order to further engage this underrepresented demographic (if you aren't already doing so).	Noted.
1147	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Recycling flexible plastics: Have to drive, bike, etc. to recycle them. Travelling far to recycle creates more CO2	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1148	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Plastic lining on cans, cups, etc. -> mixed materials	Innovation and collaboration to keep products and materials in circulation is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1149	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Bubble tea cups have mixed materials (compost straw, plastic body, paper)	Noted.
1150	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Culture of laziness – if everyone else isn't doing it, then why should I	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1151	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	STEM class at school did a waste audit and found compost bin was OK but the garbage bin had all sorts of materials mixed in it	Noted.
1152	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	More signs would be helpful, even if some people don't read them. And if they don't read, tell them	Inclusive solid waste programs is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1153	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Symbols/labels on wrappers – not clear on where things go. Need more labels	Noted.
1154	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	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	Noted.
1155	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers that you face in try to dispose of and/or recycle waste?	Root of it: Why do people not care? They think that it won't make a difference	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1156	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	What's "in it" for them? (especially for teens): Why bother if we don't get anything out of it?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1157	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Idea: Teenagers like music so maybe provide concert tickets or something as a prize	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1158	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Recycling deposits – so little money, not enough incentive	Noted.
1159	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Their club is implementing Halloween wrappers recycling, and everyone who participates enters into a draw for a Tim Hortons gift card	Noted.
1160	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Initiatives like this starts routine for people, build habits	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1161	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Question: Where does recycling end up, after you throw it in the bin?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1162	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of reducing and recycling waste properly?	Why does it matter, if everything all ends in one place?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1163	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	People from the City come into schools, or do a school event with fun activities AND information sharing	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1164	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Concerned about elderly folks collecting cans, want to do something to support these people. They often get shamed. The Binners' Project was introduced as a possible resource for the students to look into	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1165	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Show consequences E.g. when students watched a documentary on meat, people cut down on their meat consumption	Noted.
1166	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Use art to show what could happen in 20 years and consequences/impacts but also the opposite, of what things CAN look like. Both perspectives important because what motivates one might not motivate another person	Accessability and inclusive solid waste programs are incorporated in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.

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1167	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Social media can be impersonal; more likely to do something about it if learn in-person	Noted.
1168	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	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	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1169	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Biggest road block is accessibility and knowledge. Can use social media, influencers	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1170	13-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Fraser basin Youth Council	Public (Templeton Secondary School Environment Club)	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents, especially high school students, on the issue of waste reduction and recycling?	Teach what's compost, what's recyclable	Noted.
1171	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Regional districts should work together when it comes to advocacy at provincial and federal levels	Metro Vancouver would be happy to collaborate in whatever ways make sense on advocacy at a provincial and federal level.
1172	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	When Metro Vancouver is planning an initiative or program, should reach out to other regional districts to explore coordinating and ensuring consistency	Where initiatives and programs have implications for other regional districts or there is a potential for benefits in working together, Metro Vancouver also sees benefit in coordinating.
1173	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Regional Districts look to Metro Vancouver as leader – information sharing is very important, for example initiatives, programs, educational campaigns, and technical study reports	Metro Vancouver highlighted that behaviour change campaign materials are available online and regional districts are welcome to use and adapt the material, or reach out to zerowaste@metrovancover.org with any specific requests
1174	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Interest in collaborating on developing policy and educational material	Metro Vancouver highlighted that behaviour change campaign materials are available online and regional districts are welcome to use and adapt the material, or reach out to zerowaste@metrovancover.org with any specific requests
1175	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Interest in collaborating on a centralized hub for sharing salvaged building materials, and coordinating a cross-regional district repair café network	Metro Vancouver to provide regional districts' current information on repair café program that Metro Vancouver runs
1176	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Construction & Demolition waste is a key sector to work together on, as businesses and materials move between our regional districts	Work is underway to organize a construction and demolition waste reduction forum in spring 2025
1177	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Would be helpful to have an overall provincial plan to address disposal capacity, particularly when local landfills close. This is a challenge shared by regional districts	Agree that provincial discussion would be beneficial
1178	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Comment that incineration is not supported by some participants, but would support working together to identify how to work together on increasing processing capacity (e.g. mixed waste material recovery facility or other solutions)	Metro Vancouver clarified that Waste-to-Energy use in the region is counted as disposal and not recycling
1179	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Question whether Metro Vancouver considers Waste-to-Energy as recycling or disposal	Metro Vancouver clarified that Waste-to-Energy use in the region is counted as disposal and not recycling
1180	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Support for consistent definitions of 'recycling' being used between regions	More consistency on definitions for recycling would be beneficial

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1181	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Metro Vancouver detailed solid waste data is available on the Metro Vancouver website •If there is other data that is available to Metro Vancouver and could be shared, Metro Vancouver staff would be happy to discuss
1182	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Suggestion to collaborate on responses to RecycleBC engagement on non-residential packaging and printed paper – presenting comments in coordination to advocate for continuous improvement	Feedback on collaborating on advocacy has been noted
1183	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Suggestion to establish a platform for regional district staff to meet on a regular basis to share information and collaborate on projects. Currently, some regional district staff attend the Regional Waste Reduction Coordinators Committee, but that committee is more geared towards Metro Vancouver member jurisdictions. A dedicated platform for regional districts would help focus the conversation around advancing issues shared by neighbouring regional districts	Metro Vancouver would be happy to participate in meetings with other regional district staff
1184	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Possibility of including provincial staff to hear feedback directly from and engage in discussions with regional districts; or alternatively, meet at the regional district staff level first and bring coordinated feedback/recommendations to the Province	Metro Vancouver would be happy to participate in meetings with other regional district staff
1185	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Improving waste reduction and recycling in the multi-family sector has been noted as potential action in an updated solid waste management plan >Metro Vancouver is currently reviewing resources previously developed for multi-family buildings, and will work with haulers and member jurisdictions to identify materials that remain most helpful and require updating. There is a potential for neighbouring regional district staff to be involved in this process. Metro Vancouver can also share the outcome of this work with regional districts >Metro Vancouver is developing a pilot for a source reduction incentive program to provide waste haulers and processors incentives for taking actions to encourage waste reduction and recycling among customers
1186	13-Nov-24	Discussion Session Notes	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Increased education on food waste and organics is needed for multi-family buildings since many municipalities do not serve them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Improving waste reduction and recycling in the multi-family sector has been noted as potential action in an updated solid waste management plan >Metro Vancouver is currently reviewing resources previously developed for multi-family buildings, and will work with haulers and member jurisdictions to identify materials that remain most helpful and require updating. There is a potential for neighbouring regional district staff to be involved in this process. Metro Vancouver can also share the outcome of this work with regional districts >Metro Vancouver is developing a pilot for a source reduction incentive program to provide waste haulers and processors incentives for taking actions to encourage waste reduction and recycling among customers
1187	13-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Create a formal program for educating immigrants on proper waste sorting.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1188	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Reduce shopping and avoid over-purchasing food or items with excessive packaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1189	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Use thrift stores, Facebook Marketplace, and community swap groups to give and obtain secondhand items.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1190	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Purchase refillable products and eco-friendly packaging options.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1191	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Utilize food-saving apps like "Too Good To Go."	Noted.
1192	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Bring shopping bags, eco-friendly lunch boxes, utensils, and cups.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1193	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Use personal containers for takeout	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
1194	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Sort and recycle paper, plastics, and soft materials properly.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1195	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Upcycle old clothing and DIY items like pet toys.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
1196	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Reuse water (e.g., washing rice/vegetables) for watering plants.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
1197	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Donate items to thrift stores.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
1198	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Borrow books or video games from libraries or buy eBooks instead of physical copies.	Reduce and reuse are part of the hierarchy for the updated solid waste management plan.
1199	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Participate in local "free item" exchange platforms and initiatives where neighbors share usable items.	Reuse is part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
1200	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Recycling soft plastics and foam is easier at London Drugs compared to depots.	Recycling is part of the draft hierarchy for the updated solid waste management plan.
1201	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Globally, only about 10% of plastic waste is actually recycled. Developed countries often send their plastic waste to developing regions, which can lead to pollution problems there—a very controversial issue. I found data showing that Canada's exports of plastic waste to Malaysia went up from 5.2 million kg in 2022 to 9.8 million kg in 2023, an 88.5% increase. So, how can we make sure this doesn't just shift pollution to other places?	Noted.
1202	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	Recycling is part of the draft hierarchy for the updated solid waste management plan.
1203	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Allow schools/citizen to join tour/volunteer at recycling facilities to raise awareness and trust	Recycling is part of the draft hierarchy for the updated solid waste management plan.
1204	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Real-time Regional Dashboard, Regular updates and feedback mechanisms, Educational Visualizations	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1205	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Depot input & export - where did it go - be more transparent about these metrics, checking systems that public can access	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1206	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Ensure recyclables (especially plastics) are truly recycled and not exported to developing regions, avoiding pollution transfer.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1207	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Share detailed metrics about recycling processes, including depot input and export data, through public dashboards and real-time updates.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1208	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Provide a "waste journey map" to show the flow of recyclables, their destinations, and processing facilities, enabling accountability.	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1209	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Create videos and social media content explaining the recycling process and environmental impact of proper waste management.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1210	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Establish public-friendly display points at recycling facilities (e.g., like WEEE Park in Hong Kong) to showcase operations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1211	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Organize events or tours of recycling centres for citizens, schools, and volunteers to raise awareness and trust.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1212	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Showcase products made from recycled materials, including their origins and processes (e.g., Taiwan's model for recycled textiles).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1213	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Increase exposure of recycling facilities that produce new products from waste to demonstrate tangible benefits.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1214	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Form citizen watchdog groups to monitor recycling processes and improve public confidence.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1215	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Regularly update citizens with feedback mechanisms and educational visualizations to maintain transparency.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1216	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Partner with retailers to create and showcase sustainable initiatives using recycled materials.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1217	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Utilize corporate collaboration to drive accountability and innovation in recycling practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1218	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	You need to find the resources and information yourself	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1219	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	In HK, there's a lot of news about different areas and environmentally related news, but over here, news don't appear in social media, so this creates a vacuum and hard to access facts and news about governmental bodies/ orgs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1220	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	The implementation of recycling sometimes brings confusion to residents. E.g. If you're living in a house, you have to put a yellow bag in your garage every week which contains papers. However, this bag may easily be missed because of wind or other reasons, and it's also hard to retrieve this bag again since it's hard to find info online.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1221	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	People throw whatever they want into the bins, so there's not enough education about sorting. < — This also decreases confidence because this feels like the whole bin might be wasted	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1222	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Friend in Japan said that they don't know how to sort solid waste, even if there's small icons and descriptions. It's very unclear about what goes where. It's also unclear about whether compostable bags can be put into organics. Feels like every city is different and hard to understand and implement. This causes everyone to end up putting everything in garbage if it's unclear. Can the government do better to promote/ educate/ communicate and make sure all cities are aligned	Consistency of services provided is integrated in the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1223	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	There's not enough enforcements (i.e. CCTV etc) honor systems do not work anymore as more diverse populations move here	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
1224	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Newcomers are finding it difficult to dispose solid waste. Not only provide workshops / education to students/ at schools, but also to adults. More civic education please! It's not reaching communities, even if people actively look for this information	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1225	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Hard to dispose of electronics and appliances, have to drive to depots to dispose of it, so it just end up going in trash. Is it easier for depots to sort this rather than put in on the onus of citizens? This all decreases confidence in the systems	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1226	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Not having enough depot locations is a huge huge issue. It is not accessible and you have to travel very far to do this. Locations in HK are very accessible in high traffic areas and prime spots	Convenience and accessibility are incorporated into the guiding principles for rthe updated solid waste management plan.
1227	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Limited Infrastructure: Inadequate infrastructure for waste management, including recycling facilities and composting centers, can pose challenges in handling and processing different types of waste effectively.	Noted.
1228	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Waste Diversion Targets: Meeting waste diversion targets set by Metro Vancouver can be a challenge, especially if there is a lack of participation from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders in waste reduction and diversion programs	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1229	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Lack of Public Awareness: Limited awareness among the public about proper waste separation, recycling practices, and the importance of reducing waste can hinder effective waste management efforts.	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1230	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems? What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Illegal Dumping: Illegal dumping of waste in unauthorized areas can be a significant challenge, leading to environmental pollution, public health risks, and increased costs for waste management authorities.	Noted.
1231	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Governmental Coordination and Bureaucracy: Poor collaboration between municipal, provincial, and federal levels decreases system efficiency.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1232	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Limited Accessibility and Infrastructure: Inadequate infrastructure for waste management, including a lack of recycling depots and composting centers. Recycling depots are often inaccessible and require long travel distances.	Convenient and accessible waste and recycling systems is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1233	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Public Awareness and Education: Confusion about waste sorting, such as compostable bags and solid waste categories.	Noted.
1234	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Inconsistent recycling practices across cities and supermarkets create additional challenges. Newcomers and diverse populations struggle with waste disposal systems due to lack of multilingual education materials.	Consistency of services provided is integrated in the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1235	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Civic education is insufficient and does not reach communities effectively.	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1236	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Enforcement and Compliance: Lack of enforcement measures like CCTV to ensure proper recycling behaviors. Honor systems are less effective in diverse communities without clear consequences.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1237	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Transparency and Communication: Lack of accessible information about recycling processes and the journey of waste. Minimal coverage of recycling-related news and updates on social media, leaving residents uninformed.	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1238	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Lack of Incentives: Recycling systems are not engaging or rewarding enough to encourage participation.	Accountability from businesses, governments, and individuals is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1239	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Specialized Waste Management Issues: Difficulties in disposing of electronics, appliances, and beauty packaging. Residents often find it easier to discard such items into garbage due to depot inconvenience.	Convenience is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
1240	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in promoting confidence in recycling systems?	Environmental Risks: Illegal dumping of waste in unauthorized areas, causing pollution and public health risks.	Noted.
1241	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1242	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1243	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1244	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1245	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Promote Accessibility for Special Waste: Simplify disposal processes for electronics and appliances by enhancing depot sorting systems.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1246	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Offer mobile recycling units for hard-to-reach communities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1247	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Highlight Recycling Benefits and Best Practices: Recognize businesses with sustainable practices using a rating system (e.g., badges).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1248	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Promote examples of products made from recycled materials to show tangible benefits.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1249	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Reduce Illegal Dumping: Increase monitoring and penalties for illegal dumping while promoting accessible disposal options.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1250	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1251	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Need to integrate into everyone's lives effortlessly. I.e. maybe with skytrains?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1252	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Heard that supermarkets have collections before COVID and it's much easier. This will increase accessibility	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1253	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 ecosystem. 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. 	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1254	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1255	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1256	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Festivals give out utensils for reuse to rent and give back. Collaborate/ encourage restaurants or other festivals/ events to do this	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1257	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Collaborate with different artists to create more interesting ideas/products regarding recycling, let people know that recycling could be fun and creative as well	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1258	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Collaborate with supermarket/store/producer to minimise packaging/ unify packages which is easier for citizen to recycle	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1259	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1260	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1261	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Collaborate with Local Businesses: Work with local recycling companies to build trust and improve recycling accessibility.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1262	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1263	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1264	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1265	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Event and Festival Partnerships: Collaborate with festivals and events to provide reusable utensils for rent and return.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1266	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Encourage restaurants and events to reduce waste by adopting similar practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1267	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Cultural and Creative Initiatives: Partner with artists to create innovative and creative products from recycled materials, making recycling more fun and engaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1268	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1269	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more effectively promote confidence in recycling systems?	Support for Newcomers: Collaborate with immigration departments and newcomer organizations to host events and workshops on recycling systems tailored to diverse communities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1270	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of promoting confidence in recycling systems ?	Accessible Recycling Facilities in Residential Areas: Condos and apartments generally provide adequate recycling facilities with sufficient categories.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1271	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of promoting confidence in recycling systems ?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1272	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of promoting confidence in recycling systems ?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1273	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of promoting confidence in recycling systems ?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1274	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Holding workshops at various private companies (as some ppl only commute between home & office) / libraries / community centres	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1275	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Improved Data Transparency and Public Dashboards. It's hard to find information about recycling online, especially on social media. Transparency builds public trust, and accessible data allows residents and stakeholders to understand their region's progress toward waste reduction goals. Actionable steps are establishing real-time regional dashboards, posting instant information on ig/fb etc., creating more incentives for people to pay attention in order to recycle and increase public trust.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1276	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	How does Metro Vancouver's recycling system work from start to finish? What happens to the materials once they're collected?	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1277	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Where does the recycling end up? Are the materials processed locally, or are they sent to other regions or countries? How is the quality of the recycling maintained?	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1278	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Can Metro Vancouver provide more information about the technologies and methods used in sorting and processing recyclables?	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1279	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	We dont know how well / bad BC is doing in the recycling field (i only know about the data during this workshop...) > if people know we are doing well > might have incentive to keep it up as a BC resident	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1280	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Gamify this via an app to sort solid waste as a game? Games are easier to teach/ practice	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1281	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Transparency on Recycling Processes: Clear information on what happens to waste from collection to processing, and where it ends up. Details on whether recycling is processed locally or sent abroad, and how the quality of recycling is maintained.	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1282	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Data on Metro Vancouver's performance in recycling compared to other regions.	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.

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1283	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	An inclusive solid waste system is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1284	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Public dashboards or real-time updates on recycling progress to build trust.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1285	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Technological and Operational Insights: Information about technologies and methods used in sorting and processing recyclables. Examples of innovative recycling practices and methods.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1286	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1287	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Community Outreach and Workshops: Hold workshops at workplaces, libraries, and community centres. Host community forums at public libraries to engage diverse groups.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1288	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Partnerships and Collaboration: Partner with influencers and content creators on platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and Spotify.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1289	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1290	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Promotions and Incentives: Introduce gamified apps to make recycling fun (e.g., sorting games with rewards). Provide small incentives like discounts, prizes, or tax reductions for recycling efforts. Expand the deposit return system to other materials and offer greater financial rewards.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1291	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	An inclusive solid waste system is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1292	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Simplify the System: Make the recycling system less complex for newcomers with straightforward materials like a “101” guide.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1293	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of [promote confidence in recycling systems]? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Standardize recycling practices across Metro Vancouver to reduce confusion.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1294	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this topic?	Green can are only collected once a week which create a lot of problems (odor, attracting animals like raccoon, bugs, buying dedicated plastic bags which are very delicate for green cans).	Noted.
1295	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this topic?	If there is an allowance supporting individuals to buy/share food waste machines in household or building (like sharing washing machines), it can encourage citizens to process their own food waste. They can use the processed food waste for gardening/ to local farmers as fertilizer. It may lift the burden on the recycling schedule in the long term. And citizens will be spared by the aforementioned problems .	Inclusive solid waste services and programs is one of the guiding principles for the upated solid waste management plan.
1296	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this topic?	Living in a house or living in condo have different recycling process which is not fair. Living in condo seems more convenient in recycling. Green bins and other bins are collected once or twice a week which is too long.	A solid waste system and programs that are accessible is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan
1297	14-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this topic?	Hold more community discussion workshops like this (in public / through organizations like HKHouse / etc) - for all residents, including people with different ethnic backgrounds	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1298	14-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Implement guest speakers and school presentations on how to separate waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1299	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1300	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Leverage affordability concerns to motivate the movement away from a disposable culture	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1301	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	More education particularly for multi-family residences; toolkit and workshops	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1302	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Clarity on recycling streams, particularly plastics; complicated system is too overwhelming	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1303	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Focus on waste prevention in the commercial/institutional sectors	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1304	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Design new buildings with deconstruction in mind	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1305	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Equity: address the current trade-offs related to affordability and consumption	Issues such as equity and affordability were considered in developing evaluation criteria for potential strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan.

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1306	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Increase opportunities for residents such as repair cafes	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1307	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Large-item pick-up programs to address limited reuse options for items like furniture recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1308	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Address over consumption of reusable bags, now that plastic bags are banned	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1309	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Encourage more residents, businesses, and NGOs to consider reuse and repair	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1310	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Reuse markets for wood – discuss role of local government	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1311	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Regulations on low quality/durability products, while maintaining affordability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1312	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Regulations to reduce hard to recycle products and excessive packaging (such as delivery boxes)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1313	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Advocate for reuse regulations, right-to-repair legislation, and reuse standards for products	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1314	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Rewards or recognition for reducing waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1315	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Increase consumer confidence in cup share programs through reuse certifications	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1316	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Incentives for haulers to work with customers to recycle and reduce	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1317	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Pay-as-you-throw, without causing an unintended increase in illegal dumping	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1318	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	More research to make the case for reuse and repair, such as quantifying climate benefits, identifying additional benefits like community-buy in, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1319	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Better data on reuse and repair progress, as well as mapping of reuse and repair services	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1320	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Life cycle analysis to understand the persistence of materials like plastics in the environment	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1321	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	More transparency from junk removal companies (where do products go)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1322	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	EPR program for textiles	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1323	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Collect flexible plastics at the curb	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1324	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Use clear plastic bags to discourage recyclables in the garbage	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1325	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Reduce overall garbage collected by reducing number or size of garbage carts	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1326	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Goal: reduce total overall waste rather than per capita; incorporate climate targets such as scope 3 consumption-based GHG emissions for food, building waste	Noted.
1327	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Education and promotion of waste reduction and reuse in the construction industry by fostering innovative designs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1328	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Update regulations to require QR codes on products that lead to information about how to recycle or repair the product	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1329	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Create framework for building disassembly and reuse	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1330	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Standardized labelling that shows climate impact of a product and ways to recycle or reuse when the product life is over	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1331	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Incentivize organics and recycling programs, such as through discounted municipal rates for recycling v.s. garbage; bundle recycling/garbage services together	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1332	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Collaborate with industry to educate multi-family residences to reduce contamination	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1333	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Engage with housing and development entities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1334	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Increase accessibility to drop-off locations – increased convenience will change behaviour	A solid waste system that is convenient across the region is one of the guiding principles for the solid waste management plan update.
1335	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	EPR programs can collaborate with industry to create opportunities to drop-off recycling at the same location as point of purchase	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1336	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	ECO fees embedded into the cost of products instead of shown as an additional fee	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1337	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1338	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Increase frequency of waste audits – this will help increase accountability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1339	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to enhance accountability for eliminating waste?	Enhance public education and promotion of need for accountability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1340	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Collaboration with non-profit organizations, schools, and youth organizations to help implement the solid waste management plan	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1341	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Focus discussions among municipalities to advance specific priority areas (e.g. multi-family sector waste reduction, construction and demolition)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1342	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Collaboration with academia on climate issues and consumer behaviour change	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1343	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1344	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Explore how to measure the success of collaborations (e.g. reuse days tonnages, number of items repaired at repair cafes)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1345	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Research and keep up to date with emerging non-profits that bring new technology, programs, or capacity for collaborations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1346	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Respond to impacts of housing densification	A solid Waste system that is resilient to future challenges is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1347	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Provide language support/translation for programs, bylaws, etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1348	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Metro Vancouver take the lead on advocating for policy change with senior levels of government, with support from member jurisdictions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1349	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Eliminate barriers to accessing depots (e.g. a vehicle is often required to access)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1350	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Expand the return-to-retail drop-off network, to improve accessibility and convenience (collaborate with businesses)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1351	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1352	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Incentives are preferred over penalties – financial incentives, rebate, grant programs specifically for multi-family	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1353	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Provide hands on education/presentations to multi-family property managers and strata	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1354	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Set guidelines for garbage/recycling rooms	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1355	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Develop a best practices guide for multi-family; work with property managers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1356	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Ensure frequency of recycling pick up is sufficient, to reduce contamination in bins	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1357	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Reduce garbage collection frequency to increase participation in other streams	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1358	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Increase enforcement for businesses	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1359	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Enforcement at point of collection; introduce penalties as a financial disincentive; consider region-wide penalties for consistency	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1360	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Lack of understanding, constant changes in programs, accessibility, and other factors contribute to contamination	Noted.
1361	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Use artificial intelligence to monitor contamination	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1362	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Better metrics required to enable incentive programs	Noted.
1363	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Simplify recycling. Recycle BC to provide clear information on materials accepted province-wide	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1364	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Allow one type of compostable plastic, to increase organics recycling participation while addressing the issue of plastic contamination in the organics stream	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1365	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Better regulate labelling of compostable plastics	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1366	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Leverage social media for positive messaging; create reels about the journey of organics from the bin to the finished compost product	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1367	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Restrict the sale of compostable plastic	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1368	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Support schools to provide education on where materials end up	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1369	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1370	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Provide resources for small businesses	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1371	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1372	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Educate on roles of different levels of government – as residents don't understand who is responsible for what	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1373	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Demonstrate what happens to recycling – this has worked with compost giveaways that tell the story of where compost comes from	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1374	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Collaborate with Recycle BC to more effectively share data, thus increasing transparency and promoting confidence	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1375	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Educate about extended producer responsibility as not everyone understands it	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1376	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Advocate to provincial government to require extended producer responsibility organizations to budget for education on confidence/awareness of their programs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1377	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Advocate for a simpler system where a single EPR agency is responsible for recycling; complexities of the system make it difficult to explain	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1378	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Translations and diagrams on educational materials and curbside calendars	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1379	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Physical brochures rather than QR codes to overcome technological barriers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1380	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1381	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Artificial intelligence or chatbots to educate on identifying and sorting materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1382	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Library programs to educate on sorting waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1383	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Enhance large item pick-up, special collection services – to overcome barrier of needing to transport materials to facilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1384	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Harmonization of how waste/recycling is collected in the region	The concept of harmonization within the region is included in the draft strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan.
1385	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Identify gaps in service across the region for accessibility	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1386	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Identify industrial lands available to support new facility/depot development	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1387	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1388	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Permanent repair cafes	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1389	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Requirements on the type and amount of bins for construction sites; focus on wood	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1390	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Investigate how to maximize low-barrier employment opportunities in roles that support waste reduction	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1391	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Research barriers for people to access programs, such as newcomers; work with organizations already working with these demographics to conduct this research	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1392	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Expand reuse across the region, for example making space available for reuse operations/organizations on-site.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1393	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Secondary screening/separation at the tipping floor to remove recyclables.	Metro Vancouver's disposal ban inspectors are able to identify banned recyclable material in loads and can often educate customers to redirect these materials to recycling options.
1394	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1395	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1396	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Expand capacity at recycling depots to receive more recyclables from businesses and municipalities (allowing larger loads and higher limits).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1397	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Mobile or satellite recycling depots for small-scale multi-unit housing (i.e., helping system adapt to recent provincial legislative changes re: housing density).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1398	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Benefit of Metro Vancouver solid waste facilities includes disposal ban program, important that Metro Vancouver maintain ownership of the facilities.	This feedback was considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
1399	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Private facilities – complaints about inconsistencies of levels of services offered at private recycling (e.g. EPR supported depots) and disposal facilities – difficult/inconvenient for customers to travel to various facilities with variable operating hours and acceptance of materials in order to drop off all recyclables.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1400	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Continue to upgrade or replace existing facilities and build new facilities where/when warranted.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1401	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Review procurement best practices, e.g. reclaimed materials in new construction of facilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1402	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Affordability concerns with residents cost of transporting and delivering waste; Local recycling and disposal options can help with rising costs	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1403	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	"Free waste drop-off" events to help reduce illegal dumping and promote awareness of drop-off options.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1404	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Increase accessibility to services for those who face transportation barriers.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1405	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Map out regional locations of facilities to identify where to plan future facilities based on demographics and zoning.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1406	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Preserve light industrial land supply or plan ahead to acquire lands for future facilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1407	15-Nov-24	Workshop notes	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local Government	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Protect industrial zoning designations, to facilitate investment and encourage recycling start ups.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1408	15-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Standardize waste separation systems in buildings.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1409	16-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Reduce inconsistencies—waste regulations vary across cities, leading to confusion.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1410	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Reuse and Reduce: Bring reusable items like shopping bags, lunch boxes, utensils, and water bottles. Use refillable products instead of buying new ones.	Potential strategies and actions include those that can encourage or enable residents to participate in everyday activities that can reduce waste and reduce single use items. The draft waste hierarchy also prioritizes waste reduction and reuse.
1411	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Minimize the purchase of single-use items like saran wrap or garbage bags by repurposing existing items.	Potential strategies and actions include those that can encourage or enable residents to participate in everyday activities that can reduce waste and reduce single use items. The draft waste hierarchy also prioritizes waste reduction and reuse.
1412	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Avoid Christmas gift wrapping or use minimal packaging.	The draft waste hierarchy prioritizes waste prevention.
1413	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Waste Reduction in Daily Practices: Reduce online shopping and takeaway orders to avoid excess packaging. Save and reuse food waste as fertilizer. Use rechargeable batteries and digital versions instead of printed copies. Plan purchases carefully, buying only what is necessary.	Potential strategies and actions include those that can encourage or enable residents to participate in everyday activities that can reduce waste and reduce single use items. The draft waste hierarchy also prioritizes waste reduction and reuse.
1414	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Sustainable Food Practices: Reduce food waste by storing it better and consuming items near expiry. Choose vegetarian or whole-food diets to lower environmental impact. Bring personal containers for dining out to reduce leftovers and packaging.	Potential strategies and actions include those that can encourage or enable residents to participate in everyday activities that can reduce waste and reduce single use items. The draft waste hierarchy also prioritizes waste reduction and reuse.
1415	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Community and Sharing: Borrow tools or items from friends instead of buying new ones. Repurpose and extend the life of items by reselling, donating, or gifting them.	Potential strategies and actions include those that can encourage or enable residents to participate in everyday activities that can reduce waste and reduce single use items. The draft waste hierarchy also prioritizes waste reduction and reuse.
1416	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What are the main actions you already take to eliminate waste?	Recycling and Composting: Recycle diligently, including plastics, Ziploc bags, and chip bags. Compost food waste to create fertilizer for personal or community use. Practice home sorting for better recycling efficiency.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1417	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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.	Issues related to multi-family recycling were considered in developing evaluation criteria for potential strategies and actions for the updated solid waste management plan. Actions that address this issue as well as others are being considered for an updated plan.
1418	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	A student said: people don't care about the items or the types of bins, and the boarding school (private) don't care either. The school wants to increase their processing margins. And the private boarding school doesn't educate about recycling or reuse either. Comment (Canadians are naive, immigrants know how to work the system and also may not have these habits)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1419	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1420	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1421	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1422	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	Ease of Access and Convenience: Simplify the recycling process by standardizing bins, composting rules, and product labeling.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1423	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1424	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1425	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1426	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	Reduce barriers caused by the complexity of recycling processes and user experience issues.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1427	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bins and programs ?	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.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving education and awareness.
1428	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Lack of Clear and Accessible Information: Recycling instructions are unclear or inconsistent, especially for newcomers. Many products lack clear labeling on recyclability, leaving people unsure where items should go. Recycling information is not centralized, and each strata or location provides different instructions. Online education is available but not easily accessible or culturally relevant to all communities.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving education and awareness.
1429	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Inconvenience in Accessing Recycling Facilities: Recycling depots are far away and inconvenient, and many residents are unaware of locations like London Drugs that accept certain items. Green bins and Return-It depots are insufficiently located and often poorly maintained.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1430	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Hygiene Issues and Cost Barriers: Green bins are often dirty and smelly, discouraging people from using them. The cost of purchasing compostable bags and managing organic waste adds financial strain.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1431	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Inconsistencies Across Municipalities: Different municipalities and facilities accept different items, creating confusion. Rules and definitions for solid waste and recycling vary significantly, leading to contamination and improper disposal.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1432	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Lack of Enforcement and Incentives: No enforcement mechanisms are in place to ensure compliance with recycling rules. Incentives are insufficient to encourage the use of environmentally friendly products or proper waste sorting.	Metro Vancouver will consider feedback on compliance promotion when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
1433	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Low Civic Awareness and Education: Many people, including younger generations, lack awareness about the importance of recycling and reducing contamination. Insufficient education on composting, especially for those concerned about odors and storage issues.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving education and awareness.
1434	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in to increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Packaging Design Issues: Product packaging is not designed for easy recycling, adding complexity for consumers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1435	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1436	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Enhance Convenience: Increase the number of recycling depots, green bin locations, and Return-It facilities in easily accessible areas.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1437	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Partner with businesses to offer drop-off points or incentives for proper recycling.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1438	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1439	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1440	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1441	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1442	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1443	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1444	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling 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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1445	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1446	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Create business ecosystems for reusing waste materials (e.g., unsellable BC farm products going to food banks instead of landfill).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1447	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1448	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1449	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	Incentives and Enforcement: Provide financial incentives or coupons for participating in recycling programs. Impose fines for improper recycling or contamination to encourage better practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1450	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1451	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others to more increase participation and reduce contamination in green bin and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1452	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1453	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1454	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1455	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	Cultural and Contextual Relevance: Include recycling education in newcomer workshops and resources. Make content culturally relevant and provide targeted messaging for different demographic groups.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1456	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1457	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1458	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1459	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1460	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1461	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ? Meaning — do you have any questions about this topic that Metro Vancouver may be able to answer for you?	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.	The draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan prioritizes waste prevention and reduction, with recycling as a less favourable option compared to waste reduction. Disposal is a last resort.
1462	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ?	Increased Awareness and Participation: There has been notable progress in public awareness, with more residents actively recycling.	Thank you for that insight.
1463	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ?	Frequent lineups at zero-waste centres indicate growing engagement. Recycling has become part of the culture in Vancouver, with many residents understanding its importance.	Thank you for that insight.
1464	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ?	Economic Incentives: Programs like Return-It, which offer monetary rewards for recycling, are effective motivators. Awareness that some supermarkets accept recyclable items, though clarity can be improved.	Economic motivators were among the ideas considered in developing draft strategies and actions for the updated plan.
1465	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ?	Helpful Infrastructure and Staff: Recycling centres like those in Coquitlam have helpful staff and accept a wide variety of items, making recycling easier for residents.	Thank you for that insight.
1466	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ?	Engagement Opportunities: Workshops and community engagement events like today's are valuable for fostering dialogue and gathering public input. Metro Vancouver's openness to feedback and willingness to host discussions is appreciated.	Thank you for the feedback. Metro Vancouver will continue to strive to communicate openly, maintain transparency, and engage with the community.
1467	17-Nov-24	Workshop Notes	Hong Kong House Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed when thinking of increasing participation and reducing contamination in green bin and recycling programs ?	Sustainable Practices Among Immigrant Communities: Many Asian immigrants already practice sustainability as part of their lifestyle, such as reusing plastic bags and cookie trays or growing herbs, often framed as cost-saving measures. These habits align with sustainable goals and contribute positively to waste reduction.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1468	17-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Work with retailers to reduce packaging waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1469	18-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Improve awareness—many people don't know they can return bottles to retailers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1470	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1471	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	Collaboration and partnerships: Building strong partnerships with First Nations communities, producers, and organizations like CWMA was seen as crucial for leveraging expertise and resources.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1472	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1473	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1474	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1475	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1476	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1477	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1478	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver rethink and prevent waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1479	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver enhance accountability for waste reduction goals?	Strengthening enforcement and penalties: Implementing stricter enforcement mechanisms and meaningful penalties for illegal dumping and improper waste disposal to deter negative behaviours.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1480	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver enhance accountability for waste reduction goals?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1481	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver enhance accountability for waste reduction goals?	Prioritizing high tipping fees: Implementing high tipping fees at landfills and transfer stations to incentivize waste reduction and resource recovery.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1482	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver enhance accountability for waste reduction goals?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1483	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver enhance accountability for waste reduction goals?	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.	The draft waste hierarchy prioritizes waste prevention first.
1484	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Diverse stakeholder engagement: Involving a wider range of stakeholders, including those who may not be traditional "experts," to bring fresh perspectives and insights.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1485	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Support for industry associations: Providing ongoing support for organizations like CWMA that facilitate knowledge sharing, best practice dissemination, and collaborative initiatives.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1486	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1487	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1488	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1489	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1490	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1491	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Clear and consistent messaging: Developing standardized and easily understandable guidelines for sorting and disposal across all municipalities within Metro Vancouver.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1492	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Community-based initiatives: Implementing reward programs and community projects to incentivize participation and recognize efforts to reduce contamination.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1493	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Regular audits and feedback: Conduct ongoing audits of waste streams to identify areas for improvement and provide feedback to residents and businesses.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1494	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Accessible infrastructure: Ensuring convenient and well-maintained collection infrastructure, including depots, drop-off locations, and appropriately sized bins.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1495	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Simplifying sorting guidelines: Providing clear, consistent, and easy-to-understand guidelines for sorting waste, organics, and recyclables to eliminate confusion and minimize contamination.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1496	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1497	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Providing accessible infrastructure: Ensuring convenient and accessible infrastructure for waste collection and drop-off, including strategically placed bins, depots, and recycling facilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1498	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Exploring innovative collection methods: Piloting new collection methods, such as pay-as-you-throw programs or incentivized recycling programs, to encourage participation and reward responsible waste management.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1499	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver increase participation and reduce contamination in recycling and organics programs?	Addressing language barriers: Offering waste sorting information and resources in multiple languages to ensure accessibility and understanding for diverse communities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1500	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver promote confidence in its recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1501	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver promote confidence in its recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1502	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver promote confidence in its recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1503	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver promote confidence in its recycling systems?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1504	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver promote confidence in its recycling systems?	Promoting third-party audits and certifications: Seeking independent audits and certifications for recycling facilities and processes to validate compliance with environmental standards and demonstrate commitment to best practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1505	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver expand inclusive programs and services?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1506	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver expand inclusive programs and services?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1507	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver expand inclusive programs and services?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1508	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver expand inclusive programs and services?	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.	Metro Vancouver is committed to robust and inclusive engagement with a variety of audience, both during plan development, and in the future as we work towards implementing elements of the new plan.
1509	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver expand inclusive programs and services?	Addressing contamination issues: Implementing effective strategies to educate the public and reduce contamination in recycling and composting streams which can undermine the efficiency and viability of resource recovery programs.	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
1510	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	How can Metro Vancouver expand inclusive programs and services?	Proximity to a landfill impacts waste management practice Communities with limited access to landfills, such as those on islands, often exhibit greater resourcefulness and community-driven reuse initiatives due to the practical challenges of transporting waste. This highlights the potential of fostering a similar sense of responsibility and localized solutions in urban environments.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1511	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	What role can Metro Vancouver play in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1512	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	What role can Metro Vancouver play in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Developing long-term infrastructure plans: Creating long-term infrastructure plans that outline the required facilities, technologies, and investments to support sustainable waste management and resource recovery goals.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1513	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	What role can Metro Vancouver play in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1514	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	What role can Metro Vancouver play in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Collaborating on regional waste management strategies: Working collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities and regional districts to develop integrated waste management strategies that address shared challenges and optimize resource sharing.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1515	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	What role can Metro Vancouver play in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1516	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	First Nations	Meaningful consultation and partnership: Ensuring meaningful consultation and engagement with First Nations communities throughout the planning and implementation phases of the solid waste management plan.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1517	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	First Nations	Recognizing traditional ecological knowledge: Incorporating traditional ecological knowledge and practices of First Nations communities into waste reduction strategies and resource management initiatives.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1518	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	First Nations	Supporting First Nations-led initiatives: Providing financial and technical support to First Nations communities to develop and implement their own waste management programs and infrastructure projects.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1519	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	First Nations	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1520	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	First Nations	Fostering capacity building and economic opportunities: Collaborating with First Nations communities to create training and employment opportunities in the waste management and resource recovery sectors.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1521	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	Producer Responsibility	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1522	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders	Producer Responsibility	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1523	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1524	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders		Prohibit soil disposal in landfills and promote soil recycling/regeneration within the region.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1525	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders		Increase soft plastics recycling/collection.	Thank you for this comment. Currently, soft plastics are accepted for recycling at no cost, at depots. The guiding principles and draft goals for the updated plan include concepts around making it easier and more convenient to recycle effectively.
1526	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders		Focus less on residents and more on other sectors where the largest gains in diversion could be made, e.g. wood waste; industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI); and demolition, landclearing and construction (DLC).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1527	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders		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.	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1528	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Summary Notes	Coast Waste Management Association	Waste and Environmental Management Stakeholders		Metro Vancouver must continue to lead so that others will follow.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1529	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Government should regulate packaging for school lunches to reduce waste.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of waste reduction in schools.
1530	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Reduce consumption	Noted - thank you for sharing what you do currently to reduce waste.
1531	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Use reusable bags/utensils, etc.	Noted - thank you for sharing what you do currently to reduce waste.
1532	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Be mindful of what you purchase—get things that are not single-use	Noted - thank you for sharing what you do currently to reduce waste.
1533	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in addressing waste reduction?	Unity between the member districts is essential (Langley program vs Surrey program)	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Draft strategies and actions being considered for the updated plan include considering how to streamline systems across the region.
1534	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		Metro Vancouver waste disposal can be profitable and needs to be addressed—waste to energy, reusable items, organics that can be used as fertilizers	Noted.
1535	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		Reduction in costs for consumers (homes) and businesses (construction and demolition)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1536	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		Quantifying what is being disposed of should be made available and transparent	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1537	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		Logistics cost of bringing materials, people, carting away waste materials, has an enormous impact. Is that shared? Are there public goals? Do people know the cost?	Transparency is incorporated in the guiding principles and options analysis criteria.
1538	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1539	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		Waste to energy—district energy system—Metro Vancouver can select rural areas to implement waste-to-energy facilities Surrey does have District Energy—right now just at Surrey City Centre Burning waste in a furnace will increase environmental flu gas emissions and noise	Metro Vancouver is committed to environmentally responsible waste disposal. Disposal is a last resort. The draft waste hierarchy prioritizes waste prevention and reduction first.
1540	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		China has a lot of big cities where waste to energy is very common	Noted
1541	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.		Bio-gas system Fortis BC does have this in place	Noted.
1542	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Municipalities, private businesses, and nonprofits that handle recycling and collection should collaborate	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1543	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Advocacy—reaching out through engagement sessions like this	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1544	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Public spaces where groups are collecting opinions (displays and plans) to increase awareness and gather feedback	Noted.
1545	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Look to gold-star regions to learn from (France)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1546	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	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	Metro Vancouver is committed to engaging businesses and industries on proposed actions and strategies for an updated solid waste management plan.
1547	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Metro Vancouver can hold a regular committee/meeting and invite professionals, experts, and consultants to discuss their plans and implementation strategies	Thank you for these suggestions.
1548	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Look at Sweden as an example	Noted.
1549	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What could Metro Vancouver do to address these challenges?	Attend community/business events as exhibitors to showcase what Metro Vancouver is doing and further educate the community	Several draft strategies and actions relate to community education.
1550	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Plastic bag regulations are working well—need provincial intervention/regulations to strengthen this further. Changing behaviors through legislation	Noted. Several draft actions point to the need for advocacy at the provincial level.
1551	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Awareness is important and is being expanded upon One semester/class for university/colleges on how to protect the environment—start education early	Several draft strategies and actions relate to education.
1552	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	New York ran out of money for garbage collection, and they left piles of garbage. We are fortunate. In many respects, Metro Vancouver is doing an excellent job in managing waste	Thank you for your comment.
1553	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Room for improvement—generate less waste	The draft waste hierarchy points to preventing waste as being the highest priority.

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1554	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Do not place onus on the consumer—it needs to be incentivized through policy change. Cost is the number one driver of household decision-making for those within a certain means (equity)	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1555	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Cost needs to be universal	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1556	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Infrastructure and systems must be equitable and must consider the cost for the end user of the system Need A/B testing and competition within it Businesses should use the private sector and evaluate them based on the market—innovation occurs through competition This makes services more affordable and easier to access Remove the worst offenders one at a time	Affordability and innovation are elements of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1557	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Waste can be a profit center—items that can be reused and recycled should be put back into the circular system Electronics recycling should be improved for material recovery	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1558	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Systems should be designed to be circular from the start	"Enable circular systems that preserve resources" is the first of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
1559	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	More communication is needed	Several draft strategies and actions relate to communications and education.
1560	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Metro Vancouver is doing a good job of adding more items that can be recycled and expanding municipal curbside recycling programs Langley allows glass recycling curbside, but Surrey does not—this inconsistency is confusing	Thank you for your comment.
1561	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What is working well and should not be changed in the current system? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Incentivize beverage containers—milk containers can now be recycled and money given back. However, confusion still exists around this system	Thank you. Several ideas for actions included incentives.
1562	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	Need to understand the cost of facilities—costs and time it takes to build are increasing	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
1563	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	What is planned? There is minimal understanding among residents and businesses Where do electric batteries go? Are automotive dealers incentivized to recycle them? Is there a recycling deposit for batteries?	Noted
1564	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	What is the benefit of the plastic bag waste ban? Need transparency on the effectiveness of these legislative changes	Several draft strategies and actions relate to communications and education. Current restrictions on plastic shopping bags have been implemented by the provincial government.
1565	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	Cost is very important—communities need to know the benefits of the plan	Affordability is a key element of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1566	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	Household waste (organics, recycling) is a focus, but what about construction and demolition waste? Concrete and bricks generate a lot of waste—there needs to be more companies that handle this material Need information on where this type of waste is happening the most and how it is managed	Draft strategies and actions for the updated plan will address construction and demolition waste.
1567	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	Need to understand landfill capacity—are we at capacity? Odor issues could impact communities around landfills	This feedback will be considered in the development of residuals management technical criteria for the updated plan.
1568	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste management? What questions do you have?	There was a recycling program for textiles for a year, but they took it away. Kids go through clothes that cannot be reused	Several draft actions for the plan are related to textiles waste reduction and recycling.

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1569	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Apps to connect people to Metro Vancouver—keep residents informed about new waste programs, reminders, and updates	Several draft strategies and actions relate to communications and education.
1570	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Be where people are—meet them at malls, parks, business parks, and community events Inform people so they feel better about the taxes they pay	Several draft strategies and actions relate to communications and education.
1571	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Use traditional media platforms—news, newspapers, online articles	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1572	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Social media posts—education and engagement efforts	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1573	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Inform people about what they can recycle, particularly around the holidays	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1574	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Have Metro Vancouver leaders speak publicly and gather feedback directly	Noted
1575	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	All these efforts should aim to instill pride in residents for participating in waste management	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1576	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on waste management issues?	Online system where people can type in what they can and cannot recycle—current systems are limited	Several draft strategies and actions relate to communications and education.
1577	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Frustration with the many different waste management practices between municipalities—lack of consistency is confusing	Consistency of services provided is integrated in the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1578	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Carpet cleaner-type waste disposal is hard to find—how cities manage this type of waste is unclear	Noted.
1579	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Calgary fire stations offer chemical waste collection, including paint and other hazardous materials—Metro Vancouver could consider similar collection locations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1580	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	A centralized drop-off location that accepts all waste types would make things easier	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1581	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Ensure all municipalities have consistent waste disposal programs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1582	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Textile waste is a big issue—microfiber pollution is a problem as many synthetic textiles shed plastic particles into the water system	Several draft actions for the plan are related to textiles waste reduction and recycling.
1583	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Drop-off points need to be more accessible and better advertised	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1584	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Fast fashion generates a lot of waste—this issue needs to be addressed	Several draft actions for the plan are related to textiles waste reduction and recycling.
1585	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Every time waste management is discussed, reuse should be the first and most important point Industries should be incentivized to reuse materials because it benefits the environment and saves businesses money Plastic bags can be reused many times Metals and plastics can be reused multiple times, saving costs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1586	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Waste-to-energy requires extensive classification of materials Magnets are used to collect steel from waste to prevent furnace damage	Noted.
1587	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Smaller housing units make it difficult to sort through recycling at home—waste sorting needs to be accessible	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1588	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Recycling depots should be within walking distance of where people live	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1589	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Teach waste reduction and recycling at a young age—build mindfulness from an early stage	Several draft strategies and actions relate to communications and education.
1590	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	Auto-sorting technology should be implemented—it is time-consuming for people to manually sort waste	Noted.
1591	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	More support for switching to reusable alternatives	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1592	19-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Surrey Board of Trade	Businesses, industry representatives, and policymakers.	Is there anything else you'd like to add?	No waste management plan exists for businesses No organics disposal plan for businesses	Metro Vancouver will consider waste management and organics plans for businesses when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
1593	20-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance waste reduction?	Some schools require kids to take trash home, but there needs to be better support for sustainable packaging alternatives.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1594	21-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Express bottle return system works well.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1595	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Connect projects to haulers (protect haulers and receiver confidential information such as customer base) to receivers (as per SF example), can use Green Halo platform https://www.greenhalosystems.com/	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1596	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Industry to develop a registry of the supply of volumes, annual volumes reported out and validated through assurance from independent 3rd party	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1597	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Common confidential database so that we can measure reductions/increases - independent industry platform.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1598	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Embed the Zero Waste Hierarchy and C&D waste/embody 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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1599	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Public awareness campaign regarding land use.	Planning for land use in the region is part of the Metro 2040 Regional Growth Strategy.
1600	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Work with organizations that make decisions that increase waste during disasters to make waste minimization also a priority (i.e. insurance companies, etc).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1601	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Work with building and design industry and policy makers to adopt the ZW/embody energy hierarchy as the guidance for building sector	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1602	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Review policies and publications for language that "assumes" waste generation. For example revise "demolition" to "building removal" and "construction waste" to "construction excess resources"	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1603	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Have a pollution hierarchy such that pollution prevention is not undertaken at one level unless all feasible options for pollution prevention at a higher level have been taken	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1604	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Require DfD/A, salvage reuse and recycled content in all MV's own building and infrastructure procurement.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1605	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Push for building codes to consider disassembly, repair, flexibility of use, deconstruction and embodied carbon	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1606	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Adopt the ZW hierarchy as the guide and encourage others to do so as well	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1607	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Support capacity building (education) in the industry	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1608	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Produce and distribute specification templates for circular building procurement	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1609	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Encourage Product design for modularity, reuse recycle (according to pollution hierarchy)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1610	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Consult on licensing (permitting) and regulating haulers (as per SF)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1611	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Incentivize source separation	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1612	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Have collection of reusable items at disposal locations as per North Van pilot, but permanent (Whistler as example https://mywcsc.org/social-enterprises/re-use-it-centre/)	Reuse is reflected as a priority on the draft waste hierarchy. Metro Vancouver is working to expand reuse opportunities at its recycling and waste centres.
1613	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Set up systems to address costs of material storage (can be using public land, providing support or other tools)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1614	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Streamline regulation system to foster increased use of salvaged/diverted materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1615	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1616	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Virtual Marketplace Platform (RHEAPLY), provides important tools; public marketplace for businesses; asset management for those large inventory holders for their stock - Like 'house moving storage' for example	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1617	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Industry to develop their strategy in reduce/reuse targets with guidance from govt. eg. defining "highest use"	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1618	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Framework developed where products that cannot be reused or recycled have an environmental fee	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1619	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Pollution Hierarchy 1. reduce environment impact by producing the product by eliminating toxic components and increase energy efficiency; 2. redesign to improve reusability or recyclability; 3. reuse the product, 4. recycle the product	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1620	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Work with the province and other partners to have EPR for C&D materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1621	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	"Hyper-regulate" (look at new term, effective regulation) mixed waste / commingled, standardized communication	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1622	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Have significant deterrents for projects, haulers and receiving facilities that misreport their recycling/waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1623	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Ensure enforcement of existing regulations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1624	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	https://www.recyclingcertification.org/ to ensure recycling / recovery is taking place	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1625	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Open land uses to recycling (may be residual waste)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1626	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Adopt a pollution hierarchy and framed in the regulation as a guiding principle	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1627	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Phase out incineration of all materials including C&D. Work to recover materials instead.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1628	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Create a municipal template and toolkit for building removal bylaws that include house moving and deconstruction	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1629	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Work with Fraser Valley RD to jointly research 2-3 combined heat and power plants for lower mainland	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1630	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Start to regulate out the use of materials that can't be reused or recycled. Phase out problematic materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1631	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Tracking generators, haulers and receivers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1632	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Licensing and permits	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1633	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Capacity tracking (receivers)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1634	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Audits and certifications	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1635	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Accountability and oversight of C&D Waste	Collecting good data and 'leakage' out of region	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1636	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Procurement for waste management/salvaged materials – MV template for managing site and building materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1637	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Address costs of material storage	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1638	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Create certainty in the marketplace of both supply and demand	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1639	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Facilitate land for receiving facility use (recycling, reuse, etc.) with industrial rezoning and cost reductions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1640	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Create an environment to create more processing capacity	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
1641	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Create business opportunities for C&D waste with established partners/problem solvers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1642	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Facilitate markets for diverted goods	Remove regulatory barriers for processors and end user	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
1643	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Prevention of C&D waste due to affordable housing policy and other changes in land uses.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1644	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	End use management – capacity under current 'onerous' requirements	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1645	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Building removal options, support hierarchy	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1646	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Managing waste volumes and surges	Renovation and retrofit vs new build	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1647	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Tie waste into values and priorities (practicality, cost, circularity, carbon and climate change)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1648	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Design for Disassembly/Adaptability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1649	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Extended Producer Responsibility for C&D	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1650	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Influence policies on end uses (such as wood pellets)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1651	21-Nov-24	Construction and Demolition Working Group - Summary of Discussion	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Adoption of zero waste hierarchy	Examine incineration	This feedback was considered in the development of the draft hierarchy for the updated solid waste management plan.
1652	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Food waste and organic waste data	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1653	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Food waste and organic waste data	Improve quantification for food wasterecycled: estimated that 50% Food Waste + 50% Yard Waste In the Food Waste part: split residential vs. commercial unknown	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1654	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Food waste and organic waste data	Improve reporting /accountability: Vancouver Food Policy Council's Food Waste Reporting motion (2022) Haulers should be required to report data to Metro Vancouver Data isn't perfect but exists so let's share it and be transparent	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1655	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention	Make food waste prevention a big priority for the new plan	Several draft actions for the plan are related to food waste.
1656	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention	Continue and expand education to family housing: Amplify Love Food Hate Waste campaign.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to food waste, as well as communications and education.
1657	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1658	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	Explore tactics to target food waste at source for businesses	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1659	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	66% of food waste happening in Vancouver from IC&I sectors	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1660	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	Restaurants have reduced food waste less effectively than retailers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1661	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	Require waste reduction plan/food waste data to get a business licence	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1662	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1663	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	Provide funding /incentives to track food waste with different solutions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1664	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Prevention (of commercial food waste)	Move to penalties after education: Penalties need to be high enough to change behavior	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1665	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Rescue	Foster cross-department collaboration on food security	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1666	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Rescue	Develop systems to support food sharing /recovery + share successes. Ex: Food Mesh / Foodstash / Vancouver Food Runners	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1667	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Rescue	Map out food recovery assets/food waste solutions per stage of the food supply chain	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1668	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Rescue	Clarify what can be donated: Ex: surplus food from buffets can be donated	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1669	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	Make Organics curbside collection and drop-off options available across the region for all residents (SF and MF) and ICI sectors	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1670	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	Have mandatory recycling composting and waste streams for ICI	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1671	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	Have incentives to drive the organic materials into the compost stream	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1672	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1673	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	Discuss a pilot of Mixed Waste Processing as in the region of Peel. Higher diversion rate when processing food waste and recycling together?	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1674	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	Process organics locally within the region, focusing on quality	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1675	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (food waste)	Quantify recycling options: composted v.s. animal feed v.s. biogas	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1676	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (compostable plastics)	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1677	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (compostable plastics)	Develop a supportive framework for addressing the promise and problems with compostable items that incorporate harmonized education, labelling and messaging	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1678	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recycling (compostable plastics)	Recognize and catalyze the evolution of organics processing infrastructure that supports the diversion of select, targeted compostable items.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1679	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Unacceptable	Make it impossible to just choose garbage: Make it simpler with a package service with 3 bins	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1680	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Unacceptable	Use Avoidable vs. unavoidable with caution. Clarify definitions of what is unavoidable. Both avoidable and unavoidable should be unacceptable in disposal	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1681	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Unacceptable	Accept the system is not perfect. Perfect separation will never be achieved.	Noted.
1682	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Unacceptable	Work to remove organics from garbage. Food Waste Disposed: 62% Residential / 38% Commercial Food Waste Recycled: split unknown.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1683	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Carbon footprint	Food waste = 8-10% of global GHG emissions. Source: 2021 UNEP Food Waste Index Report. 4x the carbon footprint of the aviation industry	Noted.
1684	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Carbon footprint	Include indirect emissions. Territorial emissions: 15 Mt CO ₂ e Food = 3%. Consumption-based emissions: 23 Mt CO ₂ e Food = 19%	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1685	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Carbon footprint	Require carbon footprint reporting for businesses of a certain size	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1686	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	5 Goals and associated key metrics	1. Reduce waste: Food Efficiency (kg food /capita), Progress towards SDG 12.3 (%), Cost of wasted food (\$ / capita) Carbon footprint of wasted food (tonnes CO ₂ e/Capita)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1687	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	6 Goals and associated key metrics	2. Reduce total organics: Yard Efficiency (kg yard /capita), Total Organics Recycled(tonnes), Total Organics Disposed(tonnes)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1688	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	7 Goals and associated key metrics	3. No organics in garbage (like in Squamish)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1689	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	8 Goals and associated key metrics	4. Improved food security: Meals donated	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1690	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	9 Goals and associated key metrics	5. High quality of finished compost: Contamination Rate(%)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1691	21-Nov-24	Food Waste Working Group	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Food Waste Policies around the world	Benchmark with international jurisdictions: Extend the scope of the Performance Metrics Study by Stantec	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1692	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Adopt the Zero Waste Hierarchy (https://www.zerowastebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ZWIA-Zero-Waste-Hierarchy-8.0-final.pdf) as the underpinning framework	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1693	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Set waste reduction and collection targets including interim goals (report back to public on these regularly with communications campaigns)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1694	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Invest in zero waste actions with most of the savings from closing the incinerator (note concern was raised that the district energy system was locking Metro Vancouver into long term use of the incinerator and a question about the timing)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1695	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1696	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Provide input to all feedback opportunities (EPR, BC, fed, etc.) and develop some clear ZW principles to guide this feedback.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1697	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1698	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Push for a strong global plastics treaty and federal policy on waste; plus quick implementation of Zero Plastic Waste Strategy	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1699	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support federal P2 notice for grocery stores and develop strategy to support it locally. Ensure monitoring and reporting back are parts of the system.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1700	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support federal and provincial tools that support the first 3 Rs of the ZW hierarchy and EPR	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1701	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1702	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1703	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1704	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Push for right to repair, mandatory repair options for key items (ties into inclusive)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1705	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1706	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1707	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Continue to support active transport, public transport and shared transport over single occupancy vehicles (to decrease need for SOV). Also support shared options in high traffic areas.	Noted.
1708	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support packaging free items at farmers markets and elsewhere	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1709	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support reusable menstrual solutions instead of single use	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1710	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1711	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support neighbourhood sharing networks + supporting other sharing systems (Tool Library, Thingery) + strata sharing programs.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1712	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1713	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1714	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1715	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1716	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Encourage the use of reusable diapers (consider equity lens) long term	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1717	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1718	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1719	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support repair of items; more repair cafes, online connections to repair manuals, possible maker spaces for parts.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1720	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support maintenance of items	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1721	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Address single use items systemically (not just to move from plastic)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1722	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Develop metro-wide connected reuse programs for foodservice/beverage takeout ware	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1723	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Develop + support model bylaw to require reusables for dine in settings (Banff, Victoria -pending)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1724	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Require adequate dishwasher capacity for new foodservice permits (work with munis or develop model)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1725	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Consider a campaign to encourage enjoying the coffee or meal (dine in, not fast eating)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1726	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Develop standards for foodservice ware so can harmonize systems	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1727	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Explore ways to reduce single use items distributed through drive throughs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1728	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Developing systems to support reusables in cafeterias, food courts and catering	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1729	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Continue and expand the Think Thrice Campaign/encourage circularity in clothing	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1730	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support a textiles hub group to determine gaps and plan for collective actions	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1731	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Provide MF settings comprehensive tools and support for implementing waste reduction and diversion	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1732	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1733	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Work with RCBC to develop a comprehensive directory for where to borrow, share, rent rarely used items. Also repair options.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1734	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Map out what plastics reduction campaigns are needed	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1735	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1736	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Increase access to public zero waste education through outreach events similar to the City of Vancouver Zero Waste Days	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1737	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Learning from partners experience	Noted.
1738	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1739	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1740	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1741	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1742	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1743	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Push for accountability for producers (e.g. Quebec has fines for non-collection)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1744	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Ask for the additional supportive policies (as noted in the CCME Canada-wide Action Plan for EPR)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1745	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Consider an equity lens and environmental impact when advocating on EPR	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1746	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Encourage requirements for zero waste plans as part of business licensing in member munis + provide support (can start sector by sector)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1747	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Increase PAYT and the cost differential + do not discount for larger volumes	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1748	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Develop systems to provide feedback to generators (collectively as a community as well as to individual generators)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1749	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Use tipping fees as a tool so that poor sorters and high volume generators pay more.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1750	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Step up inspections and enforcement to all loads	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1751	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Work collaboratively with haulers to gather better data and play a role in educating customers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1752	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1753	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Report on full environmental and GHG footprint of waste (by type of disposal if possible)	Noted. Metro Vancouver is currently finalizing a Climate 2050 Solid Waste Primer.
1754	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1755	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1756	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support better labelling so consumers know if it can be recycled	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1757	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Accountability for all businesses; public sector should set a leading example	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1758	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Eliminate hard to recycle plastics	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1759	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Get commitments from member municipalities to roll out supportive bylaws and systems	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1760	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support digital passports for materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1761	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Do not support mixing materials (i.e putting plastic in cement) that makes it hard and unpredictable to recycle at the next round	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1762	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Consider plastic leaking into liquid waste -education campaign, consider sources, encourage filters on washing machines, natural fibre use, glass use, etc. Partner with plastics, river, fish and ocean focused groups	Some of these concepts are incorporated into the liquid waste "Switch to Cold" campaign.
1763	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Educate and share information regarding the negative health and side effects from micro plastics, etc.	Metro Vancouver shares this information as part of the "Switch to Cold" campaign.

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1764	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Use the NZWC as a way to develop model policy and work federally/provincially to have them enacted (like ZW Europe does)	Noted.
1765	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Use NZWC and other avenues to build collective support for key goals and actions at provincial and federal levels	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1766	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Use the ZW Conference as a way to workshop and build support for local solutions and ideas, creating task forces for key policies	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1767	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1768	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Collaboration can allow access to other funding opportunities plus social benefits	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1769	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Invite partnership with local First Nations to learn from perspectives and ways of doing things that use less resources	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1770	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Metro Van staff to participate in initiatives that support redesign/rethink, reduce and reuse	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1771	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Partner with entrepreneur innovators to build the momentum and capacity	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1772	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Have an ongoing PTAC to advise on implementation (continuity and public oversight)	Metro Vancouver will include a section in the updated solid waste management plan on plan monitoring.
1773	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Mandate streams for source separation collection for all MF + ICI settings	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1774	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support a strong BC system for ICI PPP -including EPR (might be more finely tailored by sector according to the materials generated)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1775	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1776	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Work with munis and EPR programs to have multi-stream streetscape containers as the norm. Ensure Province is enforcing Recycling Regulation.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1777	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Advocate for home recycling for film plastics (plus Styrofoam and glass), and knowing about this project it can also touch on	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1778	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1779	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Provide ICI settings comprehensive tools and support/coaching for implementing waste reduction and diversion (e.g. Lethbridge, Squamish)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1780	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1781	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Provide feedback to citizens/businesses on results to show transparency, foster trust, encourage action (high level data)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1782	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	SUI reduction/education for small ethnocultural businesses and suppliers of food service ware	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1783	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Campaigns in key languages for region	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1784	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Collaborate with diverse communities to support campaigns (meeting communities where they are)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1785	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Encourage local circularity of plastic resins	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1786	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1787	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Support MV-wide civic litter pick up twice a year but gather and share data from it -like a brand audit.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1788	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Continue to waive disposal fees for community clean up materials (in partnership with members and groups) + develop a support program	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1789	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Close the incinerator, focus on waste reduction instead, use the land to host a reuse facility for C&D	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1790	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Enact a policy that does not support gasification, plasmification, pyrolysis, chemical recycling to fuel, cement kilns, and other destructive methods of handling waste. Ensure no Metro Vancouver waste goes to these facilities, and no funding support.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1791	21-Nov-24	Plastics Working Group Recommendations	PTAC (Metro Vancouver Public Technical Advisory Committee)	Public members-at-large	Recommendations and ideas?	Need a facility to process the auto shredder fluff to recycle more materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1792	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	It would help if facilities weren't just in industrial areas - make facilities convenient and part of the community	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1793	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Make facilities more transit friendly	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1794	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Make repair cafes more accessible, allowing them to be put on at no cost or low cost	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1795	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Provide more points of access for repair cafes in the community	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1796	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Add more infrastructure like clothing donation bins, and consider utilizing municipal spaces to make them more accessible	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1797	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Normalize repair cafes, clothing swaps etc. in the community	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1798	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1799	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Make sure Metro Vancouver's webpage is up to date with the latest accessibility standards	Noted.
1800	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Ensure facilities are wheelchair accessible	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1801	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Provide outreach and support with waste management to newcomers to Canada	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1802	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Connect newcomers with sources of second-hand items to facilitate reuse	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1803	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Some community facilities like bottle depots are not well maintained or welcoming	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1804	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1805	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Increase convenience and accessibility by putting waste diversion options into the life of a person e.g. at school drop off	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1806	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Ensure inclusivity addresses differing incomes	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1807	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1808	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Expand our lexicon for sustainability e.g. a margarine or yogurt container is an example of a reusable takeout container	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1809	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Consider connecting with faith-based communities as another entry point for sustainability and waste management programs	Noted.
1810	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Video about nothing gets recycled, was very popular. Make more of those to promote confidence in recycling systems.	Metro Vancouver will consider the importance of promoting confidence in the recycling system when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
1811	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Promote sustainability—instagram reels - short form content	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1812	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Recycling education to the public at events such as the salmon system	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1813	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Reaction to content where someone put a tracker on plastic and it went to landfill which started this huge rhetoric that is what happens	Metro Vancouver will consider the importance of promoting confidence in the recycling system when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
1814	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Need to address disinformation as well as informing people	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1815	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	A lot of the sentiment about why people are apathetic to recycling is they are not confident they are going to recycling v the landfill	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1816	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Critically analyzing	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1817	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Shipping garbage to other countries is something that comes up - BC doesn't do that	Metro Vancouver will consider the importance of promoting confidence in the recycling system when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
1818	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	A media push on myth busting for waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1819	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	The data for the recycling report is quite buried - need to make it easier for people to find the data	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1820	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Need to communicate the data more	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1821	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Didn't know there was a hotline – need to advertise this	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1822	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Physical advertisement at bus stops: lemon turns red - see your doctor if your pee is red is an example of a memorable advertisement	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1823	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Go to place where people are killing time on their phone. Taxi-cues, elevators, bus stop	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1824	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Add what happens to material in the waste wizard	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1825	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Environmental justice of a landfill – thinking of the environmental impacts every time something is thrown away	Environmental stewardship is included in the guiding principles for the updated plan.
1826	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Being part of an environmental club makes it easy to have confidence, but if you aren't part of those circles it can be hard to	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1827	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	We are responsible together and showing the system creates a bit more understanding about where it goes and who is responsible	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1828	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Using non environmental language can help get more people interested in environmental issues	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1829	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Private sector doesn't have easy access to recycling options like in hospitals, schools and restaurants, they see high contamination so then they decide that it doesn't matter	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.

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1830	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Need resources at institutional levels to help with the commercial sector	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
1831	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	What is the point if only 6% actually gets recycled	Metro Vancouver will consider the importance of promoting confidence in the recycling system when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
1832	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	Need to better understand where things go and how the entire process works – the lifecycle of products	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1833	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to promote confidence in recycling systems?	People are surprised about the recycling rates	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1834	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Restaurants (food waste): Is there enforcement/penalties or incentives for participation in organics separation (similar to grease down drain)?	Ideas for regulatory measures are included in strategies and actions that will be considered for the plan.
1835	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Medical facilities (hospitals) - outside of cafeterias/cafes there are no separation receptacles: Strict (independent) standards are in place because of hazards, including how many layers of garbage bag/how full they can be	Noted
1836	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Medical facilities: Designing items to be biodegradable instead of reusable might be an option	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1837	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Schools: Everything going into one bin happens at schools also	Noted
1838	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Schools: Challenge is budget - for support to deliver waste education AND to do any post-sorting	Affordability is reflected in the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1839	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Schools: Custodians do not have time and/or other resources (space, tools/bins/signage) to take waste sorting tasks on	Resources and educational tools will be considered as the draft strategies and actions are developed.
1840	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling 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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1841	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	It was noticed in post-secondary dorms (not necessarily elsewhere on campus) that there is a reduction in recycling rate, may be due to: -Body of students from outside Metro Vancouver (international) -The education piece is missing -Knowing that recycling is an option and a good thing to do -Understanding WHY recycling is important	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1842	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Efficiency and speed are the drivers (and the challenges) to participation	Convenience and consistency are incorporated in the vision and guiding principles.

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1843	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	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.)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1844	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	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)	Actions related to recycling bins in multi-family buildings are included as actions that will be evaluated during the options analysis phase.
1845	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Multi-family building challenges: In-unit storage limits options for separation	Actions related to recycling bins in multi-family buildings are included as actions that will be evaluated during the options analysis phase. This includes actions related to creating guidelines for space provision for recycling bins in multi-family buildings.
1846	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Multi-family building challenges: Time	Actions related to recycling bins in multi-family buildings are included as actions that will be evaluated during the options analysis phase.
1847	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Multi-family building challenges: Provide education for those approving design plans so that policy shifts to create increased ease of sorting	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1848	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Multi-family building challenges: Cost of upgrades is prohibitive	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1849	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Multi-family building challenges: Recycling requires a lot of space - strata rules for "crush items to take up less space", and strata will say no to the idea of paying for improvements that increase room for recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1850	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Single-family: Cost of bins (why is there a cost for bins/bags, this will prohibit people from making the requests)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1851	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1852	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1853	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Provide distributed education for strata councils & property managers that includes an incentive	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1854	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	Provide the good data and key messages to non-profit partners who are delivering community-level education (train the trainers model)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1855	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation and reduce contamination in organics and recycling programs?	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)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1856	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1857	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	Greater education on end of life for items: reuse or adapt things to keep using items	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1858	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	Provide training on repair for residents (repair cafes as one idea)	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1859	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	Individual/general public: Force choices for the public (e.g. whether you want a bag for takeout)	Some draft actions for the plan are related to single-use items.
1860	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	New campaigns for higher-quality items	The draft waste hierarchy prioritizes waste prevention. In addition, several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education.
1861	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	Public/corporate sector: Share cost benefit analysis - increase companies like Reusables or mug-share but make the business case for greater uptake	Affordability is reflected in the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan. Additionally, draft actions include advocacy and the business case for reuse.
1862	21-Nov-24	In-person Workshop	Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Other comments/ideas	Alternatives to landfill, e.g. WTE or connections to agriculture	Noted. Metro Vancouver currently utilizes several options for managing waste, including the Vancouver Landfill, Waste-to-Energy Facility, and disposal at remove landfills.
1863	22-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Deposit and paid return system is effective.	Noted.
1864	22-Nov-24	Email submission	PTAC Member	Public members-at-large		Appreciate the meeting today, informative and there are a lot of people are enthusiastic and committed in recycling and reducing waste. This is regarding Christina from Green-Stone Materials on the volume of concrete that is available to be recycled. Paul Henderson referred to a public document that is available (via website) on the volume of concrete that is available to be recycled and also said it has a 90% approx. recycling rate. I'm sure Paul is right and super happy about the highly successful recycling of concrete. Would you be able to point me to the link and page of that document Paul is referring to?	Please see below for the information in the 2022 Biennial Progress report. It is located in table 9 on page 19. https://metrovancover.org/services/solid-waste/Documents/draft-iswrm-biennial-report-2022.pdf

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1865	22-Nov-24	Email submission	PTAC Member	Public members-at-large		<p>On page 19, table 9 shows that Concrete - 866,363 tonnes were recycled. I'm trying to find out how many tonnes were available to be recycled and the recycling rate.</p> <p>My other question is what methodology and the robustness of the calculation of the 866,363 tonnes.</p> <p>(If it's in the report, if you can provide me where it is.)</p>	<p>Thanks for your question. We can estimate the amount of concrete disposed using our latest construction and demolition waste composition study (from 2022). https://metrovancover.org/services/solid-waste/Documents/construction-demolition-waste-composition-study-2022.pdf</p> <p>According to this study, an estimated 7,593 tonnes of concrete were disposed in 2022. If we use that number we get a recycling rate of 99% (866,363/(866,363+7,593)), out of 873,956 tonnes of concrete available.</p> <p>As for the calculation of the 866,363 tonnes, this is based on tonnages provided by concrete recyclers in the region. Every year, we contact our list of known concrete recyclers in the region and ask for their tonnages. As these facilities have no requirement to report to us, and there is no independent verification of the numbers they provide, this does introduce sources of error into this estimate. We provide a methodology section within the biennial report to explain these issues, as well as providing an estimate of the C&D sector recycling rate with and without including concrete.</p>
1866	22-Nov-24	Email submission	PTAC Member	Public members-at-large		<p>The attached report is very helpful in outlining the scope of the project and the methodology used which is very detailed.</p> <p>Agreed, since the recyclers have no obligation to report gives rise to potential mis-statement of the volumes and the recycling rate.</p> <p>As we move forward on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) we should continue to look at how we build robustness in the source of data either through third party verification, more sampling or regulatory framework for producers / waste collectors / recyclers to report.</p> <p>Thank you again for the detailed report and answering my initial question.</p>	<p>Several draft actions for the plan are related to improving data and reporting.</p>
1867	23-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Accessible waste containers around public areas.	Noted. The guiding principles include accessibility principles.
1868	24-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Japan's waste sorting system was mentioned as a good model.	Noted. Metro Vancouver is including a jurisdictional scan as part of the process to review and update the solid waste management plan.
1869	25-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Simple scheduling for different waste pickups makes sorting easier.	Noted. The guiding principles emphasize convenience of the system as being important.
1870	26-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Incentive-based recycling programs work well for individuals (but not as well for businesses).	Noted.
1871	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some potential barriers that you think exist in achieving accountability when it comes to eliminating waste?	Accountability often means additional labor: Tracking and recording waste quantities require extra effort.	Noted. During Options Analysis, Metro Vancouver will engage with the public on draft actions, including asking questions about the potential unintended consequences and impacts of proposed actions.
1872	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some potential barriers that you think exist in achieving accountability when it comes to eliminating waste?	New policies increase labor demands, which can be challenging for businesses.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1873	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some potential barriers that you think exist in achieving accountability when it comes to eliminating waste?	Producer accountability is unclear: For grocery retailers, the responsibility typically shifts to the consumer once a product leaves the store.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1874	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some potential barriers that you think exist in achieving accountability when it comes to eliminating waste?	Producers might only be held accountable if they participate in programs like Recycle BC.	Noted.
1875	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some potential barriers that you think exist in achieving accountability when it comes to eliminating waste?	It is not just producer accountability, consumer awareness is lacking: Many customers don't understand that packaging and waste management decisions are often legislative requirements. Example: A customer berated a cashier over the inability to provide a plastic bag, unaware of the legal mandate.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1876	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	From your perspective, what can be done to achieve accountability?	First, consumer awareness needs to improve: Consumers should understand legislative mandates and who is responsible for recycling.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1877	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	From your perspective, what can be done to achieve accountability?	Clear communication about producers' obligations is necessary to reduce misunderstandings.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1878	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What challenges have you faced as a retail store owner in implementing waste reduction policies?	Consumer challenges: Customers often misunderstand the reasons behind waste policies (e.g., plastic bag bans) and blame businesses instead of recognizing legislative requirements.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1879	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What challenges have you faced as a retail store owner in implementing waste reduction policies?	Staff challenges: Training staff to follow contamination and organics rules was initially difficult, especially during the rollout phase.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools, including support for businesses.
1880	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What challenges have you faced as a retail store owner in implementing waste reduction policies?	Cost challenges: Switching to sustainable materials, such as fiber trays, significantly increases costs. Smaller businesses with tighter budgets may find it harder to adopt these practices without financial support.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1881	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What roles do businesses and other partners play in increasing participation to reduce contamination?	Provide clear and simple waste management guidelines for their staff.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1882	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What roles do businesses and other partners play in increasing participation to reduce contamination?	Collaborate with waste management providers to access contamination data and improve practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1883	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What roles do businesses and other partners play in increasing participation to reduce contamination?	Advocate for materials that help streamline waste sorting processes.	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
1884	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	How do you think Metro Vancouver can collaborate with businesses to advance participation in waste management?	Use a phased approach for policy changes to give businesses time to adapt.	The feedback that businesses appreciate a phased approach is noted. When Metro Vancouver introduced the organics disposal ban, a phased approach was used.
1885	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	How do you think Metro Vancouver can collaborate with businesses to advance participation in waste management?	Ensure consistent regulations across administrations to avoid confusion.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1886	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	How do you think Metro Vancouver can collaborate with businesses to advance participation in waste management?	Offer financial incentives, such as grants or tax breaks, to offset costs associated with sustainable practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1887	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are the barriers in achieving consumer confidence in recycling and organics programs?	Consumer skepticism: People doubt whether recycling is effective and whether claims about "sustainable" products are truthful (e.g., plant-based bottles).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1888	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are the barriers in achieving consumer confidence in recycling and organics programs?	There's a lack of transparency about where recycled materials go and how they are processed.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1889	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are the barriers in achieving consumer confidence in recycling and organics programs?	Public education: Standards and transparency around "recycled" or "sustainable" labels could help rebuild trust.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1890	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are the barriers in achieving consumer confidence in recycling and organics programs?	Highlighting tangible recycling successes can counter negative perceptions.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1891	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What can Metro Vancouver do to increase public confidence in recycling?	Promote clear and transparent standards for what qualifies as "recycled" or "sustainable."	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1892	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What can Metro Vancouver do to increase public confidence in recycling?	Engage youth through educational programs to build a culture of recycling early on.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1893	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What can Metro Vancouver do to increase public confidence in recycling?	Share success stories and statistics to demonstrate the impact and benefits of recycling programs.	Noted. Metro Vancouver has previously used case studies as part of a suite of education and communication tools. Several draft actions in the plan are related to education and communications.
1894	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What types of information would help businesses and staff help build confidence in recycling systems?	Clear, easy-to-read guidelines: Printable materials that can be displayed in workspaces for staff and customers.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1895	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What types of information would help businesses and staff help build confidence in recycling systems?	Provide explanations for why specific waste management practices are required.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1896	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What types of information would help businesses and staff help build confidence in recycling systems?	Visual aids: Use signage and diagrams to make waste sorting simpler and more intuitive.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools. "Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
1897	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	Are there any aspects of the current system that you think are working well or shouldn't be changed?	Mandatory recycling and organics programs are effective because they enforce compliance.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1898	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	Are there any aspects of the current system that you think are working well or shouldn't be changed?	Businesses often innovate when required to adapt, as necessity drives resourcefulness.	Noted.
1899	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some ways to engage residents and the general public about changes to waste management processes or guidelines?	Public campaigns should focus on simplicity and clarity: If processes are easy to follow, residents are more likely to participate.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1900	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some ways to engage residents and the general public about changes to waste management processes or guidelines?	Overcoming general apathy is challenging due to the overwhelming amount of information people receive daily.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1901	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	What are some ways to engage residents and the general public about changes to waste management processes or guidelines?	Focus on education: Target youth education in schools to instill recycling habits early.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1902	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	Other thoughts/ideas	Financial considerations for sustainable choices: Transitioning to alternatives like fiber trays is expensive and may require tax incentives or grants to support businesses. Smaller businesses may find it especially difficult to make these investments.	Affordability is reflected in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan
1903	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	Other thoughts/ideas	Transparency and confidence in waste management: Clear standards for recycled materials and consistent messaging are key to rebuilding public trust.	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1904	27-Nov-24	Interview Notes	Anthony Sullivan	Retail Store Owner	Other thoughts/ideas	Businesses shouldn't have to police consumer behavior (e.g., plastic bags); regulations should make such decisions non-negotiable to avoid conflict.	Several draft actions for the updated plan contemplate introducing or advocating for new regulations.
1905	27-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	BC Hotel Association (BCHA)	Hospitality industry professionals		Event summary: BCHA President & CEO presented on current work the association is doing. Included five slides on Waste Management and the project outline (built from the toolkit) and included two of the questions from survey, done in real time on Slido followed by discussion and Q&A if applicable. Audience included General Managers of Hotels from across Metro Van - members of the Hotel Association of Vancouver. All members (including those unable to attend in person) received the slide deck for review following presentation. *Note that many hoteliers also operate F&B operations within their properties. Small informational presentation to Board of Directors (5 in Metro Van) on the efforts and hopeful outcomes of the survey.	Noted.
1906	27-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	BC Hotel Association (BCHA)	Hospitality industry professionals		The discussion following the presentation were around emphasizing the top choices in the slido poll. Difficulty in managing as there are many moving pieces to hotel operations. Cost effective solutions and incentives for participating in sustainable, recycling and waste management solutions. Streamlining initiatives as to not add to operational stresses were some points outlined in why it may be difficult to manage for most.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1907	27-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	BC Hotel Association (BCHA)	Hospitality industry professionals		Our goals were to reach our hotel members and tourism and hospitality industry within Metro Van while also garnering feedback from partners we often work closely with each day. Through feedback received with our survey and our slido questions, we aimed to acquire tangible data to present on the impression of current waste management efforts as well as suggestions for ways it can work better for our industry. In addition, we looked to use social media, newsletters, and in person meetings, to outline the goals of Metro Van Waste Management with this project, creating awareness.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1908	27-Nov-24	Engagement summary notes	BC Hotel Association (BCHA)	Hospitality industry professionals		This time of year our industry receives a large amount of communications about ongoing initiatives, not only from BCHA but other partners organizations. This adds a hurdle to having accommodators spend any amount of time to complete surveys. By presenting a couple of the questions in real time to the Hotel Association of Vancouver, we were able to have a larger amount of participation providing feedback. We also leveraged our partners (listed below) to include the information in their newsletters and social, but we are unable to know how often they included it or their reach.	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1909	27-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: What is working well in the current system that should not change? What should be expanded?	Curbside pickup is effective and should be maintained.	Noted.
1910	27-Nov-24	SWANA Conference Day - Spin the Wheel feedback	Solid Waste Association of North America	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry	Ideas	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).	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
1911	27-Nov-24	SWANA Conference Day - Spin the Wheel feedback	Solid Waste Association of North America	Solid Waste and Recycling Industry	Ideas	Put levies and payments onto items to make it harder for people to dispose and have greater penalties	Several draft actions for the updated plan contemplate introducing or advocating for new regulations.
1912	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Uses H&M take-back program	Noted.
1913	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Recycling fibre from garments would be the best	Noted.
1914	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Reuse products	Noted.
1915	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Reduce consumption and reuse the fabric	Noted.
1916	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Likes seeing repeating outfits as a trend - promotes this outlook	Noted.
1917	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Print and embroidery shop: a. Can't afford to not pay attention to your waste, it's expensive - more waste = not efficient working and wasting money b. Being proactive with laser cutting and other processes to be efficient reduces waste and increases productivity c. Have to buy extra material in case of slips d. Try to make sure when you order materials not overbuying in excess e. Also benefits them by not having to store more if there is less space f. Keep inventory lean	Noted.
1918	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Focus on repairing garments	Noted.
1919	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Teaching sewing to adults - encourage using recycled material	Noted.
1920	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Community art projects encouraging recycled materials, especially textiles	Noted.
1921	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Fabric cycling working with Our Social Fabric (non-profit fabric store selling donated headstock fabric and fibre arts supplies online and in-person)	Noted.
1922	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	What happens to clothes when returned for incentives?	Noted.

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1923	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Allow students to learn with materials that can't be recycled	Noted.
1924	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Will share extra materials with local groups and high schools	Noted.
1925	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Teaching zero-waste pattern-making	Noted.
1926	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Consuming less or higher quality goods	Noted.
1927	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	TRANSPARENCY in companies is important	Noted.
1928	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Awl Together Leather coming at it from 3 perspectives a. Using OFS services b. Leather goods: shoe repair/bag repair c. Diverting leather offcuts from textile and couch factories	Noted.
1929	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Leader in textile engineering: a. Any companies or factories if they have excess what are the specs? GSM? b. Proper labelling for reuse/resell c. Most companies keep it confidential, need for TRANSPARENCY d. In garment factories cut pieces should be segregated by fabric type so that startup companies can more easily recycle cut pieces e. IP becomes problematic if kept confidential - not fully transparent f. Specifically donated items will not have the specs so you have to kind of guess fabric content	Noted.
1930	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Using materials that are mixed makes it difficult to recycle, education around what things are good to wear and purchase and how cheap materials can make it hard to recycle.	Noted.
1931	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Accessing thrift stores to upcycle, buying with intent, Share defective materials extra fabrics, plastic with other companies for recycling. Donating things to shelters. Making connections is important.	Noted.
1932	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Charge deposit for the container for delivering clothing or textiles, customers can keep the container or return for money back.	Noted.
1933	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Charge a fee for the cost of recycling fabric, like we do with bottles/cans	Noted.
1934	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Teach mindfulness around fabric waste	Noted.
1935	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	More sustainability programming in industrial design and fashion design schools.	Noted.
1936	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Wear it until it wears it out. Then repair it, show repair too. This will normalize the idea.	Noted.
1937	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Mend repair items is important.	Noted.
1938	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Events around zero waste, reverse engineer for sustainability, fun to do sustainability from the point of pattern making, re-engineering fabrics from scraps with felting machine	Noted.
1939	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Expensive to mend and recycle	Noted.
1940	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Quality is essential	Noted.
1941	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Excess of other materials beside natural fabrics, makes it very hard to recycle.	Noted.
1942	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	If people spend money on items they are more inclined to fix.	Noted.
1943	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Quality is a sustainable choice but it's a privilege to be able to afford these items.	Noted.
1944	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Attitude of fashion as waste, this needs to change	Noted.
1945	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Garment repair, no matter the initial cost of the item, is possible.	Noted.
1946	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Sorting: knits from wovens, synthetic from natural, making big shifts in sorting initially.	Noted.
1947	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	What is being shopped for, colours etc, keeping like with like	Noted.
1948	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Reweaving and repurposing	Noted.

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1949	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Pale coloured items can be redyed and reused	Noted.
1950	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Salvage (zippers buttons etc) used in art projects and recreation	Noted.
1951	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	From a manufacturer for small brands - preorders often go unpurchased finally in the end. training customers to commit etc. more on demand, teach to understand that time will be taken.	Noted.
1952	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Educate and retrain on “buy less and wait for key pieces”, as well as there is inherit value in the pieces and that if the pieces are cared for they can be resold	Noted.
1953	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Sorting scraps is difficult - ease of access to recycling as well as faster recycling	Noted.
1954	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Sorting hubs that are accessible, sliding scale for payment vs free, ways of people accessing materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1955	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Plastic packaging, single use single pieces(one by one individually plastic wrapped) using one plastic bag per carton as opposed to 50 individual bags for smaller products.	Noted.
1956	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the main actions you take to eliminate waste?	Agriculture is not touched on enough when we are talking about this issue of recycling textiles	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1957	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Avoid landfill, embed info in the fabric to help separation for recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1958	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Collaborate with researchers, academia and industry for projects, ideally with government funding.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1959	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Need to work together.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1960	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Greater access to who is doing what, share knowledge and people with particular skill set, database of resources and people resources	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1961	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Reworking garments for creative advertising options	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1962	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Ads about where to recycle clothes	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1963	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Forums are a great way to build connections.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1964	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Marketing, promotions and social media, brand ambassadors around fabric waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1965	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Educate people around fabric recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1966	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Theme nights, parties around clothing, volunteering, bring people together/ offices/ friends to thrift and sort clothes.	Noted.
1967	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Integrate building developers for workshop spaces so customers and the industry can sell or exchange excess fabric for example or do mending.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1968	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Teaching, educating around textile waste, making sure new systems are shared so teachers and the public are up to date	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1969	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Fabric content knowledge is important	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1970	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Crowd-sourcing sorting	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1971	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Building with waste products, getting the waste from fashion connected with artists or organizations that can use them.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1972	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Find green repair shops easily- across elements of the apparel industry like film	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1973	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to: Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration	Clothing pick up app, distribution network for items no longer needed/liked	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.
1974	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	More shared spaces, more communication about where we can use spaces for swaps, in particular for industry swaps, use up each others overages	Several draft actions address reuse.
1975	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Promoting brand events about excess fabric and get rid of dead stock	The waste hierarchy emphasizes waste prevention as a priority.
1976	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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	Noted.
1977	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Keeping products in life cycle is essential	"Enable circular systems that preserve resources" is the first of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
1978	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	An attitude change is needed, we need to look at reducing, not just recycling. There is too much stuff in the world, we need to find other ways to heal beside retail therapy.	The draft waste hierarchy prioritizes waste prevention first.
1979	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Collaborating with industry is important, you need to really understand the pain points to find the solution, so need to really speak to the industry. Advocate for collaboration, why do people need to buy in.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1980	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Need to build community so we know each other so we can have those conversations	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1981	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Using platforms that everyone uses is a good way to share and build community. Not just a newsletter	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1982	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Reach out to everyone, and advance whatever stakeholders are working on.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1983	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Physical space, supported rents.	Draft actions for the plan include ideas for increasing space available for reuse activities.

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1984	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1985	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Don't get hung up on industrial standards, this is something regular people can do, they can easily repurpose. Tend to what we are wearing and creating.	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals of the updated plan. This includes increasing sharing/donation, repairing/refurbishing, and repurposing products and materials.
1986	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Government website are archaic	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1987	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Cross-sectional map so people can get connected.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1988	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Trying to do what's right with little time to focus on this. We need someone who has this as their job to help maintain this.	Noted.
1989	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Connection is imperative when people have ideas and don't know where to go.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1990	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Connecting waste t-shirts to people doing upholstery (piping on furniture). How do you even make this connection for people?	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1991	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Engage the whole family, it's fun.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1992	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Cross connections of industries is crucial.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1993	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance knowledge and expertise through collaboration?	Agriculture needs to be connected back to textiles.	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
1994	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	An app that everyone can be a part of - find a recycling company.. facilitator noted waste wizard later on	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools. Currently Metro Vancouver maintains a website that allows residents to search where to bring their recycling. Metro Vancouver is continually enhancing the tool
1995	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Centralizing information	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
1996	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Resource for available services	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1997	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Closed off information "gatekeeping" services Owners are so busy no time to look deeply into resources so it falls to the wayside and if sustainable options are available they should be listed somewhere	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
1998	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Reason for the slow growth of industry and sustainability is because of lack of sharing resources	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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1999	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2000	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2001	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	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	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.
2002	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	"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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2003	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Work with brands here if someone is disposing of a particular product - circulate it through their online products	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals of the updated plan. This includes increasing sharing/donation, repairing/refurbishing, and repurposing products and materials.
2004	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Feel H&M program is greenwashing - not confident on what happens to product	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2005	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2006	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Awareness of what exists - as a consumer would love to do the right thing but don't know exactly what is available	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2007	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Part of access is knowledge	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2008	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	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	Noted.
2009	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Building the skill - in a "skill shed" skilled labor on machines or hand	Noted.
2010	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Weave it into the waste that is being produced and create new opportunities for people to express themselves	Noted.
2011	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Skill and knowledge	Noted.
2012	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on their success to help expand inclusive programs and services in the region?	Why are brands holding information so close to home?	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.

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2013	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	H&M takeback: encourages more consumption and what happens to it?	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.
2014	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Mixed, unlabeled fabrics and garments with liners are an issue for recycling	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.
2015	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	New York based company offers send back and repair to create circular garment a. Overconsumption potential is still there b. How sustainable is the send-back?	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.
2016	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Where does self mending comes into play	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals of the updated plan. This includes increasing sharing/donation, repairing/refurbishing, and repurposing products and materials.
2017	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Every brand has profit in mind	Noted. Affordability is a key aspect of the guiding principles, and several draft actions incorporate working with and supporting businesses.
2018	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Durable goods is positive step but not solution	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2019	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Education piece - looking at all 4. Only person not responsible is the individual themselves	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2020	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Education is huge	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
2021	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Libraries - wouldn't it be great to have repair kits available - thought this is scratching the surface of problem	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals of the updated plan. This includes increasing sharing/donation, repairing/refurbishing, and repurposing products and materials. Some draft actions include using library spaces for reuse.
2022	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Government policies that BAN "crappy" fast fashion	"Minimize waste generation" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan. This includes preventing waste and using less.
2023	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Government policy that takes responsibility	Several draft regulations point to potential policies and regulations that could help our region reduce waste.
2024	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Businesses are the ones doing the customer education	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2025	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	People doing the recycling and repair know the most about it	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2026	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	City of Vancouver did repair campaign telling people what to do - but misinformation made it obsolete a. blundstone example: can't be re-soled but were in campaign stating the could be b. NEED TO BE SENDING CORRECT INFORMATION	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2027	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	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	Several draft actions are related to reducing textiles waste.

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2028	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	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?	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals of the updated plan. This includes increasing sharing/donation, repairing/refurbishing, and repurposing products and materials.
2029	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Fabcycle free bags of scraps example a. App to centralize fabric waste as a resource	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals of the updated plan. This includes increasing sharing/donation, repairing/refurbishing, and repurposing products and materials.
2030	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Accessibility to "waste" but something that would be valuable to other community accessible network	Noted.
2031	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Brand made \$800,000 mistake all almost went in the trash because they went over - but with intervention, something was done	Noted.
2032	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Need to open conversations that are not blaming but view as exchange/value experience	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
2033	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Sense of shame around mistakes causing waste	Noted.
2034	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Share with students	Noted.
2035	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Quick turnaround timelines create issues, especially with shame aspect	Noted.
2036	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Businesses especially SMALL should not be responsible - Government policy is the more efficient - consumer responsibility as well	Noted.
2037	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Taxed for waste	In our region, waste generators contribute to the cost of managing waste.
2038	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	What is the role of metro Vancouver? We have no fiber reclamation - would be huge some sort of textile recycling infrastructure and when it's built how do we get it there	Metro Vancouver encourages textile waste reduction, provides opportunities to donate textiles at recycling and waste centres, and reports on reuse and recycling of textiles. Metro Vancouver also licenses but does not own or operate recycling processing facilities.
2039	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	How sustainable is sending back product with transportation emissions?	Metro Vancouver will consider the impact of each option according to several factors, including potential transportation emissions, when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2040	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	What is the cost of repair? Free? Fee after one repair?	Affordability is a key aspect of the guiding principles.
2041	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Each company should be aware of tracking their own sustainable practices	Noted.

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2042	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	More channels for final user, more awareness of where to throw away as a company	Several draft actions for the plan are related to communications and education tools.
2043	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Promoting better treatment of waste, e.g so it doesn't get dirty or infected	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2044	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Monitoring channels - how can we turn waste into money, because that will lead to circularity - Taking waste, turning it back into something	"Enable circular systems that preserve resources" is the first of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2045	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	textiles to textile recycling, challenges - keeping things clean, sorting, greenhouse gases from sending to sort for cheaper labour but emissions	The solid waste management plan will consider actions to minimize greenhouse gas emissions.
2046	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Collecting, deconstructing	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2047	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Engagement with designers and manufacturers around labelling - make sure ppl are communicating what they are working with - communication between manufacturer and end user so end user knows how to dispose of piece	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2048	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Cobbler - no programs for shoe recycling at all - cobbling is the only recycling shoe program.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2049	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Country has no program to incentivize cobblers and the industry is aging out	Noted. The regional solid waste system is an integrated system including both public and private entities that play important roles in providing service to residents and businesses.
2050	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Need more recognition for cobblers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2051	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Curbside textiles pickup - make it easy for consumer	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2052	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Local textiles facilities so sorting and shredding is done on shore	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2053	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Tax on companies based on size of company to pay for the textiles services	Noted.
2054	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Must be different from can recycling because materials are so mixed and different	Noted.

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2055	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Centered system of dealing with it (hub)	Decentralized sytems have been identified as potential action the solidw aste management plan.
2056	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Partnering with local companies to help with downcycling for mixed blends etc.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2057	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Government support for education system etc to bring the cost of this down.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2058	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Wool packaging, bio plastic packaging - changing what we use for packaging	Noted. Metro Vancouver does not have jurisdiction over the manufacture of goods. However, the conervation on packaging reduction is taking place at the national level through initiatives such as the National Zero Waste Council.
2059	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Annual garment collecting campaign, a city sponsored campaign around collecting garments like a specific month - use a truck	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2060	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Free clothing swaps, city sponsored or city organized.	Noted.
2061	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Tsawwassen puts out everything on the street for free, but water hurts textiles, it is hard.	Noted.
2062	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Taking out a shirt from the library	Noted.
2063	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	OSF and Fabcycle, good education around the fact	Noted.
2064	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	waste is bad, good attitude but people are not aware of what to do with the waste	Several draft actions related to communications and education tools.
2065	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	Small community initiatives - repair, workshops,	Several draft actions related to communications and education tools.
2066	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	mending and teaching on a local community level	Several draft actions related to communications and education tools.
2067	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	Fancycle, OSF, zero waste centres, returnit had a brief stint in fabrics as well	Noted.
2068	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	small businesses starting these conversations, as well as events like this	Collaboration is a key aspect in the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
2069	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	Fabcycle debrand, surrey people wouldn't know where to take things. local van ppl know, but the everyday consumer is not aware.	Several draft actions related to communications and education tools, including raising awareness of existing programs and services.

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2070	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	If it isn't easy for people to do, they won't	Convenience is a key aspect of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
2071	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	Thrifting is good - but there should be people in between the thrift and the consumer. vancouver thrift will have better stuff than somewhere like richmond	Noted.
2072	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	household recycling vs manufacturer	Noted.
2073	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	fabcyclized picked up truckloads which is great but it builds because people don't know what to do with their waste	Several draft actions related to communications and education tools, including raising awareness of existing programs and services.
2074	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	Truck that park in specific spots once a month every 6 months etc	Thank you for providing your comment.
2075	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is going well in this area should be expanded on?	Households need it to be done so the city or someone is profiting from it so it stays accessible and sustainable	Noted.
2076	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is working well in recycling in general?	Giving money for cans, people take it back. Its the money of it all	Noted. Some draft actions explore incentives to encourage waste reduction and recycling.
2077	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is working well in recycling in general?	collection infrastructure is straightforward, easy, people know how to use it	Convenience is a key aspect of the guiding principles for the updated solid waste management plan.
2078	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is working well in recycling in general?	People are not aware of what happens once garments are delivered	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2079	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What is working well in recycling in general?	Composting has been successful in implementation. fine if recycling is not done	Noted.
2080	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Question: The city ran a pilot project for a year and then stopped. why did they stop? (returnit depot dropoffs) Discussion: - a lot of clothing was contaminated. - someone died in a big brother bin. - a challenge with unmonitored public drop offs is that things can get contaminated often	Thank you for sharing this information.
2081	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Transparency is essential to what is in the fabric and where textile waste goes.	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2082	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Brands need take back, repair services,	"Keep materials in use as long as possible" is one of the draft goals for the updated plan. This includes repair.
2083	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		More policy from government	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2084	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Education is essential- how to part of the transition, consumers (enlarging life of clothing)	Several draft actions incorporate education and communication tools.
2085	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Shared spaces to bring communities together - physical and digital spaces, both industry and customers brought together (B2B, B2C)	Noted.
2086	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Driving awareness through communication and marketing to consumer	Several draft actions incorporate education and communication tools.
2087	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Training stakeholders in your own ecosystem (plastic packaging for example)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2088	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		End-of-life considerations at the design level	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2089	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Curbside textile pickup, make it easy to recycle	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2090	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		More clothing swaps, more free stores	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2091	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Learning from other industries	Collaboration is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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2092	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Monetize waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2093	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		There is a market for textile recycling	Metro Vancouver will consider existing textile markets when considering strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2094	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Question: What are some underutilized services and ways of textile recycling? Discussion: work with companies of all sizes, as well as private schools etc. best way for industry stakeholders to explore is to reflect on what processes are available now - sorting thru, end of life systems - and how can they activate these current solutions within your network. Share the knowledge. Also debrand/OSF: the more we know how many mfg's and companies need systems, the more demand and reason to implement there will be	Metro Vancouver will consider different services and methods of recycling textiles when developing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2095	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public		Speaking with people with textiles waste, if she cannot handle the waste she is happy to refer to her network. The community is small, people know each other. the most underutilized resource is the networking aspect. we know each other and we should be speaking on these things and sharing the knowledge and resources with each other.	Metro Vancouver will consider existing players in the textiles industry when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2096	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	55 and older with limited information	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2097	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	People with young families, older people, anyone with social/physical limitations that might find it difficult to learn	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2098	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	people located away from urbanized areas ex. low income areas	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2099	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	people who live in apartments/suburbs, families with full-time working parents, people living unhoused or in poverty	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2100	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Those living far from visible recycling sites, newcomers to the region	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2101	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	People with lower financial mobility - this is probably not a priority for their day to day lives	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2102	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Sure its accessible, but getting people to recycle they think they are doing good, but generally recycling is only a little better than throwing in a landfill. Sometimes, it takes more energy to recycle and is worse for the environment. They need incentives to Reduce, then Reuse. That is what you should be concentrating on. Yes glass, paper. great to recycle. But plastic, that is pretty pointless to recycle.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of incentives.
2103	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	If you don't have a vehicle, it can be very tricky to get to the transfer station, or Zero Waste Centre, within their open hours, to recycle clothing/textile waste.	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2104	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Newcomer/immigrant communities, low-income communities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2105	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	I live in the DTES and see first hand the difficulty some folks struggling with mental illness, homelessness, and addiction have with managing waste and recycling. I have also had several neighbors that move from other cities that don't participate in recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2106	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More information and easing of awareness and accessibility	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of providing more accessible information to increase awareness
2107	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	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.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2108	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	being accessible everywhere	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2109	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	I live in a house so though I can do curbside for most recycling, clothing is more difficult because there aren't many places that I can donate or recycle around me, also my items just end up in a bin by the door or in the back of my car waiting to be donated or... so: more access, transparency, process locally (no shipping)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2110	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Improving visibility of sites & expanding into new neighborhoods, improving educations & awareness campaigns	Metro Vancouver will consider improvements to visibility of sites, accessibility, education and awareness when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2111	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Small incentives to recycle / up-cycle	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of waste reduction incentives.
2112	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Have more programs on Reducing and Reusing.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2113	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Having clear answers on what will be accepted for recycling.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2114	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	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.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concepts of collaboration and increasing accessibility.
2115	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More recycling centres easy to get to, more recycling bins out.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2116	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Make it easier to recycle	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
2117	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	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.	Streetscape waste receptacles are outside of Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction, however Metro Vancouver and members explored actions regarding how to achieve consistent streetscape recycling during the development of draft strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2118	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	There is so much waste from Textile manufacutring that is just going in the landfill. Whats crazy, is that it is so easy to collect that clean material as there are only a few places in a concentrated area.	Several draft actions for the plan target textile waste.
2119	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Recycling textiles into new products locally	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2120	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Make it affordable to do so. Without hiking up property taxes.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2121	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	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.	"Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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2122	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Providing textile recycling services that are easy to use for all residents	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2123	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Enhancing education programs and campaigns	Several draft actions for the plan consider enhancing education programs and campaigns.
2124	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Collaborating with governments and manufacturers to reduce packaging	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of collaborative initiatives to reduce waste.
2125	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Delivering regional textile and production waste services in a cost effective way	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2126	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Using new technology and other forms of innovation to improve industry waste management	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2127	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future of solid waste management in the fashion and apparel sector?	Developing new facilities or drop-off points for recycling, reusables, and waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2128	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Impact on thrift stores and secondhand stores to have to sort through all that gets donated	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2129	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Local clothing companies can be incentivized to use less packaging & more sustainable materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2130	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	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	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
2131	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Make recyclable items more readily available.	Some of the draft actions for the plan include the concept of advocating for more recycled content in products.
2132	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What types of textile recycling programs would be most beneficial for you or your involvement in the fashion and apparel community?	Fiber-to-fiber recycling	Many draft actions in the plan consider different methods of textile waste reduction.
2133	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What types of textile recycling programs would be most beneficial for you or your involvement in the fashion and apparel community?	Collection programs for post-production textile waste	Many draft actions in the plan consider different methods of textile waste reduction.
2134	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What types of textile recycling programs would be most beneficial for you or your involvement in the fashion and apparel community?	Support for upcycling initiatives using textile waste from BC brands	Many draft actions in the plan consider different methods of textile waste reduction.
2135	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What types of textile recycling programs would be most beneficial for you or your involvement in the fashion and apparel community?	Reprocessing of production waste (e.g., dyes, chemicals)	Industrial waste such as dyes and chemicals are outside of the scope of the solid waste management plan.

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2136	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the biggest challenges you face in reducing textile waste and adopting sustainable practices, whether as a business, student, or individual?	Lack of recycling infrastructure	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
2137	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the biggest challenges you face in reducing textile waste and adopting sustainable practices, whether as a business, student, or individual?	Limited knowledge on recycling options	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of increasing awareness of recycling options.
2138	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What are the biggest challenges you face in reducing textile waste and adopting sustainable practices, whether as a business, student, or individual?	High costs of sustainable materials	Metro Vancouver will consider cost barriers such as the high cost of sustainable materials when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2139	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Sustainable fashion influencers or social media	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2140	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Brand websites or newsletters	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2141	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Word of mouth or professional network	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2142	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Sustainability-focused organizations or coalitions	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2143	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Government reports	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2144	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Its acutally really hard. Lots of talk, but no results. We really had to look hard to find our recycler and we had found one in canada, but we were too small for them	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2145	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Industry news websites and blogs	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2146	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Conferences and trade shows	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2147	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Webinars and online courses	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2148	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Podcasts or YouTube channels	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2149	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Where do you currently get information about sustainable fashion and textile recycling?	Academic research or journals	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2150	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver and the BC Apparel and Gear Association better support the fashion community in adopting sustainable practices?	Promoting lower consumption and holding brands accountable for their products, post consumer	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2151	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver and the BC Apparel and Gear Association better support the fashion community in adopting sustainable practices?	Make ethical brands affordable	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2152	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver and the BC Apparel and Gear Association better support the fashion community in adopting sustainable practices?	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!	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2153	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How can Metro Vancouver and the BC Apparel and Gear Association better support the fashion community in adopting sustainable practices?	Ban textile production waste in landfill.	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.

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2154	28-Nov-24	Questionnaire open-end responses	BC Apparel & Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Please feel free to provide any additional feedback on the idea generation phase to inform a set of potential actions and strategies and priority goals for Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan update.	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2155	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	The personal hospitality sector faces challenges with food waste, especially in conferences and events where food minimums can structurally lead to waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2156	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Engaging with stakeholders through initiatives like the Circular Food Innovation Lab can create collaboration opportunities.	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2157	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Exploring how waste can be someone else's value through collaborations between businesses, suppliers, and organizations.	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2158	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Outdoor Shakespeare festivals generate large amounts of organic waste, but some items labelled as organic don't meet Vancouver's composting standards.	Metro Vancouver provides resources on what should be kept out of the green bin here: https://metrovancouver.org/foodscraps/plastics-in-green-bin
2159	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Reusable measures like wine cups have prevented waste but are costly.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2160	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Making sustainable projects affordable for businesses is a key barrier.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2161	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Conference attendees bring habits from their home regions, leading to improper disposal of recyclable materials.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2162	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	There's often a lack of access to proper recycling facilities for visitors.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2163	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Event planners could reduce waste with more digital signage and fewer printed materials. For example, switching from printed banners to digital screens has reduced waste.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2164	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Performing arts organizations have reduced waste by going largely paperless, but single-page cast sheets are still in demand.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2165	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Reusable wine glasses are used, but coffee cups are not. Cost remains a significant issue.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2166	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Sorting non-recyclable materials like batteries is impractical for many organizations due to accessibility challenges.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2167	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Large outdoor events like the Celebration of Light create significant waste that is challenging to process, especially PLA compostable cups that lack proper facilities.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2168	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Signage at outdoor events often requires materials that are harder to recycle.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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2169	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Costs and lack of incentives for sustainable practices are major barriers.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2170	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Cruise ships generate significant waste managed by third-party providers, limiting direct influence over waste practices.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2171	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Onsite waste sorting is effective but costly, with 900,000 kilos sorted and sent to various facilities. Smaller organizations may not have the resources for this.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2172	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Structural issues in the waste management industry, including resistance from powerful stakeholders, hinder new initiatives.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2173	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Efforts to create renewable natural gas facilities faced opposition from existing waste management contractors.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2174	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Regarding waste prevention, packaging is clearly one of the main contributors to waste, especially in waste bins available in public spaces. I have done a study where plastics and single food items were the most common categories present in the garbage bins.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of preventing packaging waste.
2175	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2176	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	Agreed on both packaging, as well as the cost of recyclable signage products and their availability at local print shops (vs coroplast/foamboard / vinyl banners / outdoor banner signage).	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2177	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers in addressing rethinking and preventing waste in the first place?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2178	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Innovation and technology are crucial but often not prioritized due to profitability concerns.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2179	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	On an international scale, raising the profile of cities like Vancouver and challenging processes of large entities is essential.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2180	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Organizations should align waste prevention with their purpose but need support and resources to address pain points effectively.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2181	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Financial support and access to unified collection systems for recycling are needed.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2182	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	The recycling of materials like fabrics and display packaging requires better infrastructure and accessibility.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving recycling infrastructure.
2183	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Sharing best practices and ideas across industries can inspire improvements.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2184	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Building a sustainability-focused culture within organizations is crucial.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2185	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Resources and subsidies for small organizations and non-profits would make sustainable practices more attainable.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2186	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Keeping recycling plants accessible within city limits would reduce transportation burdens.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2187	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Small and medium-sized businesses need systematic support to address capacity constraints.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2188	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Structural issues in waste management and recycling economics need addressing. Examples include ensuring recycled plastics' prices are competitive with raw materials.	"Rethink" is part of the highest level of the waste hierarchy for the updated solid waste management plan.
2189	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2190	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, non-profits, and community organizations play in rethinking and preventing waste?	Simple answer to a complex question. Organizations as well as individuals should be equally responsible but the benefits and incentives to properly manage waste might not be obvious to all. Cost and time might be a constraint explaining poor recycling habits from organizations or individuals.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2191	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Higher-level government engagement is needed to push through logical but blocked agendas.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2192	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Keeping waste prevention at the forefront of international standards.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2193	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Identifying and addressing gaps in accessibility to recycling facilities and services is key.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2194	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Transportation and disposal costs need facilitation for small and medium-sized businesses.	Many of the draft action options for the updated solid waste management plan consider the concept of making waste management easier for businesses.
2195	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Product responsibility should shift upstream to reduce consumer decision burdens.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2196	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Incentivizing sustainable practices and making them affordable is essential.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2197	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Supporting emerging service providers and mandating reduced use of unsustainable materials could drive change.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2198	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Promoting and protecting organizations that provide recycling solutions like ShareWares is crucial. Ensuring such resources are visible and supported by the city.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2199	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Recycling programs should prioritize economic viability and reverse logistics. Lessons from successful programs, like plastics recycling, should be applied to other waste streams.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2200	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Ensuring recycled materials remain competitively priced against raw materials can incentivize adoption.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2201	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Unifying systems for the collection and recycling of varied materials would simplify processes for users.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2202	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	Expanding access to recycling services for diverse waste types (e.g., electronics, fabrics, batteries) is necessary.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2203	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2204	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Destination Vancouver Membership	Tourism and hospitality	How could Metro Vancouver collaborate more effectively to advance rethinking and preventing waste?	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...	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2205	28-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste reduction?	Campaigns and signs in parks about waste disposal.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2206	29-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste reduction?	Guidelines for party waste disposal—expectations for after-party cleanups.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2207	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	Show examples of how recycling is being done and why it is not higher than 75%	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2208	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	Knowing where the various materials go after they are collected or dropped off at facilities	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2209	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	TV advertising showing lifecycle of our recyclables	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2210	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	Share stats via marketing channels	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2211	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	Public Education	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2212	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	If commercial and institutional recyclables were brought in under the Recycling Reg and managed by Recycle BC	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2213	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	More promotion/education on the matter	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of promotion and education.
2214	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	How could confidence in the recycling system be improved?	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	Several draft actions for the plan include the concepts of greater transparency, advocacy, and consistency
2215	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Lack of bins for recycling or donating a multitude of items like clothing and household items in residential buildings	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2216	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	In our apartment building the space is not welcoming and it's not fun to navigate the small (and sometimes unsafe) room in the parkade to separate materials, etc. Many people want to get in and out quickly and that could mean more is ending up in the garbage. Signage could be more clear as well	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2217	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Effort to bring EPR materials (or flex plastic, styrofoam) to a depot	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2218	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Lack of information at recycling sites for people to follow	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2219	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Incentives, lack of awareness	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.

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2220	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	It starts at the top... The government must take a more active role in governing the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system. Proper regulation is essential to ensure all levels of the system operate in harmony, creating a fair and equitable framework. Producer Responsible Organizations (PROs) must be held accountable to the public, as they manage funds collected through deposit and recycling management fees. Greater transparency, enhanced public education, and fair remuneration for all stakeholders should be priorities	Several draft actions for the plan include the concepts of greater transparency and improved public education.
2221	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Return-It depots, excluding consolidators, have faced rising costs and systemic neglect for decades. These hardworking business owners, who interact directly with the public, play a critical role in the success of the recycling network. Their influence and dedication deserve recognition and fair treatment	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2222	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	It is time to shed light on the state of recycling, modernize the EPR system, and position it for lasting success. By addressing inefficiencies and bringing the system into the present day, we can create a robust and effective framework that benefits everyone involved	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2223	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	People who live in residential buildings as trend is not to own a car any longer	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2224	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Multi family buildings, homeless, uninformed	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2225	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Anyone with a language barrier or people that aren't as mobile (e.g. don't have a vehicle, so seniors)	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2226	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Those without vehicles	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2227	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Newcomers to Canada	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2228	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Multifamily residents, seniors, recent immigrants	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2229	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Seniors, citizens with ESL, people with disabilities	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2230	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Residents in Multi-Unit Dwellings, Lower-Income and Less-Educated Households, Small Businesses, Elderly Population	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2231	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Provide convenient recycling and donation program in residential buildings	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving recycling in multi-family buildings.
2232	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Better education and promotion of the benefits of reduction and recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2233	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Consistency - similar programs across the region, accessible by everyone, in various languages	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region." is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2234	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Collection of EPR materials in more locations, Bulky Item collection at all MFS in all municipalities	Metro Vancouver will consider bulky item collection and improved EPR when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.

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2235	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Better information at the site	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving access to information
2236	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Include various segments of the population in planning programs	Metro Vancouver aims to reach out to a broad audience when conducting engagement, including underrepresented or equity denied communities.
2237	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Go to the depots... They are in direct contact with their communities. They have good knowledge of what the public is complaining about	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2238	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Enhancing reuse and recycling opportunities at businesses and multi-family properties; more and more people do not have cars and use car-sharing programs therefore it is expensive for them to go to Metro Van recycling centers - multi-family properties program needs to include bins for clothing and small household items. Many local charities provide pickup services for these items free of charge	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving reuse and recycling at businesses and multi-family residences.
2239	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Providing Services - need access to better bins at curbside (light items blowing away)	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2240	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Most people want to reduce waste or do the right thing but might lack awareness or understanding of best practices. The cost of living is high too, so finding a balance between providing great services and lessening the tax burden. Would like to see Metro Vancouver undertake an overall efficiency review to determine if there are potential cost savings in programs, staffing and services	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2241	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Enhancing reuse and recycling opportunities	Reuse and Recycle are part of the draft hierarchy for an updated solid waste management plan.
2242	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Opportunities to divert at MF/ICI properties - no accountability and just dumped in garbage - no one wants to bring food waste or recycling to garbage room	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving diversion opportunities at multi-family and commercial properties.
2243	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Enhancing a reuse program because reusing is the best form of recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2244	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	New facilities - we are in the textile circularity business	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2245	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional priorities suggested by respondents:	Reduce packaging at the source - manufacturers should be forced to use recyclable and reusable packaging. Planned obsolescence should be eradicated	"Minimize waste generation" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2246	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional Suggestions for Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan	Working with Stratas to expand number of materials that are collected in the recycling rooms to prevent them from entering the landfill stream	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving diversion opportunities at multi-family and commercial properties.
2247	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional Suggestions for Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan	Cleanups of waterfront	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of supporting community waste reduction initiatives.
2248	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional Suggestions for Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan	Focus is always on residents, but businesses and the construction industry are big generators. Focus on reducing waste in these areas as well (look at the low hanging fruit, e.g. wood waste)	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2249	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional Suggestions for Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan	Supporting nonprofits in the community because they are the only mechanism to direct materials back to the community	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2250	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Further Ideas Provided by Respondents	Use free services that local charities provide to collect multitude of items that are currently going into garbage	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of collaborating with non-profits.
2251	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Further Ideas Provided by Respondents	Enforce penalties for non-compliance	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
2252	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Further Ideas Provided by Respondents	Focus more on reusing of materials and less on recycling	The draft waste hierarchy prioritizes reuse over recycling.
2253	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Further Ideas Provided by Respondents	More awareness/education campaigns on the matter	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2254	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Further Ideas Provided by Respondents	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	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.

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2255	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional actions provided by respondents	Buy food at zero-packaging stores or from minimal-packaging bulk food sources	Metro Vancouver will consider how to make it easier for residents to make zero waste choices when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2256	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional actions provided by respondents	Mindful of purchasing items in recyclable containers	Metro Vancouver will consider how to make it easier for residents to make zero waste choices when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2257	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional actions provided by respondents	Buy higher quality goods so they don't break or wear out as quickly	Metro Vancouver will consider how to make it easier for residents to make zero waste choices when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2258	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Additional actions provided by respondents	Try to buy less and keep the items that I already own	Metro Vancouver will consider how to make it easier for residents to make zero waste choices when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2259	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Are there any items collected for recycling that you don't think are being recycled into new products?	Items contaminated by other people in the same building putting unacceptable items in the bin	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2260	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Are there any items collected for recycling that you don't think are being recycled into new products?	We have single-stream recycling that we pay for	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2261	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Are there any items collected for recycling that you don't think are being recycled into new products?	Paper and foil composites	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2262	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Are there any items collected for recycling that you don't think are being recycled into new products?	Plastic containers and metal containers	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2263	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Are there any items collected for recycling that you don't think are being recycled into new products?	Plastics, electronics	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2264	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What could be done to increase your confidence in the current recycling system?	Increase drop-off to double stream	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2265	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What could be done to increase your confidence in the current recycling system?	Education & promotion of facts—I have heard people say that the recycling is just put in with the regular garbage in a dump	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2266	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What could be done to increase your confidence in the current recycling system?	Get more information about where and how recycling is handled so consumers know what is happening	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2267	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What could be done to increase your confidence in the current recycling system?	More accessible information and urgency on what is and isn't recyclable and what happens to recycled materials and what happens when people try to place non-recyclable materials in the recycling bins	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving confidence in recycling systems.
2268	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Specifically location of recycling facilities in Vancouver	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving knowledge of reuse and recycling opportunities.
2269	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Depots are too far	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
2270	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Barriers to Waste Reduction	Recycling toothbrushes, lipstick tubes, lighters, old frypans, wax paper	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of advocating for products that can be reused or recycled.
2271	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	People who don't live, or regularly travel, near a location that accepts things not accepted for pickup (e.g., who don't live or work near the Zero Waste Centre or a Return-It depot)	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2272	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	The disenfranchised	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2273	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	I am often surprised by the amount of people who do not recycle and separate and dispose of food waste properly—I want to think that it's education but at times it seems related to effort when I see what people put into recycling bins in apartments	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services

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2274	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	It seems that some people don't care; possible difficulty for people with mobility issues	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2275	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Seniors possibly	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2276	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Lower-income people, newly immigrated people and their families	Metro Vancouver will consider this audience when implementing programs and services
2277	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Make as much as possible recyclable by household pickup rather than only drop-off at specific locations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2278	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Education & possibly consequences—I know from friends who live there how strict the garbage disposal is in Switzerland. I know in some municipalities in BC that if people put the wrong thing in their recycle bin that nothing is collected and they are given a warning. I know that in some cities they threaten fines but I have seen myself people not use the food waste properly which makes me think that there is no consequence	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2279	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Education & more signage about expectations and or closest depot	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2280	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More public awareness and education on it, better labels/instructions, incentives, enforcement for non-compliance. I have noticed positive changes in these areas already so keep it up	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
2281	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future when it comes to solid waste management?	Reduce the complexity for users. I should not need an 11-page PDF and a PhD in materials science to figure out what something is made of and whether it's recyclable or not. We need simple rules like "all plastic is accepted"	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2282	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future when it comes to solid waste management?	Developing new facilities or drop-off points for recycling, reusables, and waste in Vancouver	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2283	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future when it comes to solid waste management?	Incentives for companies that follow best practices and penalties for those that don't	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2284	29-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)	Waste and Recycling Industry and Associations	What should be Metro Vancouver's top priorities for the future when it comes to solid waste management?	Metro Vancouver is moving in the right direction. Some cities do a better job at it and some really don't. So sharing knowledge, technology, policies, and helping out the rest of BC and collaborating with governments and securing better paths for waste management and recycling	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2285	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Carry a water bottle to avoid buying water	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2286	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Reuse jars such as salsa jars and plastic containers	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2287	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Purchase dried food from refill stores (e.g., pasta, beans, grains, coffee)	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2288	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Exchange clothes with friends for a new wardrobe instead of buying new clothes	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2289	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Try not to use plastic zip lock bags or plastic wrap	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2290	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Freeze food items so they don't go bad	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2291	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Join Facebook Buy Nothing Groups to give away items I am no longer using and to ask for used items vs buying new	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!

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2292	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Never have I changed foam mattresses in 15 years. Of course, it has to be changed once damped, saggy, and stinky. And regular change of cover	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2293	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Use apps like Too Good to Go to buy surplus food at a discount	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2294	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Reusable produce bags	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2295	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Buy in bulk to reduce smaller packaging	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2296	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Reduce shopping, choose no/less packaged goods	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2297	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Buy less	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2298	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Make purchasing decisions to avoid/minimize waste and packaging	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2299	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Buying bars of body soap rather than containers of liquid soap	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2300	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Switched to low waste options for shampoo, conditioner, soaps, and refillables; buy spices and dry goods from bulk bins instead of individual containers; don't use plastic bags for grocery produce	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2301	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Recycle soft plastics	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2302	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Inform takeout restaurants when ordering that utensils are not needed	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2303	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Purchase a smaller home, take transit as much as possible	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2304	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Choosing purchases based on their packaging, preferring less and recyclable types	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2305	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Reuse aluminum foil/ziplock bags/wrapping paper and ribbons, repurpose boxes and packaging, drop off unusable goods for recycling	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2306	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Share excess veggies grown in summer with friends and neighbors	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2307	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Try to buy loose produce, baked goods, etc. rather than packaged in plastic	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2308	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Buy in bulk	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2309	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Collect and take soft plastic wrappings and bags to RecycleBC	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2310	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	I have a worm compost I made for food waste, then use it in my garden	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2311	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Avoiding overconsumption by purchasing with intention and thinking of the lifecycle impact of an item	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2312	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Process green waste at home (e.g., use a worm bin) and reduce transporting by hauling it away	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!

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2313	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Not buy foods wrapped in plastic to produce less garbage	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2314	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	I only buy things that I absolutely need	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2315	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Limit impulse buys	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2316	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Take plastic etc. to a recycle or return center	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2317	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Our co-op housing collects and returns flexible plastic	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2318	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Avoid shopping at stores that are wasteful	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2319	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Return containers to recycling depot along with plastics, Styrofoam, etc.	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2320	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Buy products in larger bottles/packages to avoid multiple containers, avoid buying products wrapped in multiple layers of plastic wrap, take products not accepted in curbside recycling to the return-it depot	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2321	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Low waste shopping options	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2322	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Bring soft plastics to London Drugs, make my own bread because bread bags add up, upcycle bits and pieces into art/jewelry/whatever it can be made into, make my own hair and body care products to reduce plastic bottles, reusable produce bags, try not to buy things wrapped in plastic, don't buy much online because it's wrapped in layers of plastic for some reason	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2323	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Purchase from bulk stores or no-waste stores to avoid plastic wrappers	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2324	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Reduce purchasing certain items	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2325	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	I reduce my water and light intake	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2326	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Buy bulk foods rather than "one-off" products	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2327	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Cook my own food most of the time	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2328	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Only buy as much as I need/can use, and buy as many low-packaging items as I can	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2329	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Ask myself if I really need something before making the purchase	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2330	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Put food scraps in the freezer for smoothies or soups or broth	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2331	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Conserve grey water for garden, turn off lights, bake multiple things at once, rechargeable batteries, wear sweaters, turn tap off quickly. Buy laundry soap strips, shampoo bars, hand soap bars to try for less plastic, concentrates to help weight for shipping, don't use plastic bags at grocery store or reuse them for garbage bags, use cloth rags instead of single-use wipes, hankie instead of nose tissue, bought a face cotton swap replacement I can wash and reuse, make DIY cleansers when possible	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!

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2332	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Try to buy only items that are needed versus wanted	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2333	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Find places to recycle random objects in the correct way so they don't end up in the garbage	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2334	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Decline free items that I don't need	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2335	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Bring plastic and Styrofoam waste to the collecting bin at London Drugs	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2336	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Reuse plastic bags for veggies while shopping	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2337	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	I use refillable hand soap, shampoo, and cleaning products	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2338	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Contact shippers about overpackaging. Buy double to avoid more shipping, avoid buying foam containers. Don't use takeout very often	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2339	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional Waste Reduction Actions	Try to minimize what I buy in the first place	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2340	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	A significant lack of clarity in the recycling process. Shipping recycling waste overseas instead of processing and recycling waste in Canada. Zero faith in Canada's ability and commitment to recycling, beyond a public relations exercise	Metro Vancouver will consider improving clarity and trust when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2341	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	I don't have a car, and I live in an apartment. It seems that most options for recycling or reuse are aimed at folks who live in single-family dwellings and/or have ready access to a vehicle	Metro Vancouver will consider accessibility barriers when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2342	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	If an item is not collected in my building's recycling containers, I have to store it in my very small space until I can bring it away. Then I have to find a place that accepts it, and it has to be close enough and accessible via public transit. Then I have to have the time and ability to take it there	Metro Vancouver will consider space for recycling when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2343	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Even small items like batteries and light bulbs are a huge frustration because there is no place close to me that takes them. I won't throw them in the garbage, but they are a stress to deal with	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan. Strategies within this goal consider convenience as a way to make it easier for residents.
2344	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	In my building (mixed residential and commercial condo), I'm pretty sure that other residents put wrong items in the wrong bins or don't clean containers properly, which makes me wonder if entire loads are contaminated and end up landfilled	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan. Strategies within this goal consider reducing contamination to improve the effectiveness of recycling.
2345	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Not enough space; equipment like compost bags are expensive	Metro Vancouver will consider space for recycling and affordability when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2346	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	The non-acceptance of soft plastics in the blue bin	Metro Vancouver will consider types of materials when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2347	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Cost of low-waste/no-waste products compared to conventional products	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region." is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2348	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Location of specialty recycling (propane tanks, car seats, paint cans)	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region." is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.

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2349	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Convenience—it would be more convenient if soft plastics could be recycled in the blue bins	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region." is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2350	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	There isn't a place within walking distance for returnables	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region." is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2351	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Multi-unit dwellings should have the ability to recycle the same extensive list of items as single-family homes	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing barriers for multi-family residents.
2352	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Seeing other people not participate, or choosing not to sort and recycle; simply tossing garbage in recycling bins at apartment buildings	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2353	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	I was very green as a teenager, now I feel it's hopeless and I only do it out of habit	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of increased transparency to improve confidence in the system.
2354	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Lack of resources to recycle unusable textiles	Several draft actions for the plan include ideas for improving textile reuse and recycling.
2355	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Multi-family dwellings in my area have no curbside pickup of larger items/appliances	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing barriers for multi-family residents.
2356	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	For seniors or people with mobility challenges, physically accessing return-it depots is a significant barrier	Return-it depots are not run by Metro Vancouver, however accessibility is a key consideration in design of Metro Vancouver recycling depots.
2357	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	It is ridiculously difficult to recycle soft plastic and other packaging materials in Vancouver	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2358	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Space constraints—residents in high-density buildings do not have easy access to waste disposal, especially organics disposal	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing barriers for multi-family residents.
2359	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Lack of clear information on where to take things. No centralized facility for everything—have to go here for one item, someplace else for another	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving access to information.
2360	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Wondering if it uses more resources to clean vs throw out (e.g., peanut butter jars)	According to Recycle BC, if containers are empty, a short rinse is really all your containers need, and will make a difference.
2361	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Not enough recycling bins in the public realm	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2362	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Poor parking choices at depots for disabled drivers. Need a "drop only no refund" option	Thank you for your feedback. Accessibility is a key consideration in design of Metro Vancouver recycling depots.
2363	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	It needs to be as simple a process as possible, i.e., collect as much as possible from the door including batteries, electronics, etc.—even if only on a monthly or quarterly basis	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2364	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	The smell of the bin	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing barriers for participation in recycling or organics programs.

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2365	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Seniors and those with disabilities struggling to access recycling programs	" Inclusive solid waste services and programs" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2366	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Lack of centralized facilities—each type of waste requires a different drop-off location	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
2367	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Lack of enforcement—many people don't recycle correctly	This feedback will be considered in developing a regulatory strategy for the updated plan.
2368	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Better communication and outreach	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving education and outreach.
2369	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More language options for educational materials	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2370	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Accepting more items in curbside collection	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2371	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Pick-up services for items not included in standard recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2372	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Clearer and more accessible information on what can be recycled	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2373	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More local drop-off points	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2374	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Holding manufacturers accountable for packaging waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2375	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Easier access to recycling centers via public transport	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2376	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More visual and multilingual signage in buildings	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2377	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Fines for non-compliance to encourage better waste sorting	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2378	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Using repair cafes to extend product lifecycles	Metro Vancouver currently co-funds repair cafes in member jurisdictions.
2379	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More educational campaigns, particularly in schools	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2380	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Partnerships with local businesses for take-back programs	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2381	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Providing incentives for proper recycling and waste reduction	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2382	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Tax the retailers who import products using plastic packaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2383	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Removing barriers to throw trash, such as creating trash chutes on every floor of an apartment (similar to Toronto).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2384	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Clearly write what bins are for.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2385	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Sometimes I think it all ends up in the same place. There should be more garbage/compost/recycling bins available in public areas.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2386	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2387	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Hire a recycling agent to assist those who have trouble. This could be a great entry-level position for hard-to-employ individuals.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2388	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Tax or charge businesses, not consumers, for environmental waste issues.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2389	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Mandate post-consumer programs from distributors and manufacturers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2390	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Shift the focus to reduction of waste, rather than just recycling.	"Rethink" and "Reduce" are the highest levels of the Metro Vancouver's draft waste hierarchy.
2391	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Collaborate with cities to incentivize reusable cup programs like the one in Berlin and disincentivize takeout containers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2392	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Make it easier to recycle plastic packaging and soft plastics.	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2393	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Bring back fabric recycling programs.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2394	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Develop programs to encourage businesses to participate in a circular economy.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2395	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Eliminate the export of waste to other regions and countries.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2396	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Increase public trash and recycling bins in parks and public spaces.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2397	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	My building does not collect soft plastic, and there's nowhere nearby to drop it off. Plus, I have mobility issues, so it ends up in the garbage, and it really bothers me.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing barriers for multi-family residents.
2398	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Reduce imports of goods from countries that don't follow waste reduction rules.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2399	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Promote repair cafés more actively.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2400	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Reduce packaging at grocery stores.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2401	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	We have food allergies in our household, so we can't buy bulk due to cross-contamination. Some level of packaging is important for us.	Metro Vancouver will consider barriers to reducing packaging when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2402	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Implement fines for improper waste sorting in multi-unit buildings.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2403	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Unfortunately, we need a time machine to undo human greed and capitalism's impact on waste. Either that, or a shrink ray to make all waste disappear. Otherwise, we're SOL. (LoL)	Metro Vancouver has reduced waste generation and disposal over the lifespan of the existing plan and will strive to continue that trend in future years.
2404	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Implement early education interventions.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2405	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Help seniors and people with physical disabilities participate in waste reduction efforts.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2406	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Promote reuse over disposal. Many people put working items in recycling instead of donating them.	Reuse is prioritized over disposal in the plan's draft hierarchy.
2407	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Stores should be more open to allowing customers to use reusable containers.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of making reuse the norm.
2408	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Encourage businesses and restaurants to donate leftover food instead of discarding it.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2409	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Allow people to take expired grocery items at a reduced cost or through a liability waiver.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2410	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Indigenous reconciliation and partnership – work with Indigenous communities on sustainable waste management.	Metro Vancouver is engaging with First Nations as part of the updated plan.
2411	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Climate change resilience – invest in green infrastructure and carbon reduction initiatives.	Action on climate change is considered under Metro Vancouver's Climate 2050 Strategic Framework.
2412	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Mental health and wellness – address stress and anxiety related to climate change.	Action on climate change and its impacts are considered under Metro Vancouver's Climate 2050 Strategic Framework.
2413	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Food security – support local food systems and reduce food waste.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing food waste.
2414	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Transportation equity – improve accessibility for those who rely on public transit.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2415	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Housing affordability – support affordable housing to improve waste disposal access.	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2416	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Disaster preparedness – enhance emergency response systems for environmental disasters.	Metro Vancouver has a separate Joint Municipal Regional Disaster Debris Management Plan which deals with debris management following disasters.
2417	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Arts and culture – integrate creative solutions for sustainability.	This feedback may be outside the scope of the plan, however innovation is a key consideration for the updated plan.
2418	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Greatly increase fines for improper waste disposal, such as illegal dumping.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2419	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Prove to us that recycling actually works throughout the whole chain.	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2420	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Charge deposits on more types of packaging to encourage returns and reuse.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2421	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Develop local markets for recycled materials.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2422	30-Nov-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Mind Your Plastic	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Work directly with businesses that generate the most waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2423	30-Nov-24	Focus Group Notes	Ocean Wise	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of waste reduction?	Stronger leadership from Metro Vancouver in waste removal efforts.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2424	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Apartment buildings don't have enough waste options, they get full really quickly	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing barriers for multi-family residents.
2425	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2426	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Better access by transit for those without a car	This feedback will be considered in developing a recycling and waste centre strategy for the updated plan.
2427	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2428	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	People don't think to go to the Metro Van website for information on this—we need to get information to them other ways	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of spreading information through different channels.
2429	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2430	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	Place-based information	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving waste data.
2431	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what actions can build on our success to expand inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2432	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving inclusive programs and services?	People moving between municipalities where rules are different is a barrier	"A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2433	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving inclusive programs and services?	It takes time to go through the correct information, there's no time to read a novel about recycling	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2434	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving inclusive programs and services?	When I rinse out a container to recycle, it is cleaning, thus using the natural gas that my water is heated with, is that not as harmful as just not recycling it?	"[Insert relevant goal]" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2435	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving inclusive programs and services?	The emissions used to drive to waste areas, does it cancel out the recycling?	According to Recycle BC, if containers are empty, a short rinse is really all your containers need, and will make a difference.
2436	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving inclusive programs and services?	Those bins that look separated but all actually end up in the same bin	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2437	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What do you see as potential barriers in achieving inclusive programs and services?	Maybe some stats that they can share? But no one else is gonna collect that data	Metro Vancouver is reviewing the possibility to incorporate metrics on inclusivity in the updated plan.
2438	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Tax the huge corporations and not the individual	"Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2439	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	Do more than us at the individual level, they're the ones who contribute the most. We do all this effort but they produce products that contribute to the waste	"Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2440	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, community organizations, and others play?	More in charge of taking back their products and dealing with repurposing them and cleaning them	"Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2441	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2442	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to advance inclusive programs and services?	Work with businesses as well to raise awareness with them	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2443	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed? What is going well and should be expanded on?	Glass container recycling, separate items for binners to pick up	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2444	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed? What is going well and should be expanded on?	Allowing people to make some income from waste management is good	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2445	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	Let's flip the script: Thinking of the current system, what is working well and should not be changed? What is going well and should be expanded on?	The VanCollect app is so great and tells you when your days change and what is being collected, the tech form is really helpful	Metro Vancouver will continue to encourage initiatives of this type.
2446	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of inclusive programs and services? What questions do you have?	What percentage of recycling is ending up in landfills	Metro Vancouver's waste composition program provides information on the amount of recyclable material that is disposed.
2447	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of inclusive programs and services? What questions do you have?	Give people the data	Metro Vancouver's waste composition program provides information on the amount of recyclable material that is disposed.
2448	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of inclusive programs and services? What questions do you have?	Every household gets an odorless dry powder food waste machine	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2449	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of inclusive programs and services? What questions do you have?	The data gets people excited, in a dream world people would be well-informed and communities would know what % of waste is going in which areas	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
2450	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of inclusive programs and services? What questions do you have?	Feeling like what you're doing doesn't make a difference, initiatives need to be paired with stats and accountability and support them in letting them know their behaviour is making a difference	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
2451	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What types of information would be most helpful for you in furthering your understanding of inclusive programs and services? What questions do you have?	This is what I haven't wasted, this is how I've transferred my waste service. It's fun when you can make it a challenge. Reducing, and doing something with your waste. Make it fun and satisfying in doing the action. The data is inspiring	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in developing metrics and targets.
2452	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	Reaching out to organizations to do engagement	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2453	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	What organizations are they engaging with and where is that being discussed? What communities are they reaching out to and who are they hearing from?	Engagement summaries for each phase of the plan are published on Metro Vancouver's website.
2454	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	Neighbourhood houses are a good fit for these kinds of things	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2455	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	Who are the people that face the most barriers to this? Time, money, language, knowledge. What services are they engaging with and how can they get to them? Why should they care if they're working 3 jobs and living in poverty, what's in it for them?	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2456	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	Don't assume people are motivated by reducing landfill	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2457	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2458	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	Because people are busy working they use more single package and single-use things	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of reducing single use items.
2459	4-Dec-24	Focus group notes	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on inclusive programs and services?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2460	4-Dec-24	Focus group summary	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large		A lot of the results were predictable. When it comes to waste management, those who don't have the information in front of them, aren't in spaces or surrounded by community that is also not only knowledgeable on waste but has the time for it will most likely not do more than the bare minimum. If we want to improve the way people approach waste at the individual level, we need to make information on waste as accessible as possible. Do not rely on people to seek out this information, instead bring it to them! In a concise, easily digestible, and non-time consuming way.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2461	4-Dec-24	Focus group summary	Women Transforming Cities	Public members-at-large		Another thing that was brought up in the focus group and that I often hear, is that a lot of waste issues should be handled more at an institutional level, and not an individual level. Large corporations that are responsible for most of the waste should be making the adequate changes to be more environmentally conscious, we should not be putting this burden on the individuals that consume or purchase these products.	"Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2462	7-Dec-24	Engagement summary notes: Hackathon – Case Competition	Bioloop Foundation	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups		Overall, participants described the hackathon as a transformative and empowering experience. Many expressed gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to meaningful solutions for Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan while addressing broader sustainability challenges. Suggestions for improvement focused on logistical refinements and expanding the event's impact beyond the hackathon itself.	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2463	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Barriers	People face physical limitations to waste management in buildings.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2464	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Many can feel frustrated with the recycling system and numbering.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2465	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	It is difficult to handle heavy loads to carry.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2466	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Individuals suffering with anxiety, can find it easily overwhelming by recycling and composting directions.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2467	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	The team requested education on the management of waste in a household; where items need to be placed and strategies to successfully manage household waste.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2468	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Waste management can be made more accessible as many people can find it challenging to adapt to new habits and routines.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2469	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Non-English speakers, and newcomers struggle with the recycling and the waste management system.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2470	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Seniors and people with mobility issues, find it hard to contribute to recycling practices	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2471	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers	Community members with physical limitations find it difficult to reach waste drop off points.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2472	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Redesign Bins: Develop lightweight, ergonomic bins for easier use by individuals with mobility challenges.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2473	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Door-to-Door Collection: Provide targeted pickup services in high-density and underserved areas, with home care programs for waste sorting.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2474	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Decentralized Drop-Off Centers: Set up redemption and recycling points within residential buildings or community hubs.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2475	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	AI-Assisted Sorting: Implement AI-powered applications to help residents identify and sort waste accurately in real-time.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2476	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Barcode Systems: Use barcodes or QR codes to provide sorting instructions and increase confidence in recycling.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2477	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Smart Facilities: Establish AI-enabled sorting facilities to reduce individual sorting burdens and improve overall system efficiency.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2478	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Tailored Education Programs: Offer waste management workshops targeting newcomers, non-English speakers, and individuals with cognitive barriers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2479	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Clear Signage: Standardize signage with visual and multilingual instructions for bins and drop-off locations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2480	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Community-Led Recycling Events: Organize "Recycling Parties" to promote mutual aid and incentivize community responsibility.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2481	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Consistent Policies: Align waste management goals across all government levels to reduce public confusion.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2482	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Incentive Programs: Launch a points-based system offering financial rewards for proper recycling practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2483	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Support Informal Recyclers: Provide safety gear and lightweight tools to street recyclers, ensuring their contribution is recognized and safe.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2484	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Interdisciplinary Partnerships: Foster collaboration among governments, nonprofits, and private sectors to pool resources and expertise.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2485	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Promote Shared Responsibility: Shift the focus from individual to community responsibility through collective initiatives and support systems.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2486	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Culturally Inclusive Strategies: Incorporate Indigenous knowledge and respect diverse cultural perspectives in waste management planning.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2487	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Advocate for sustainable alternatives like plant-based and compostable materials.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2488	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solutions	Encourage businesses to adopt zero-waste production methods powered by renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and geothermal.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2489	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure that solid waste management policies and programs are consistent and clear across different municipalities in Metro Vancouver?	Unified Policy Framework: Develop a Metro Vancouver-wide solid waste management policy that standardizes guidelines, signage, and practices across all municipalities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2490	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure that solid waste management policies and programs are consistent and clear across different municipalities in Metro Vancouver?	Public Communication: Launch a regional public awareness campaign to educate residents on the unified policies, using simple, consistent messaging in multiple languages.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2491	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure that solid waste management policies and programs are consistent and clear across different municipalities in Metro Vancouver?	Stakeholder Coordination: Establish a collaborative task force involving municipal governments, private waste management companies, and community organizations to ensure alignment and adaptability.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2492	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure that solid waste management policies and programs are consistent and clear across different municipalities in Metro Vancouver?	Digital Platforms: Create an official Metro Vancouver app or website that provides real-time updates and resources on waste management policies.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2493	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific resources can be provided to marginalized groups, such as newcomers or individuals with disabilities, to help them participate effectively in recycling and composting programs?	Multilingual Guides: Distribute recycling and composting guides in the most common languages spoken in the community, supplemented with visual aids for clarity.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2494	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific resources can be provided to marginalized groups, such as newcomers or individuals with disabilities, to help them participate effectively in recycling and composting programs?	Cultural Ambassadors: Partner with community organizations to train cultural ambassadors who can educate and assist newcomers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2495	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific resources can be provided to marginalized groups, such as newcomers or individuals with disabilities, to help them participate effectively in recycling and composting programs?	Accessible Infrastructure: Install user-friendly bins with clear visual indicators, ergonomic designs, and height-adjustable features for individuals with disabilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2496	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific resources can be provided to marginalized groups, such as newcomers or individuals with disabilities, to help them participate effectively in recycling and composting programs?	Support Programs: Provide door-to-door waste collection services or home-care support for individuals with mobility challenges or other physical limitations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2497	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can advanced technologies like AI be integrated into solid waste management systems without creating additional barriers for those who are not tech-savvy?	User-Friendly Applications: Design AI-powered apps with simple interfaces, voice commands, and multilingual support to assist residents in identifying and sorting waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2498	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can advanced technologies like AI be integrated into solid waste management systems without creating additional barriers for those who are not tech-savvy?	Hybrid Systems: Combine AI with physical aids, such as barcode labels or RFID tags, to make waste sorting easier without requiring direct app usage.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2499	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can advanced technologies like AI be integrated into solid waste management systems without creating additional barriers for those who are not tech-savvy?	Public Training: Offer workshops and tutorials to teach residents how to use AI tools for waste management, with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2500	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can advanced technologies like AI be integrated into solid waste management systems without creating additional barriers for those who are not tech-savvy?	Tech-Free Alternatives: Ensure that traditional methods like printed guides and hotline services remain available for those who prefer not to use technology.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2501	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What incentives or strategies can be introduced to encourage community responsibility and active participation in sustainable solid waste management?	Community Points System: Launch a points-based reward system where households or neighborhoods earn incentives (e.g., discounts, rebates, or donations to local projects) for proper recycling and composting.	The concept of rewarding residents for waste reduction behaviour is included in the draft actions for the updated plan.
2502	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What incentives or strategies can be introduced to encourage community responsibility and active participation in sustainable solid waste management?	Recycling Events: Organize community recycling events or "Recycling Parties" that combine waste management with social engagement, making the practice fun and interactive.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2503	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What incentives or strategies can be introduced to encourage community responsibility and active participation in sustainable solid waste management?	Recognition Programs: Acknowledge and reward community members or groups who demonstrate exceptional commitment to sustainability through public recognition or awards.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2504	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What incentives or strategies can be introduced to encourage community responsibility and active participation in sustainable solid waste management?	Mutual Aid Networks: Foster a culture of community support where individuals assist neighbors with waste sorting or disposal, especially those facing barriers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2505	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Hold Bad Actors Accountable: Enforce regulations requiring companies and organizations to follow sustainable solid waste management practices. Implement fines or penalties for violations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2506	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Mandatory Reporting: Require businesses to report solid waste reduction strategies and their progress toward sustainability goals.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2507	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2508	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	AI Sorting Facility: Build an AI-enabled centralized facility for waste sorting, reducing the onus on individuals and enhancing efficiency.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2509	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2510	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2511	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Door-to-Door Collection: Scale up existing campaigns to include underserved areas and provide waste collection services tailored to individuals with mobility issues or other barriers.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2512	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Centralized Information Hub: Create an online platform providing zero-waste solutions, waste sorting guides, and sustainable practices in Metro Vancouver.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2513	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Social Media Campaigns: Use social platforms to share educational content, promote initiatives, and amplify the voices of community members.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2514	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Sustainability Values: Collaborate with Indigenous leaders and communities to integrate traditional ecological knowledge and values of sustainability into solid waste management strategies.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2515	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Reconciliation Goals: Ensure that partnerships align with the goals of reconciliation by providing equitable representation and opportunities for Indigenous communities in decision-making and implementation.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2516	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Government Collaboration: Secure fair funding from municipal, provincial, and federal governments to support sustainable solid waste management initiatives.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2517	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2518	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Shift from Linear Practices: Work with businesses, including large grocery stores and small enterprises, to reduce waste and promote refillable products and packages.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2519	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Collaborate on Food Waste Solutions: Partner with organizations addressing food insecurity to redistribute surplus food and collect food waste directly from businesses and households.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2520	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Community Conversations: Encourage residents to discuss sustainability with family, friends, and neighbors to foster collective responsibility.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2521	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Community Responsibility: Promote initiatives that center on shared accountability rather than leaving the burden solely on individuals.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2522	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Key Actions and Solutions	Zero-Waste Events: Organize events, workshops, and campaigns to engage the community and raise awareness.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2523	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Metro Vancouver ensure that large corporations, such as grocery stores and manufacturers, take responsibility for reducing waste and transitioning to refillable products or sustainable packaging?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2524	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Metro Vancouver ensure that large corporations, such as grocery stores and manufacturers, take responsibility for reducing waste and transitioning to refillable products or sustainable packaging?	Incentivize Sustainable Practices: Offer tax breaks, grants, or subsidies to businesses that adopt refillable, reusable, or compostable packaging.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2525	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Metro Vancouver ensure that large corporations, such as grocery stores and manufacturers, take responsibility for reducing waste and transitioning to refillable products or sustainable packaging?	Mandatory Waste Reduction Targets: Introduce regulations requiring corporations to meet specific waste reduction and sustainability goals within a set timeline.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2526	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Metro Vancouver ensure that large corporations, such as grocery stores and manufacturers, take responsibility for reducing waste and transitioning to refillable products or sustainable packaging?	Collaboration: Partner with businesses to develop shared solutions, such as bulk refill stations or standardized, recyclable containers that can be reused across brands.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2527	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific incentives can be provided to encourage individuals and communities to participate in sustainable solid waste management practices, such as recycling or composting?	Financial Incentives: Implement a community points system where proper waste sorting earns points that can be redeemed for discounts or vouchers. Introduce deposit-refund systems for recyclable containers and compostable materials to encourage proper disposal.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2528	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific incentives can be provided to encourage individuals and communities to participate in sustainable solid waste management practices, such as recycling or composting?	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.	The concept of rewarding residents for waste reduction behaviour is included in the draft actions for the updated plan.
2529	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific incentives can be provided to encourage individuals and communities to participate in sustainable solid waste management practices, such as recycling or composting?	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.	The concept of recognizing residents for waste reduction behaviour is included in the draft actions for the updated plan.
2530	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific incentives can be provided to encourage individuals and communities to participate in sustainable solid waste management practices, such as recycling or composting?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2531	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What specific incentives can be provided to encourage individuals and communities to participate in sustainable solid waste management practices, such as recycling or composting?	Social Incentives: Create community-led initiatives like "Recycling Parties" or competitions that gamify recycling and composting to make participation engaging and fun.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2532	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Indigenous knowledge and values of sustainability be effectively integrated into Metro Vancouver's waste management system while advancing reconciliation goals?	Indigenous Advisory Council: Establish an advisory council comprising Indigenous leaders to guide solid waste management strategies and ensure alignment with Indigenous values and cultural practices.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2533	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Indigenous knowledge and values of sustainability be effectively integrated into Metro Vancouver's waste management system while advancing reconciliation goals?	Knowledge-Sharing Workshops: Organize workshops where Indigenous communities share traditional ecological knowledge with policymakers, businesses, and residents to incorporate holistic and sustainable approaches.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2534	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Indigenous knowledge and values of sustainability be effectively integrated into Metro Vancouver's waste management system while advancing reconciliation goals?	Economic Collaboration: Partner with Indigenous businesses and communities on initiatives such as composting programs, organic waste-to-energy projects, and sustainable materials manufacturing.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2535	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Indigenous knowledge and values of sustainability be effectively integrated into Metro Vancouver's waste management system while advancing reconciliation goals?	Joint Projects: Develop collaborative programs that integrate Indigenous practices into urban sustainability initiatives, such as community composting gardens or permaculture projects.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2536	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can Indigenous knowledge and values of sustainability be effectively integrated into Metro Vancouver's waste management system while advancing reconciliation goals?	Educational Integration: Include Indigenous perspectives on sustainability in public education campaigns and school curriculums to foster awareness and respect for these values.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2537	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What role can AI and technology play in making waste sorting and recycling more accessible for residents who face barriers, such as language or physical limitations?	AI-Powered Waste Sorting: Implement AI-based sorting facilities that reduce the burden on residents by automatically separating recyclable, compostable, and non-recyclable waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2538	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What role can AI and technology play in making waste sorting and recycling more accessible for residents who face barriers, such as language or physical limitations?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2539	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What role can AI and technology play in making waste sorting and recycling more accessible for residents who face barriers, such as language or physical limitations?	Voice Command Integration: Incorporate voice assistant technologies (e.g., Alexa or Google Assistant) to answer solid waste management questions, providing hands-free accessibility for individuals with disabilities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2540	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What role can AI and technology play in making waste sorting and recycling more accessible for residents who face barriers, such as language or physical limitations?	Barcode and RFID Systems: Introduce barcodes or RFID tags on products that residents can scan to get disposal instructions, improving confidence in waste sorting.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2541	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What role can AI and technology play in making waste sorting and recycling more accessible for residents who face barriers, such as language or physical limitations?	Smart Bins: Deploy smart bins with built-in AI that identify waste types and direct residents on proper disposal or automatically sort the waste.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2542	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What role can AI and technology play in making waste sorting and recycling more accessible for residents who face barriers, such as language or physical limitations?	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	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2543	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barrier identified	The "bag it and ship it" method of food waste management remains dominant, emphasizing the transportation of organic waste to centralized facilities. This approach creates logistical inefficiencies, increases carbon footprints, and adds costs, especially in regions with limited access to centralized systems.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2544	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenge identified	While local organic waste processing methods are cost-effective, they often lack the infrastructure and scalability of centralized systems. Conversely, centralized systems incur significant transportation and operational costs, creating a disparity between the economic and environmental sustainability of both approaches	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2545	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Implementation of decentralized carbonization units to manage food waste at the local level.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2546	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	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.	The concept of improving data on food waste reduction is considered in draft strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2547	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Hybrid models combining local and centralized systems to balance cost-effectiveness with scalability.	Metro Vancouver will consider scalability when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2548	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Impact	Adopting these solutions is expected to reduce the environmental impact of food waste, lower overall organic waste management costs, and increase the accessibility of surplus food for redistribution.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2549	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Impact	Furthermore, local carbonization promotes circular economy practices by converting waste into reusable products, fostering sustainable development. Integrating AI into the process ensures data-driven decisionmaking, enhancing efficiency and resource utilization.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2550	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers identified	Lack of awareness on the impact of solid waste on society is a growing concern.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2551	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers identified	Lack of interest in maintaining recycling habits.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2552	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers identified	Lack of accurate data to show the environmental impact when we do recycling.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2553	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Educating the public on proper waste disposal, waste management and recycling.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2554	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	User experience and accessibility	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2555	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Motivating the community towards a new culture of zero waste	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2556	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Centralizing all services and resources onto one app	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2557	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Cooperation and cohesiveness between companies	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2558	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Resistance from businesses due to lack of incentives.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2559	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Consumers unaware of impact of improper waste and recycling disposal	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2560	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Fundraising (crowdfunding, government grants, donations)	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2561	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Ucycle program and service with a user-friendly app and website	Metro Vancouver will consider the use of technology when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2562	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Educate and re-educate the public on proper solid waste and recycling disposal	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of recycling education.
2563	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Provide ongoing and detailed data and analytics on waste reduction information to increase transparency with residents of the community and businesses/organizations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2564	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Impact	Reduction of Waste and increase of proper recycling	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2565	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Impact	Increase of Community Engagement and Accountability	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2566	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Impact	Overall reduced carbon footprint and a cleaner city	This feedback is specific to the Bioloop Hackathon.
2567	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers identified	Vulnerable Individuals: Struggle with mobility, time, or cost to sort and recycle properly.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2568	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers identified	Knowledge Gaps: Unaware of reusable packaging systems or complex recycling rules.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2569	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barriers identified	Overburdened Individuals: High responsibility placed on individuals without enough resources	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2570	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Enhanced Accessibility: Provide staff or volunteers to assist vulnerable individuals with sorting and recycling tasks. Door collection.	This feedback is specific to identifying challenges within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2571	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	Responsibility Shift: Transfer the burden of proper recycling from individuals to governments, municipalities, or strata organizations for better system management.	This feedback is specific to identifying challenges within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2572	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Challenges identified	AI Integration: Leverage AI to handle waste sorting, eliminating the need for users to decipher guidelines or search online, making the process seamless and efficient. Improve the waste wizard. Add features of image, voice analysis	This feedback is specific to identifying challenges within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2573	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	EcoSnap: A one-stop application for education, accessibility support and rewards for sustainable-focused users.	This feedback is specific to a proposed solution of the Bioloop Hackathon. Elements of this solution were considered as a potential action and incorporated into the options analysis process.
2574	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Education: Use EcoSnap AI to scan and sort waste easily at home. Instant guidance removes confusion and saves time.	This feedback is specific to a proposed solution of the Bioloop Hackathon. Elements of this solution were considered as a potential action and incorporated into the options analysis process.
2575	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Municipal and Community Support: Establish volunteer programs that recruit and train individuals to assist people with disabilities or those less privileged in performing recycling and trash-sorting duties.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2576	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2577	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Supermarkets and Retail Stores: Provide accessible and convenient disposable recycling bins in residential areas or centralized locations, such as near gas stations.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2578	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2579	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Solution, Idea or Action Proposed	Rewards: Rewards for consistent checking items on recycling, such as points or cashback, through seamless integration with deposit-refund systems	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2580	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barrier to entry for the public?	A lack of understanding about the technology (e.g., decentralized carbonization units or Aibased redistribution systems) could deter public participation.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2581	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barrier to entry for the public?	Public awareness campaigns and workshops will be crucial to educate communities about the benefits and how to use these systems effectively.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2582	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barrier to entry for the public?	If decentralized carbonization units are installed in community centers or shared spaces (rather than individual homes), public participation is more likely due to shared responsibility and reduced personal effort.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2583	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barrier to entry for the public?	Integration into existing solid waste management systems (e.g., curbside organic collection) will help reduce barriers.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.

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2584	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Barrier to entry for the public?	Encouraging people to separate organic waste or participate in food redistribution programs may require a cultural shift, which could initially pose a challenge. Incentives (e.g., community rewards, cost savings) could help ease the transition.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2585	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Cost and materials involved?	Decentralized Carbonization Units Cost: The cost of implementing small-scale carbonization units will depend on their size and technology. Initial investment could be significant, but over time, the reduced transportation and operational costs might offset this expense. Around \$400 for each waste to carbon device. Materials: The units will require hightemperature-resistant materials for processing waste into biochar, as well as energy sources (e.g., solar, electric). A focus on renewable energy sources could make them more sustainable.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2586	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Cost and materials involved?	AI Integration: Cost: Developing AI tools for food redistribution or solid waste management could involve significant initial costs, including software development, data collection, and ongoing system maintenance. Infrastructure: The cost of integrating AI with waste collection systems (e.g., apps, databases, sorting technologies) would need to be covered by government funding, private sector collaboration, or grants.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2587	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Cost and materials involved?	Hybrid Models: Cost: Establishing hybrid systems may involve investments in both local and centralized infrastructure. However, these costs could be mitigated through partnerships with existing solid waste management services and community programs. Materials: Infrastructure will require durable, recyclable, and low-maintenance materials to ensure long-term use.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2588	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Will every home need “AI”?	No, every home will not need to have AI installed. The proposed AI integration would function at a system-wide level rather than on an individual household basis:	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2589	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Will every home need “AI”?	Community-Level AI: -AI systems could be centralized in municipal solid waste management facilities or as part of community-level solid waste processing centers. -Residents could use an AI-powered app or a barcode/RFID system to get guidance on waste sorting and food redistribution without requiring individual AI installations.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2590	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Will every home need “AI”?	Decentralized Carbonization Units and AI: These units would operate independently of AI at the local level but could still benefit from centralized AI systems that manage logistics and optimize their operations.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2591	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Will every home need “AI”?	Household Interaction with AI: The public's interaction with AI would be minimal and likely app based. For instance, residents could use a smartphone app to scan items and get instructions for disposal, eliminating the need for every home to have its own AI device.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2592	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to bridge the digital divide?	Community Hubs for Access: -Set up kiosks or stations at public libraries, community centers, or recycling drop-off locations where individuals can access the app and services. -Provide staff or volunteers to assist those who need help using the technology.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2593	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to bridge the digital divide?	Offline Solutions: -Distribute printed materials (e.g., brochures, posters, calendars) with essential solid waste management information, including proper disposal methods, schedules, and resources. -Develop a toll-free hotline for those without digital access to receive guidance and information.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.

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2594	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to bridge the digital divide?	Partnerships: -Partner with local organizations to host in-person workshops, educate the public, and provide hands-on assistance. -Work with nonprofits or government programs to distribute affordable smartphones or internet access to low-income households.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2595	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to assist those that will not use the app?	Door-to-Door Engagement: Employ or train community ambassadors to visit households, distribute information, and assist with solid waste sorting and management.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2596	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to assist those that will not use the app?	Physical Resources and Tools: Provide physical guides, color-coded bins, or stickers with clear instructions on solid waste disposal and recycling practices.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2597	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to assist those that will not use the app?	Local Events and Workshops: -Host community events like recycling fairs or workshops to educate residents in a face-to-face setting. -Offer incentives (e.g., small gifts or discounts) for participation to encourage engagement.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2598	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to assist those that will not use the app?	Traditional Media Campaigns: -Use radio, television, and local newspapers to disseminate information about waste management and recycling programs.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2599	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Rewards for Positive Behavior: Introduce a points-based reward system for households or businesses that consistently sort and recycle waste properly. Points could be exchanged for discounts, vouchers, or community recognition.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2600	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Tax Benefits: Offer tax rebates or reductions for businesses and organizations that adopt sustainable solid waste practices.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2601	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Community Recognition: Highlight top-performing individuals, businesses, or neighborhoods in newsletters or community events to motivate others.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2602	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Warnings First: Begin with warnings or educational notices for improper disposal rather than immediate penalties.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2603	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Fines for Repeat Offenses: Impose fines on individuals or businesses that repeatedly fail to comply with proper waste management practices.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2604	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Monitoring and Feedback: Use data analytics to track progress and provide feedback, ensuring penalties are fair and based on clear evidence of noncompliance.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2605	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How to balance the carrot and stick approach?	Transparent Communication: -Clearly communicate the reasons behind both rewards and penalties to ensure public understanding and acceptance. Emphasize that the goal is environmental improvement, not punishment.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2606	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure EcoSnap is accessible to all individuals, especially those without smartphones or internet access?	Alternative Access Points: EcoSnap could be integrated into community kiosks, libraries, and recycling centers where individuals can access its features using public devices.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2607	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure EcoSnap is accessible to all individuals, especially those without smartphones or internet access?	Offline Tools: For individuals without smartphones, printed QR codes or recycling guides could help them identify proper sorting procedures, with accessible instructions on physical media.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2608	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How can we ensure EcoSnap is accessible to all individuals, especially those without smartphones or internet access?	In-Person Assistance: Volunteer programs or government initiatives can complement the app by offering hands-on support for individuals who cannot access or use EcoSnap.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2609	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How does AI integration enhance accessibility and efficiency?	AI Waste Wizard: EcoSnap's AI could use image and voice recognition to help users identify and sort solid waste items easily, removing the need for complicated manual sorting.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2610	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How does AI integration enhance accessibility and efficiency?	Predictive Features: AI could predict patterns in waste disposal and recommend tailored solutions for households or communities to reduce waste.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.

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2611	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How does AI integration enhance accessibility and efficiency?	Seamless User Experience: AI tools eliminate confusion by offering instant, personalized guidance, making the recycling process intuitive and stress-free.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2612	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How will vulnerable individuals be supported in waste sorting and recycling?	Volunteer Programs: Municipalities and community organizations could develop volunteer initiatives to assist individuals with disabilities, mobility challenges, or time constraints.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2613	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How will vulnerable individuals be supported in waste sorting and recycling?	On-Site Staff: Residential management (e.g., strata councils) could hire or train staff to help residents with sorting and recycling tasks.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2614	7-Dec-24	Hackathon – Case Competition Notes	Bioloop Foundation	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	How will vulnerable individuals be supported in waste sorting and recycling?	Door-to-Door Support: Establish systems for door-to-door waste collection for individuals with mobility issues or other barriers.	This feedback is specific to identifying implementation considerations within the context of the Bioloop Hackathon.
2615	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Things centred around soft plastic collection at the curb would be a good thing just for home residents. For healthcare: -Infrastructure/space for segregated bins. -This would help solve the problem in healthcare of having enough space to segregate instead of dumping it all in garbage.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2616	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	There's been success in recycling across acute and long-term care sites for Providence, but some acute sites face contamination issues. It's worth considering vulnerabilities and mitigating risks in infrastructure developments. Sorting remains a key issue, whether at healthcare sites or during collection. Solutions need to address these gaps, possibly through collaboration with Metro Vancouver and waste haulers.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2617	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Lack of space is a major barrier for segregating waste at healthcare sites. It's not something Metro Vancouver currently supports at the service level but could involve partnerships with waste haulers to better sort materials.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2618	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	There's also the challenge of perceptions around healthcare waste being more hazardous than it actually is. Even though packaging might say 'medical' or use medical terms, it doesn't necessarily mean it's contaminated or biohazardous. Stigmas come into play when staff assume everything goes to incineration rather than recycling.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2619	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	There's a lot of disappointment that many recyclable materials aren't accepted due to medical waste labelling. Facilities are making efforts to sort materials, but mixed recycling is still being rejected due to labelling on materials, such as "bio-hazardous" etc. It's unclear what actions can be taken to resolve this, but guidance from Metro Vancouver would be helpful. Are there any action plans to get mixed recycling accepted again?	Metro Vancouver will continue to reach out to the healthcare sector to share information.
2620	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2621	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2622	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2623	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Now, especially post-COVID, recycling is being incinerated. For some sites, it's difficult to get back into recycling. For example, acute waste is incinerated now, even though only 15% is truly biohazardous.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2624	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to plan for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2625	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Space is the most significant challenge. Expanding sorting services on-site is no longer feasible. Centralized sorting facilities would allow health authorities to collaborate and achieve shared goals.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2626	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Health authority space is being repurposed into clinical space, and that is reducing waste sorting space and creating logistical challenges. Collaboration with municipal and regional stakeholders to establish a centralized facility would help reduce carbon footprints while improving waste management.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2627	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Population growth means rooms previously used for sorting are now satellite clinics. With healthcare waste management now in-house due to Bill 47, there's an opportunity to create a consolidated recycling center for all health authorities.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2628	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Perceptions are a huge barrier. The focus should be on waste auditing to understand what can be accepted for recycling. Without this, planning for recycling infrastructure becomes unrealistic.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2629	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Everyone is siloed in their recycling efforts. A standardized or consolidated approach would make financial and logistical sense. A guiding principle or governing body to provide direction on what health authorities should do would be helpful.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2630	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Everyone has the same outcome in mind, but approaches differ. Standardization is key, and guidance from Metro Vancouver on best practices would help unify waste management efforts.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2631	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Materials are being rejected for recycling because of warning labels that cause confusion or fear at waste facilities. Labels like "hazardous waste" are problematic, even when they're on empty containers that are actually recyclable.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2632	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What do you see as the primary challenges or barriers we face in planning for future infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region?	Regulatory challenges force biomedical waste to cross borders for disposal. Transparency from waste haulers about contamination and site-specific bans is necessary for targeted education and improvement.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2633	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2634	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2635	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Relationships with vendors and among health authorities are strong. Vendors have been helpful in supporting waste diversion goals, and collaboration ensures shared progress. There's a clear commitment to change despite challenges.	This feedback pertains to what is working well within health authorities and their vendors.
2636	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Partnerships between health authorities and Metro Vancouver have been instrumental. Adhering to Metro Vancouver's regulations and learning from successful diversion strategies has created a sense of alignment and progress.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2637	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Everyone on this call is aligned in their goals, which fosters easier collaboration. Regular meetings through forums like Waste Tech, help keep health authorities on track.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback when implementing the plan.
2638	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Partnership efforts, such as facility tours, have been eye-opening. Expanding collaboration by inviting Metro Vancouver staff to hospitals to see waste generation firsthand would provide valuable insights.	Metro Vancouver will continue to work with the healthcare sector to share information.
2639	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Ministry funding for specific streams, like PPE recycling, has driven progress. Metro Vancouver's residential recycling program offers a model that could be scaled to healthcare, especially for organics and broader recycling streams.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2640	9-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Lower Mainland Health Organization Waste Management Teams	Government agencies and health authorities	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of infrastructure and systems for waste management across the region? What is going well and could be expanded on?	The ongoing collaboration and innovation within the community are highlights. Continued development of programs, new vendor engagement, and the collective effort to reduce waste are creating impactful outcomes.	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2641	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What do you see as potential barriers to expanding inclusive programs and services?	Identifying the diverse needs of all groups.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2642	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What do you see as potential barriers to expanding inclusive programs and services?	Accessibility issues with waste bins, such as heavy lids that people with mobility challenges cannot open.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2643	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What do you see as potential barriers to expanding inclusive programs and services?	Lack of awareness about available resources and information on Metro Vancouver's website.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2644	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, and community organizations play in expanding inclusive programs and services?	Businesses and organizations need to engage with affected communities for input during program expansion.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2645	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, and community organizations play in..?	Balancing business needs and costs with community feedback is crucial.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2646	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, and community organizations play in..?	Businesses, especially major waste management providers, should be more familiar with Metro Vancouver's practices and collaborate on education efforts.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2647	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What roles do businesses, the waste management industry, not-for-profits, and community organizations play in..?	Cross-promotion and collaboration across regions are critical to improving accessibility to information.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.

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2648	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to expand inclusive programs and services?	Trial new programs at Metro Vancouver housing sites to understand what works before regional rollout.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2649	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to expand inclusive programs and services?	Improve infrastructure, like providing accessible garbage bins and cardboard disposal options.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2650	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to expand inclusive programs and services?	Address illegal dumping by including housing sites in bulk item collection programs offered in municipalities.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2651	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to expand inclusive programs and services?	Strengthen partnerships with municipalities and ensure coordinated communication.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2652	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to expand inclusive programs and services?	Provide accessible and visible educational resources tailored to regional needs.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2653	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What is working well and should not be changed? What should be expanded on...?	Popular campaigns like the "Food Scraps" videos are well-received.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2654	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What is working well and should not be changed? What should be expanded on...?	Enhance public awareness of the Solid Waste Management Plan.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2655	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What is working well and should not be changed? What should be expanded on...?	Consider offering low-cost pickup services to help residents manage bulky items, which could also fund infrastructure improvements.	Metro Vancouver will consider bulky items when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2656	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What is working well and should not be changed? What should be expanded on...?	Waste reduction campaigns are widely recognized and impactful.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2657	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What is working well and should not be changed? What should be expanded on...?	Recycling toolkits are valuable but underutilized; expand promotion for better awareness.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2658	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What is working well and should not be changed? What should be expanded on...?	The Regional Food Recovery Network should be emphasized due to its relevance in the current economic climate.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2659	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What types of information would be most helpful for further understanding..?	Clearer communication about inclusive programs through multiple platforms.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2660	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What types of information would be most helpful for further understanding..?	Cross-promotion on municipal websites to ensure visibility, e.g., Metro Vancouver Solid Waste information on City of Coquitlam's website.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2661	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What types of information would be most helpful for further understanding..?	Improved accessibility of website resources to address user challenges in finding information. Currently the website is not very use-friendly	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2662	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents?	Collaborate with regions to feature Metro Vancouver programs on local platforms.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2663	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents?	Use cross-promotions to increase visibility in different communities.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2664	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents?	Organize waste management activities tied to community events for greater participation.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2665	9-Dec-24	Interview Notes	Metro Vancouver Staff	Local Government	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents?	Avoid standalone waste management pop-ups; instead, integrate them into larger, existing events.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2666	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2667	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2668	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Small food businesses on main streets are struggling. They don't have the same access to recycling, particularly organics. One issue is the lack of space for bins because of city-imposed limits. Cost is another big issue. Collection costs money, and small businesses with low volumes don't have the resources to access proper collection. Some have even mentioned resorting to putting their waste into residential bins because it's easier.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2669	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	The recycling system's efficiency is a concern. There's a lack of transparency and control over the entire journey of materials from collection to end markets. Without clear visibility into costs and results, it becomes harder for producers to engage.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2670	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Access to recycling and organics isn't consistent across locations. Small retailers face unique challenges. It's not always clear how materials are handled throughout their lifecycle. There's a need to look at the entire stream, including transportation and processing, to improve understanding and efficiency.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2671	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Accessibility to organics facilities is an issue. Materials are transported further than necessary, whether for de-packaging or sorting. This isn't efficient.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2672	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	More circular systems are needed. For example, compost should be reintegrated into local systems to promote local sourcing.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2673	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2674	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2675	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	There are issues with haulers. Franchisees are stuck with five-year contracts that auto-renew and offer no transparency. Costs for recycling and composting are extremely high. There's a need for more transparency from haulers.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2676	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Simplifying packaging requirements would make recycling more manageable for businesses and upstream operations.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2677	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2678	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Billing arrangements with haulers make it hard for businesses to size their services appropriately and reduce waste effectively.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2679	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2680	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2681	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Education for residents is crucial. Providing a constant feedback loop like reminders about what is recyclable, creates better efficiencies in the system. People generally want to do the right thing but often don't know what that is.	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of improving education and outreach.
2682	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Education is essential, both in terms of guiding behaviour and sharing positive progress. For example, communicating reductions in organics in the waste stream can motivate others.	Metro Vancouver will consider the importance of education when developing strategies and actions for an updated plan.
2683	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2684	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2685	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2686	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2687	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Transparency with haulers is a major issue. There are only three major haulers in Metro Vancouver, and the lack of competition makes it hard to get clear data or competitive pricing.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2688	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	There's also a need to improve access to support for organizations working with charities.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2689	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Clearer, simpler messaging about what is and isn't recyclable would make a difference.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2690	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Governments, including Metro Vancouver, need to clarify what they are accountable for. There's a gap in how consumer behaviour is addressed, and retailers are often unfairly burdened with educating customers at the point of sale.	"Accountability from residents, businesses and governments to prevent waste" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2691	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Collaboration should focus on targeting areas where participation is lagging. Identifying specific gaps and working directly with those regions or stakeholders would be more effective than broad initiatives.	"Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2692	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2693	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	I thought that the LFHW campaign you ran was great https://lovefoodhatewaste.ca/blogs/	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2694	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	https://www.walmartsustainabilityhub.com/content/dam/walmart-sustainability-hub/documents/project-gigaton/packaging/walmart-recycling-playbook.pdf its not perfect but its public	Thank you for providing this resource.
2695	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	In what ways could Metro Vancouver collaborate with others more effectively to increase participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	https://goldendesignrules.plasticspact.ca/ this could help too - in terms of education on packaging (also public).	Thank you for providing this resource.
2696	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Education campaigns are a strength in Metro Vancouver. The region does more to educate the public about waste and recycling than most other jurisdictions, creating strong momentum and awareness.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2697	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2698	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Consultations and planning processes like this one are valuable and appreciated by stakeholders.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2699	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	BC's packaging and paper recycling program is highly successful, with some of the best outcomes in North America. The province is already leading in plastic recycling and is set to roll out a flexible plastics program that will set a new global benchmark.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2700	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Residents in Metro Vancouver and BC have a strong sense of responsibility when it comes to waste prevention and recycling. Building on this civic duty can further drive participation.	Metro Vancouver will continue to build on progress in this area.

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2701	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	The acceptance of paper cups in blue bin programs is a significant success in BC that stands out compared to other provinces. Similar progress in other areas could help further waste prevention goals.	Metro Vancouver will continue to build on progress in this area.
2702	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Encouraging innovation through adaptable frameworks has been effective. Pushing for perfection too quickly could slow progress, so allowing incremental improvements is key.	Metro Vancouver will continue to build on progress in this area.
2703	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2704	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What is working well and should not be changed when thinking of participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs? What is going well and could be expanded on?	Collaboration between municipalities and regions has allowed for some alignment in systems and infrastructure, creating more consistency for businesses and residents. This collaboration should continue.	Metro Vancouver will continue to implement initiatives of this type.
2705	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Focus on two aspects: showing the impact of individual actions and reporting back results. When people see their contributions matter, engagement improves.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2706	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Engagement needs to start earlier in residents' interactions with packaging. Waiting until the point of sale or disposal makes it harder to educate.	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2707	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Public cynicism is a challenge. There's a segment of the population that doubts recycling is effective, and it's difficult to change their minds.	"Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling" is one of the guiding principles of the updated solid waste management plan.
2708	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2709	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Gamifying participation could help. For example, setting a community challenge to raise recycling rates from 65% to 70% could foster collective action.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2710	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Competitions or challenges, even between neighborhoods or communities, could make participation more fun.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2711	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Highlighting success stories might inspire others to follow suit.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2712	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2713	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2714	11-Dec-24	Focus Group Notes	Retail Council of Canada	Food Retailers	What are some ways to engage with Metro Vancouver residents on increasing participation in waste prevention initiatives, organics, and recycling programs?	Identifying underperforming areas and targeting them with focused campaigns would be more effective than blanket messaging. Digital tools can help with precise targets.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2715	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Our household is trying to only buy what we need (also trying to instil this value in our kids)	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2716	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Volunteer with Vancouver Food Runners	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2717	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Pay similar amount for smaller portions to avoid waste; and pay more for less impactful comparable products	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2718	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Buy less, buy bulk, buy items with less packaging, buy items with more sustainable packaging	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2719	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Established broad recycling in our co-op housing, and implemented good onsite composting	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2720	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Participate in local online "buy nothing" groups	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2721	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Buy my cleaning products, and some food, at the Soap Dispensary (bringing my own packaging)	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2722	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Is there anything else not listed here that you always or often do to reduce waste?	Carry a mug	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2723	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	The recycling bags for paper cardboard boxes are not big enough for household use to recycle	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2724	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Ready access to places that take specific items, like used batteries, used oil, technology, etc.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2725	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Many items must be taken to transfer station for recycling (e.g., foam packaging)	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2726	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Some cost for beyond the blue box items through private recyclers	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2727	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Soft plastic is the thing I don't know what to do with, other than take it to London Drugs	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2728	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there any other barriers not listed here that prevent you and your household from participating in waste reduction efforts?	Returning soft plastics and other recyclables that are not accepted in blue bins is a challenge	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.

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2729	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Which community members do you think may be having a difficult time with the current programs and services?	Recent immigrants (e.g., education, cultural differences, language accessibility) Individuals who are disabled Climate change deniers Seniors Individuals with mobility issues (e.g., wheelchair) Individuals with a low income (e.g., time and not a priority) Individuals in apartments or high-rise buildings Individuals without a car Anyone who does not have access to current recycling information Busy parents	Metro Vancouver will consider this feedback in future engagement and outreach.
2730	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional responses regarding food recovery challenges:	We know that some charities have issues with composting on site (even though they're running a food program). On the food donor side, stores (particularly grocery stores) have a lot of items packaged in recyclable containers that are not sold each day (bakery, deli, processed food, etc.). If a food recovery organization does not collect the food items, they are often thrown directly into the garbage.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2731	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional responses regarding food recovery challenges:	Staff at the stores do not have time to recycle the items.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2732	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional responses regarding food recovery challenges:	Food recovery organizations are doing a huge service to the community and environment by collecting all the surplus food from hundreds of stores each day (4 organizations—Vancouver Food Runners, Food Stash, Quest Market, and CityReach—together collected approximately 5 million pounds of surplus food in the last 12 months in Vancouver); but we are provided with no financial support from the municipal government.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2733	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional responses regarding food recovery challenges:	There is some funding at the provincial level, but it is very limited and not guaranteed each year, plus funding eligibility criteria excludes certain organizations (e.g., Vancouver Food Runners).	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2734	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Additional responses regarding food recovery challenges:	Food recovery organizations are struggling to stay afloat, even though the demand for their recovery services is growing in the food industry (which is positive). More food businesses are wanting to reduce their waste and donate their surplus.	Metro Vancouver will consider these barriers when developing and implementing strategies and actions for the updated plan.
2735	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Language translation to make information accessible for newcomers	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2736	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Free workshops/programs hosted by schools, community centres, "Welcome to Canada" orientations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2737	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Some type of funding mechanism for food recovery organizations to maintain their operations	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2738	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More education and incentives for businesses around food waste reduction and food donation options	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2739	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	The biggest impact would come from cultural norms and teaching them	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of creating new norms.
2740	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Increase accessibility for programs (e.g., near main transit stations)	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of making recycling more convenient.
2741	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Education on the importance of keeping things out of landfill—the costs and benefits	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2742	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Focus on making everything convenient and free	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of making recycling more convenient.
2743	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Recycling collection option for those that do not have a vehicle	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2744	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More flexible scheduling for programs	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of making recycling more convenient.

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2745	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	Apartments have monthly collection for soft plastics and things that cannot go in bins	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of making recycling more convenient.
2746	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	What can be done to make the programs and services more inclusive so that they work for everyone?	More compostable containers available	Several draft actions for the plan include the concept of making recycling more convenient.
2747	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	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.).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2748	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Are there other priorities that Metro Vancouver should be considering that are not listed above?	Also, increase awareness of the Food Donor Encouragement Act (liability protection for businesses and organizations that donate their surplus food).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2749	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Please continue enhancing current services while communicating out the benefits to all who are participating	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2750	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Study who is not using these services and why before doing anything	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2751	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Recycling has created a whole new fleet of trucks that emit carbon. It makes me question what is actually saved. How can recycling be done more efficiently?!	"Make it easier to recycle effectively" is one of the draft goals of the updated solid waste management plan.
2752	13-Dec-24	Survey Open-End Responses	Vancouver Food Runners	NGO/non-profit and environmental stewardship groups	Do you have any further ideas for Metro Vancouver to consider as it works towards reducing the amount of waste in our region?	Providing more information to households on reducing food waste	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2753	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Idea Generation Phase to update MetroVancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan. We appreciate Metro Vancouver's leadership and work undertaken to date to lay the foundation for this phase by developing the vision, "A thriving region where nothing is wasted, and resources are valued," along with the seven guiding principles.	Thank you for taking the time to provide a detailed summary of feedback.
2754	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		City of Vancouver staff participated in an internal workshop on November 20, 2024 to discuss the seven Idea Generation questions identified by Metro Vancouver for this phase of engagement. We're pleased to provide our comments on the Idea Generation Phase, including ideas identified during our staff workshop.	Thank you for taking the time to provide a detailed summary of feedback.
2755	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		Vancouver City Council adopted the Zero Waste 2040 Strategic Plan in 2018 to establish a vision for Vancouver to become a zero waste community by 2040. Zero Waste 2040 supports regional waste management goals established by the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan to minimize waste generation, and maximize reuse, recycling and material recovery.	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!

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2756	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		City staff recently provided a five-year update to Vancouver City Council on Zero Waste 2040 progress and next steps. This update included identifying the following nine priority action areas to guide Vancouver's waste reduction and circular economy initiatives over the next four years: 1. Long-term planning to manage waste in a changing urban environment 2. Increasing diversion and reuse of construction and demolition waste 3. Preventing wasted edible food 4. Increasing residential participation in existing waste diversion programs 5. Expanding share, reuse and repair activities for all residents 6. Exploring future diversion opportunities at Vancouver Landfill and Vancouver South Transfer Station 7. Supporting interventions by other levels of government 8. Participating in regional solid waste planning 9. Applying equity lenses to new and existing zero waste initiatives. These priority action areas are reflected in the ideas presented herein, organized according to the seven Idea Generation questions, for Metro Vancouver's consideration to include in the updated solid waste management plan for the region.	Thank you for taking action to reduce waste!
2757	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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 could play a leadership role in developing a public dashboard that displays progress towards the region's recycling goals and includes key performance indicators from Recycle BC, 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).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2758	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2759	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2760	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		Apply equity lenses to the development of actions included in the updated regional solid waste management plan. Metro may find Vancouver's Equity Framework helpful, which describes what is meant by equity, and identifies four equity lenses: Indigenous rights, racial justice, intersectionality, and systems orientation.	Thank you for providing these definitions.
2761	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2762	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2763	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		Develop engagement forums with local First Nations. Metro Vancouver could create and facilitate a discussion forum for solid waste professionals, local First Nations and community groups to share ideas and discuss challenges and opportunities to waste reduction and the transition to a circular economy.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2764	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2765	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		Increase audits and enforcement. Metro Vancouver could increase the number of audits and random checks to ensure compliance with disposal bans.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2766	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2767	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2768	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	Other ideas with a similar concept were considered as potential actions and were incorporated into the options analysis process.
2769	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2770	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2771	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2772	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2773	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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 reintroducing to organics recycling, and other diversion streams.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2774	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		Explore opportunities to increase diversion at regional recycling and waste centres and disposal sites. Metro Vancouver should continue working with members to develop and evaluate pilots to increase diversion throughout the region.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2775	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2776	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2777	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2778	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2779	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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 consumption based 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.).	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2780	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2781	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		<p>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).</p> <p>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 Page 8 of 9 supports members to advance C&D policy in their municipalities by resourcing needed background research, instead of each municipality pursuing this work independently.</p>	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2782	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		<p>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.</p>	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2783	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		<p>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.</p>	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2784	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		<p>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 principles. For example, on topics such as right to repair, circular textiles, salvaged building materials, recycled content, and reusable cup and container borrowing.</p>	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2785	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		<p>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.</p>	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.
2786	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		<p>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.</p>	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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2787	20-Dec-24	Email Submission	City of Vancouver Staff	Member Jurisdiction Staff		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.	This idea was considered as a potential action and was incorporated into the options analysis process.

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