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1	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Criteria	Add in the liability component.
2	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Criteria	Have separate column that holds themes more broadly applied – like resilience.
3	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Criteria	Collaboration – move to a general category that applies to all of the themes – not just economic.
4	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Criteria	Consider adding an operational column – practicality of application of each of the criteria to each theme. Remove “general” – change to “operational”
5	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Criteria	Does the criteria address out of region disposal facilities processing garbage within Metro Vancouver region?
6	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Criteria	What happens if two criteria are opposing? Is there a hierarchy for how to chose? Are the criteria weighted equally or are some more important?
7	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	**Goal 1 – Prioritize waste prevention** • Change to “waste reduction and prevention” • Prioritizing waste prevention seems counter productive to promoting market growth. The need to prevent waste is a good goal, but it needs to be done sustainably so industry can adapt as necessary to changing market dynamics.
8	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	**Goal 2 – Keep materials in use as long as possible** • It should more clearly state that that materials and products are kept cycling in their highest and best value/use.
9	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	**Goal 3 – Make is easier to recycle effectively** • What does this mean for waste and recycling industry? • Challenged by practical aspects – how is this achieved? • Words like “effectively” and “responsibility” are not well defined or actionable; subjective/ambiguous. • Begins at the consumer level. If there’s no incentive, then the problems begin. Education is core.
10	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	**Goal 4 – Dispose of remaining garbage responsibly** • If you’re following the hierarchy – it makes this goal irrelevant.
11	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	Affordability is missing in the goals - it was a top priority in the guiding principles
12	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	Missing references to collaboration and competition.
13	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	Didn’t see anything about technology or innovation – how can we promote innovation in Metro Vancouver?
14	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Goals	Should add a goal related to investment in business and industry.
15	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Concern for businesses that deal in disposal – perception that they are ranked lower in the hierarchy.
16	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Composting and anerobic digestion are not included. Compostable products, where do they fit (recycled as material or recycled as energy?) We know fibre can be composted, recycled as energy with the disposal side of things.
17	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	What about cement production which produces energy, which then produces a product. Why should it not count as high priority as recycled as material rather than recycled as energy?
18	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	The hierarchy doesn’t specifically include metal recycling – why isn’t it included? It’s a good percentage of what is generated.
19	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Animal rendering – where does that even fit?
20	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	May be hard for average consumer to understand the applicable meaning of “reduce”.
21	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Possibly expand on definitions of what would fall under each classification – definition is important for each of the steps.
22	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Need to define “recycle”.
23	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Alternative to “recycle as energy” is “waste-to-industry” or “recycle as energy for industry” because you’re driving economic value so put it higher in the hierarchy.
24	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	First two items in the hierarchy are manufacturer or consumer driven. Haulers have no ability to reduce, but they will recover materials.
25	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Counter view: On us on waste collectors to educate customers about waste prevention as well – so industry does have a role.
26	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	“Recycle for energy” isn’t actually recycling – it is displacing fossil fuel but not actually recycling anything.
27	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	“Reduce” should be up to government; everything below that is more relevant to industry/private sector action.
28	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Disagree with not including Waste-to-Energy/landfill outputs in “recycle as energy”; not clear why this would be separated out.
29	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	“Recycle as energy”; should be understood as looking for opportunities to replace fossil fuel use with cleaner alternatives – this seems confusing when Waste-to-Energy outputs are not represented in the same way.

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30	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	“Repurpose” or “use as fuel” makes more sense than “recycle as fuel”.
31	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	“Recycle as energy” should also be greyed out (like disposal) or moved to the bottom of the hierarchy with disposal.
32	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Anything to do with fuel should go at the bottom.
33	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Create more definitions and differentiations to describe the two sections of recycle as disposal and recycle as energy –
34	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	“Recycle as energy” is confusing. It is ultimately the same thing as Waste-to-Energy so why is it classified differently?
35	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Hierarchy doesn’t need to be a triangle; consider other ways to model it visually.
36	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Suggest splitting the bottom disposal triangle to ensure we account for waste-to-energy and landfill separately without indicating one is preferable over the other.
37	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Bottom triangle should be bifurcated and pointing in a different direction all together.
38	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Waste-to-Energy should not be at the very bottom as disposal, because we’re still producing something of value. Disposal at the landfill can also involve opportunity to extract landfill gas as a beneficial use. So, in both Waste-to-Energy and landfill, you are getting beneficial use as a byproduct of the method of managing waste
39	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	New proposed Hierarchy: - Reduce - Reuse - Recycle as new or alternative material - define what this means – materials recycled, break that down - Recycle as energy – define further what this means - WTE - Landfill
40	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Metro Vancouver is a distinct market – focus on that while considering the hierarchy – consider the end markets always while applying the hierarchy
41	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	If we have a mandate to divert, there is no incentive to do better. It kills innovation when we say we can convert materials into a fuel for energy.
42	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Hierarchy	Materials are more valuable than energy.
43	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	General Feedback	General public is frustrated by the constant changes in what counts as recyclable materials; more consistent messaging across municipalities will help.
44	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	General Feedback	What about when licensed facilities in Metro Vancouver are sending materials to landfills State-side that local authorities want closed? Will issues like these be addressed within the plan?
45	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	General Feedback	Very expensive to remove compost residuals properly in landfill vs. burning it. Need regulations to encourage compliance.
46	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	General Feedback	Need to have cost penalties to make consumers feel the same pain as collectors and processors if they don’t recycle properly.
47	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	General Feedback	If a customer isn’t ready to pay more to do the right thing, the hauler is then paying or investing in cameras and enforcement methods etc. which is not cost effective. It only works if all companies play by the same rules.
48	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	General Feedback	Need incentives for consumers but also end up spending a lot of money policing that.
49	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Metrics	How to tangibly measure reuse – there’s lots that happens informally – how to quantify that?
50	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Metrics	Are we tracking from a specific point in time as a baseline?
51	8-Apr-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Metrics	As the economy changes is there a mechanism built-in to account for changes and maintain integrity of the data?
52	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Ensure that policy conversations consider the whole spectrum of the hierarchies
53	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Goal #3 – effectively – broad term; concerns that it’s applicability will be lost in the process – glass, for example.
54	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Goal #1 seems to be lacking considering it applies to the top of hierarchy; need more clarity to what extent the concept applies in the context of solid waste system/management plan
55	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	“Prioritize waste prevention” doesn’t adequately capture full spectrum of applicability
56	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Goal to prevent as much disposal as responsible seems missing
57	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	EPR – holding Recycle BC more accountable to pay instead of municipalities for collection and recycling of soft plastic and glass

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58	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	No only collection, but also marketing is problematic and have to be addressed
59	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Spend on fostering businesses that can use the recyclables and make use of reusable materials
60	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Can we make suggestions around inclusivity - locations and transit accessibility – within scope of committee? (Clarified that in addition to this being reflected in guiding principles, these could also be future opportunities for engagement where these topics could be relevant)
61	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Like the way the International Zero Waste Hierarchy is modelled – should rearrange propose hierarchy so this is reflected
62	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	City of Victoria hierarchy is more understandable – better for the general population (specifically multifamily)
63	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Glad that MV has segmented the actions
64	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	MV hierarchy is meant to guide priorities with waste generation prevention at the very top
65	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Is there anything about recycle at end-of-life instead of just recycle?
66	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	In the guiding principles, the “accountability” principle should not put residents first
67	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Should we be using a hierarchy, how can we make it circular ? (e.g. Ellen Macarthur Butterfly Diagram)
68	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Can we do both a hierarchy and a cycle in one diagram?
69	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Goals	Should be more focus on prevention – so having more emphasis would be good. Right now we have same number of goals as the waste hierarchy. But if we have more goals related to the higher end of the waste hierarchy, it emphasizes the top of the waste hierarchy
70	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Goals	There are Golden design rules for recycling packaging - using one type of plastic, label be recyclable / design for recyclability etc. Are these guides available for clothing etc ?
71	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Goals	Responsibly dispose – but what about future what will be mining for in old landfills? – it may not be the actual end of the life. Do we separate garbage in landfills so it’s easier to extract stuff later?
72	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Goals	“easier to recycle effectively” – there are clean tech/deep tech companies out there with robots for sorting more effectively. OBS Recycle (montreal), Dreamstill is also one for clothing.
73	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Goals	‘propritize waste prevention’ – best before dates – need more education for households on this because what the household will buy/not buy will impact what retailers stock, and what distributors stock etc. Very few items actually have an expiry date, they’re just guides.
74	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Goals	Prioritize waste reduction is very broad compared to other goals – maybe break out into 1) Education on waste prevention, 2) implement actions to prevent waste, etc. and also focus on positive language. (maximize efficiencies, etc)
75	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Hierarchy – prevent and use less is part of reduce, but BEFORE that, we should focus on Sharing resources. Can convince ppl to buy less but it can be easier to have people learn to share resources.
76	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	“share” is also more positive language than ‘prevent’
77	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Sharing, reusing, using less comes with education.
78	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Should allocate serious budget to the education programs/campaigns, or to NGOS in town who are already focused on education
79	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Focus on cascading effects – youth educating elders, etc. youth will be the ones who will be driving when it’s 2050, and can lead others along the way both for elderly and younger. To get a compounded effect.
80	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Example: assess who is doing education for student groups, can see if its effective and if we’re doing enough of it. We know the children guide the parents and grandparents so are we doing enough. Education on circular economy, donut economics, etc. for schools and universities
81	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Eco-nova is doing youth education in Vancouver
82	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	For “use less” – can we state it more positively like “save more”
83	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Didn’t like ‘recover’ so agree it was good to move away from that
84	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	For food, it doesn’t make sense to have as food or recycle as material – because we donate, and we recycle as feed.
85	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	For Food: Prevent à donate à recycle as feed à recycle as energy à dispose
86	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Question on whether we want multiple waste hierarchies, because the hierarchy doesn’t make sense for food, and possibly other categories

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87	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Under reduce – perhaps have some wording on how we track this. The top of the hierarchy is where we have the least data because it's not getting weighed.
88	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Reduce can be tracked if you track how much money people are spending on buying new things – but its happening in different places so gathering the data effectively is more challenging.
89	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Could track how many items people buying v.s. accessing lending libraries, v.s. disposing – difficult for sure
90	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Focus on convenience, and socializing the practice of sharing etc.
91	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	People will self-educate if they believe in something. So if shift our thinking, they'll educate themselves.
92	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Factors: convenience, social pressure, and money
93	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Hierarchy – food waste prevention at the reuse/donate stage. At first look at hierarchy couldn't see food in there. "reuse for original purpose" is important (feed folks)
94	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Some form of double counting is happening in food
95	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft Hierarchy	Hierarchy makes sense. Think the 'reuse' category could be expanded. 'sharing' is happening that isn't tracked.. sharing food, sharing tols etc, there is no tracking for that.
96	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	What is meant by prevention in goal 1?
97	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Goals could be in a shape – to better visually align with how they fit into the hierarchy
98	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Focus should be Keeping products in highest use for as long as possible
99	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Goal 3 – could we take out effectively ? if you are applying the hierarchy – you would be as effective as possible
100	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Why use the word garbage? Is it because its more digestible for audiences? Does it really target the right audience for this hierarchy and goals?
101	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Design products to prevent waste
102	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Prioritize waste prevention – is there a way to switch the words and use the word resource
103	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Focus on Resource prevention
104	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Maximize resource value – focus on that in the hierarchy and goals
105	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Inclusivity and affordability are not adequately reflected in the goals
106	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Accessibility is missing both in Goals and Guiding Principles. One of the proposed Goals refers to "easier" recycling, but ease is not the same as accessibility.
107	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Although there are size transfer stations, many people cannot access those as they don't have the suitable means of travel
108	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Clear definitions are needed for every goal (e.g., terms "responsibly" and "effectively" are unclear)
109	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Goals have to be bold and per capita such as "shutting down the incinerator" and spending the saving per capita on top of hierarchy to reduce waste such that an incinerator is not needed in future.
110	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Bans for problematic materials have been successful tools in the past, where do they fit within the proposed goals and which other materials could be banned.
111	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	"Community" is missing from the goals
112	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Circular economy is not called out enough as so important – need a singular distinctive goal that support reuse economy
113	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Resource management, not waste management
114	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	Rethinking metrics – how to we align our metrics with the goal we're trying to achieve "effectively and efficiently" – efficiency part can speak to affordable
115	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft goals?	A goal of changing the system, encompassing innovation
116	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	City of Vancouver and City of Victoria – don't have WTE in their hierarchies – why is it not or is it covered under waste disposal
117	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Recycle as material level – have sub group – recycle for highest value – then something that is less – have different sub levels – focus on the value of products recycled and the materials needed to recycle within the "recycle as material" level

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118	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	What is reuse really meaning in the hierarchy?
119	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Language is important – recycling and highest value – in past word diversion is more appropriate than recycle – need to specific what is diverted versus what is recycled as new material
120	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Recycle as energy = not transparent – need to be broken down and distinguished
121	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Dedicated fuel – recycle as energy – what does the fossil fuels really mean ?
122	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Materials to fuel – could be an option for the recycle as energy line
123	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Where does burning wood waste go? Is that through the recycle as energy – or recycle as material – which does that fit into?
124	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Average person – only know how to sort – and not what happens when it is recycling or processing
125	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Language – think about using AVOID – like to include it so that instead of reduce – people would think about avoiding rather than reducing
126	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Composting (when not thought of recycling) is missing; believe that it is a distinct “rung” in hierarchy
127	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	There should be differentiation between WTE disposal (materials burned and energy not used) vs recycled for energy
128	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Cultivating community and corporate leadership
129	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Share – Reduce or reuse – specific infrastructure vs sharing with people you know (eg car share, library, tool library) , share with community
130	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Rethink/Reimagine – more approachable, positive
131	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	How does compost fit in? Should we change recycle as material
132	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	What about donation?
133	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Food waste reduction, how do we fit in the complexity of the food hierarchy into this model
134	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Waste-to-energy should be above landfill, still beneficial compared to landfill
135	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft hierarchy?	Disassembly – in the reuse part, taking apart and using the parts
136	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Goal #4 is too vague/subjective
137	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	What do we mean by “effective” in recycling? Need to better define what is meant in this goal (i.e., who, how market needs to adapt).
138	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Producer Responsibility to reduce; debate about applicability
139	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	The proposed goals (except for the third one) are not inspiring and are very similar to the previous plan goals.
140	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Get rid of the words “garbage” and “waste” and use the word “materials”
141	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Priority that prevention should start with those actually manufacturing the waste.
142	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	The goals should be more far reaching, global.
143	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	What about “Prioritize waste production at the source”?
144	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Language of garbage – should be framing as a resource to emphasize that we don’t have a way of dealing with it yet. This reflects that although we may have not yet determined a way to manage it, it might not be garbage
145	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Can we phrase the recycling in a more effective way to recognize bridging the gap between what can be recycled today vs in the future through innovation
146	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Make it easy could be “easy to understand” or “convenient”
147	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Keep materials “and their value” in use as long as possible
148	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft goals?	Innovation can be incorporated into the last goal (residuals management)

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149	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	What if we didn't use a triangle? It is older to use and what kind of shape – potentially brainstorm other designs and graphics
150	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Consider somehow representing "source separation" in the hierarchy
151	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	The distinction between "recycle as energy" and "waste-to-energy" can be challenging
152	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	"recycle as energy" is more appropriate in disposal; should be "disposal as energy"
153	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Need to consider the actual use of the fuel; hard to say any is better than another (i.e., is there such thing as "clean" fuel?
154	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Is all disposal equal? Some debate whether this is true
155	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Reduce: need to add more than prevent and use less; add amended rungs to include preserve resources, make less and buy less
156	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Address the trust issue even before the higher levels of the hierarchy
157	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	There needs to be transparency around the budget plan on this hierarchy. Focus efforts and budget on the top of hierarchy rather than investing in the incinerator
158	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Consider including "rethink" and "redesign" before prevent and reduce
159	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	It is useful to have different hierarchies for different sectors and audiences. Include as many as 9 Rs for the manufacturing and business audience depending on their industry and sector. City of Victoria hierarchy in the middle, and Zero Waste (international alliance) hierarchy for the public
160	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	There needs to be clear definitions for all levels of the hierarchy to prevent any greenwashing or confusion
161	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	The proposed hierarchy does not show where the composting fits.
162	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	"Recycle as energy" or as fuel is concerning and has to be avoided. The language does not sound straight forward and accessible for public. The recycling should be only for materials at their highest value.
163	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Inclusion of "Recycle as energy" or fuel suggests a constant demand and would ultimately discourage active participation in the top of hierarchy
164	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	The Government of BC solid waste management planning guidance directs to and asks for prioritization of prevention and reduction; however, reduction and prevention seems to be out of scope when GHG emissions come up during meetings
165	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Push the budget where the priorities are such as grants for C&D-Lighthouse project
166	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	What is this hierarchy for? This graphic is not clear.
167	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Have an issue with the terms "recycle" and "recycle for energy" being the same. It's energy generation, not recycling. Need to come up with another term – the term "recycle" should be reserved for recycling materials to make new products.
168	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Why is dispose not divided into two different categories? Landfill vs. WTE?
169	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	City of Victoria graphic is better for the public (except instead of recycle the rest it should say upcycle the rest)
170	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	The font should be larger in the upper categories of the hierarchy.
171	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	"Prevent" should simply be "use less" – or maybe the prevention should apply to businesses and use less should apply to residents (further discussion prompted disagreement on this and the group was split – "prevent" has a different meaning than "use less")
172	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Difference between reuse for original purpose and repair – aren't they linked?
173	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Rebirth – reframing recycling
174	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Reduce and reuse could potentially have a linkage – circular connection
175	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Challenging to get the nuance of recycle to energy across – could upstream recycling and downstream recycling
176	10-Apr-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Draft Hierarchy and Goals	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft hierarchy?	Residuals management instead of dispose could provide more clarity
177	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional Explanation to Accompany Hierarchy	There are some details and nuances about the waste hierarchy that may not be obvious to members of the public. To help address this, additional explanation should accompany the hierarchy within the updated Solid Waste Management Plan (updated SWMP). Key points to include as part of this explanation are as follows:

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178	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional Explanation to Accompany Hierarchy	Provide robust examples of 'Reduce' actions. Many members of the public struggle to think of actions they can take that align with this level of the hierarchy. Residents and businesses largely associate sustainable waste management with recycling, and to a lesser degree, reuse. Providing a list of meaningful examples would help with this, such as: making a meal plan and shopping smart so you buy just what you need and use all the food you buy; looking for clothing that will last years so you can buy less clothing; gifting experiences instead of things. To demonstrate how Metro Vancouver is prioritizing this level of the hierarchy, examples of actions taken by Metro Vancouver that demonstrate 'Reduce' could also be provided, including actions to reduce corporate waste.
179	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional Explanation to Accompany Hierarchy	Explain that 'Energy Recovery' is not a circular process. I.e. The materials are lost from the economy, and this is why this strategy is shown a last resort prior to disposal.
180	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional Explanation to Accompany Hierarchy	Explain why waste-to-energy is a 'Dispose' strategy, not an 'Energy Recovery' strategy. Residents and businesses are unlikely to be familiar with the nuances that distinguish waste-to-energy from energy recovery (or 'Recycle as Energy,' as labelled in the currently proposed update).
181	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional Explanation to Accompany Hierarchy	Presentation of the hierarchy in the updated SWMP should be accompanied by text that clearly explains why waste-to-energy is a disposal method. Including examples of energy recovery from niche materials (used as fossil fuel substitutes) would likely help to increase understanding.
182	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional Explanation to Accompany Hierarchy	Add graphics to the hierarchy to make public participation more accessible. Incorporate a diagonal double-ended arrow alongside the triangle, similar to the City of Victoria's hierarchy, to illustrate the collective effort required to achieve Zero Waste. The accompanying description above the arrow could read: "cultivate community and encourage innovation."
183	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	The proposed updates to the goals currently used in the 2011 Plan are a good reflection of the waste management outcomes our region should be striving for. In particular, we are supportive of the following changes and additions:
184	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Using more descriptive language that goes beyond quantitative measurement (e.g. "minimize," "maximize") and helps to reflects the complexity of waste management and conditions for success.
185	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Explicitly stating that waste prevention should be prioritized above other waste management strategies.
186	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Incorporating circular economy principles by identifying that materials should be kept in use as long as possible. This goal clearly reflects that reuse and recycling strategies should prioritize enabling materials to continue circulating (vs. reuse and recycling strategies that achieve just one more use before disposal).
187	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Referencing the need to make it easier to recycle if we want to improve our region's recycling performance and reduce contaminants in the recycling stream.
188	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Removing energy recovery from the list of goals, and instead referring to recycling effectively and disposing responsibly.
189	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Removing "dispose of all remaining waste in landfill, after material recycling and energy recovery." This goal indicated that waste-to-energy was a more beneficial outcome than landfill disposal, and did not align with Vancouver's Zero Waste 2040 strategic plan.
190	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Update Goal 3 to include making it easier to reuse effectively. (I.e. "Make it easier to reuse and recycle effectively.") While the intention may have been for Goal 2 and Goal 3 to align with the 'Reuse' and 'Recycle' levels of the hierarchy, respectively, we assert that the goals of "keeping materials in use as long as possible" and "making it easier" are equally relevant to both reuse and recycling strategies.
191	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Consider adding a fifth "all/multiple goals" category for organizing actions. We understand that the Province of BC recommends that goals be linked to the hierarchy, and that the plan's actions will be organized according to the goals. This approach is a good one, however, some actions can be anticipated to align with multiple goals/levels of the hierarchy. During the Idea Generation phase of engagement, actions were brainstormed using the guiding principles as a jumping off point. Actions that aim to increase affordability, convenience, resilience, accountability, transparency, inclusion, innovation and transparency will likely apply to multiple levels of the hierarchy. If an action applies to multiple goals, we would recommend against modifying it to align with just one of the four goals to avoid the risk of losing important components of the action. Instead, we suggest to consider adding a fifth category for organizing actions that apply to multiple goals.
192	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Goals	Display goals in a stacked sequence, rather than a grid format to emphasize the preferred sequence.
193	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Energy Recovery vs. Recycle as Energy	We would like to see Metro Vancouver change the term 'Recycle as Energy' to 'Energy Recovery' in the waste hierarchy diagram and throughout the document. This change would be consistent with the 2011 Plan, the Province of B.C.'s use of "energy recovery" in its 5R pollution prevention hierarchy for zero waste and Recycling Regulation, and the E.U.'s new Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation 2025/40. It is important to preserve the integrity of the term "recycling" and use it to promote the circularity of high-quality materials. "Energy recovery" is a more accurate term to describe energy extraction typically characterized by downgraded material quality, or recovering energy from food scraps and other organic materials as shown in the City of Vancouver's zero waste approach diagram. This change would also be consistent with public feedback, "Don't count fuel as recycling" (as shown in the word cloud included with Metro Vancouver's April 10 workshop slides).
194	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	We encourage Metro Vancouver to update the hierarchy to align with the European Union's recently-adopted Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation 2025/40 to prioritize high-quality recycling over material recycling. The regulation entered into force on February 11, 2025 and generally takes effect in August 2026.

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195	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	In the E.U.'s regulation (Article 3): "High-quality recycling means any recycling process which produces recycled materials that are of equivalent quality to the original materials, based on preserved technical characteristics, and that are used as a substitute to primary raw materials for packaging or other applications where the quality of the recycled material is retained."
196	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	In the E.U.'s regulation (Article 3): "Material recycling means any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into materials or substances, whether for the original or other purposes, with the exception of biological treatment of waste, reprocessing of organic material, energy recovery and reprocessing into materials that are to be used as fuels or for backfilling operations."
197	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	This kind of distinction is important given that some repurposing and recycling strategies reduce environmental impact by displacing the use and disposal of virgin materials, but do not enable materials to continue circulating in the economy. For example, processing demolition waste to create demolition hog.
198	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	The EU regulation includes a number of measures to support high-quality recycling, such as: - Minimum recycled content requirements for plastic packaging (Article 7) -Separate recycling collection and sorting infrastructure to meet quality standards (Article 48)
199	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	The Netherlands, an early adopter, promotes high-quality recycling by requiring single-use plastic cups to be recycled back into single-use cups with minimum recycling rates that start at 75% in 2024 and increase annually to 90% in 2027 and beyond.
200	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	High-Quality Recycling vs. Recycling as Materials	Alternatively, if Metro Vancouver prefers to not add another layer to the graphic, we suggest simply calling this layer "Recycling" and describing the difference and hierarchy between high-quality recycling and material recycling within the additional explanation recommended to accompany the hierarchy (see below).
201	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Implications for Calculating Regional Recycling Rate	City of Vancouver staff raised the questions below during the April 10 workshop about the implications of the proposed hierarchy for calculating the regional recycling rate. Thank you to Metro Vancouver staff for the answers provided (summarized below). Based on these answers, Metro Vancouver's planned annual reporting on the recycling rate going forward will help to increase transparency and understanding about our region's waste management performance.
202	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Implications for Calculating Regional Recycling Rate	Will calculation of the annual recycling rate exclude materials recycled as energy going forward?
203	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Implications for Calculating Regional Recycling Rate	Will the amount of material recycled as energy be reported separately from the amount of material recycled as material?
204	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Implications for Calculating Regional Recycling Rate	Will data from past years be updated to clearly show the amounts of material recycled as energy vs. material?
205	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	The primary metrics proposed for the updated SWMP provide continuity with several existing metrics that Metro Vancouver tracks and reports annually.
206	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Tonnes of waste generation and disposal. City of Vancouver staff request that annual tonnes of waste generation and disposal be tracked and reported graphically in Metro Vancouver's published annual reports. Looking at waste generation and waste disposal in terms of annual totals, and not just per capita amounts, supports greater understanding of our region's waste trends. This reporting will also support analysis and reporting by member jurisdictions, such as City of Vancouver, that have adopted an absolute waste reduction goal, rather than a per capita target. Including the option to view annual totals using a future Power BI dashboard (as indicated by Metro Vancouver staff) would also be beneficial, however, for ease of access (especially while this type of dashboard is under development), our preference is for these metrics to also be included in Metro Vancouver's annual report published online.
207	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Greenhouse gas emission reductions from solid waste initiatives. During the April 10 workshop, Metro Vancouver staff clarified that the proposed primary metric, "GHG emission reductions from solid waste initiatives" will include Scope 1 and 2 emissions only. This approach is reasonable, given the current lack of a methodology for estimating Scope 3 emissions that intentionally incorporates a sustainable waste management lens. We encourage Metro Vancouver to include an action in the updated SWMP to work towards developing a suitable methodology, so that Scope 3 emissions can be included as metrics in future. For example, this research can begin by focusing on certain material streams, such as the built environment and edible wasted food.
208	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Assessing metrics against the guiding principles. Organizing metrics using the four goals as a framework is a good system, but this approach may fail to capture metrics that measure the performance of our region's waste management system in terms of the plan's guiding principles. Before finalizing the selection of metrics, we recommend taking an additional step to assess the suite of primary and secondary metrics against the guiding principles to check whether there are any undesirable gaps. Metrics that address these gaps may need to be organized under a fifth "All/Multiple Goals" category.

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209	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Secondary metrics about demolition waste by-laws. City of Vancouver is currently exploring options for updating and developing new policy for reducing construction and demolition waste. As part of this work, we have completed a scan of member jurisdiction's demolition waste by-laws, including gathering data about by-law implementation and outcomes from some member jurisdictions. Metro Vancouver can support member jurisdictions to evaluate and further develop their own by-laws by compiling these statistics on an annual basis, similar to how illegal dumping stats are currently collected from each member jurisdiction. Relevant statistics for Metro Vancouver to begin tracking for each member jurisdiction include: (1) number of demolitions per year (disaggregated by 1- and 2- family homes, multi-family residential buildings, non-residential buildings); (2) number of demolitions subject to a demolition waste by-law with minimum reuse and/or recycling requirements; (3) average diversion rate and total diversion amount achieved each year (if applicable to the member jurisdiction); (4) average wood salvage rate and total wood salvage amount each year (if applicable); and (5) annual by-law compliance rate.
210	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Secondary metrics to measure progress towards goals. City of Vancouver staff have previously provided feedback on performance metrics for the updated SWMP on Nov. 15, 2024, including some recommended metrics. In addition to our prior feedback, we further recommend including the following secondary metrics
211	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Keep materials in use as long as possible. Measure tonnes of construction and demolition waste diverted for reuse and the number of organizations involved in circulating these materials for reuse.
212	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Make it easier to recycle effectively: Track the number and spatial distribution of EPR drop-off locations across the region for each Stewardship agency. This data could be shared with senior levels of government to demonstrate where increased accessibility to recycling and reuse services is needed. This data should also be measured against population densities to promote equitable access to recycling services for Metro Vancouver residents.
213	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Performance Metrics Update	Dispose of remaining garbage responsibly: In addition to total number of cases of illegal dumping, descriptive data should be collected and reported where possible, including waste type and volume/weight.
214	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Proposed Hierarchy	Many of the proposed updates to the waste hierarchy currently used in the 2011 Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (2011 Plan) clearly show prioritization of waste management strategies, and align well with the Zero Waste Approach for Vancouver, with the exception of characterizing energy recovery as "recycle as energy" as discussed below. The following diagram features are good additions to increase understanding and support greater transparency.
215	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Proposed Hierarchy	Including additional text to explain what's included in the 'Reduce,' 'Reuse,' and 'Dispose' levels of the hierarchy.
216	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Proposed Hierarchy	Including "use less" to describe what's encompassed by the 'Reduce' level. The meaning of "use less" is more obvious than similar terminology, such as "avoid."
217	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Proposed Hierarchy	Showing 'Recycle as Material' and energy recovery (labelled 'Recycle as Energy' in the currently proposed update) as separate levels, with recycling as material appearing higher up on the hierarchy.
218	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Proposed Hierarchy	Clearly identifying waste-to-energy as a disposal method, along with landfilling.
219	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional feedback	Emergency management capacity. Due to increasing unpredictability and severity of weather events related to climate change, City of Vancouver staff recommend that the updated SWMP should include an analysis of emergency management capacity within the region's solid waste sector. Flooding events experienced in 2021 necessitated a temporary increase in regional disposal capacity. Future capacity for disaster debris management on a regional scale should be analyzed.
220	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Additional feedback	Diversion rate vs. recycling rate. City of Vancouver staff recommend that the updated SWMP and subsequent reporting go back to using the term "diversion rate" instead of "recycling rate" to avoid conflating energy recovery with recycling.
221	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Circular Economy Model	A question was posed during the workshop about whether to introduce and explain the circular economy model as part of the updated SWMP, with the context that at this time, Metro Vancouver is planning to describe some circularity concepts, but not explicitly reference or explain the circular economy model.
222	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Circular Economy Model	City of Vancouver staff encourage Metro Vancouver to directly reference and explain the circular economy model in the updated SWMP. Circular economy is becoming more commonly used and referenced in countries around the world, including as a framework for achieving waste reduction. Although it is not yet well-known by members of the public in North America, we expect to see its usage increase over time. Metro Vancouver can help to introduce and familiarize our region's residents and businesses with the concept and principles by including it in the updated SWMP. It can be presented as a complementary framework for approaching sustainable waste management. For example, City of Vancouver includes both the waste hierarchy and circular economy model in the Zero Waste 2040 strategic plan, and our recent 5-year update to Vancouver City Council briefly summarized both frameworks.
223	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	The draft criteria for analyzing which actions to include in the updated SWMP are an excellent reflection of the plan's guiding principles.
224	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Rigorous and complete. The list of criteria will allow for a rigorous analysis of the action options.
225	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Move some criteria to the 'General' category. Thank you to Metro Vancouver staff for summarizing feedback on the criteria already received from other review groups during the April 10 workshop. We agree with the recommendation from these stakeholders that some criteria are a better fit for the 'General' category, such as Collaboration and Resilience.
226	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Weighting of criteria. Thank you to Metro Vancouver staff for identifying that the economic, environment and social categories of criteria will be considered of equal importance during the analysis exercise. We support this approach.

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227	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Application of criteria. Metro Vancouver staff explained during the April 10 workshop that each action will be analyzed by assigning a "high," "medium," "low" rating against each criteria. This method seems appropriate, and more feasible than attempting to assign a quantitative score against each criteria. We suggest that the high/medium/low scale may need to be adjusted to reflect that some actions may have no impact on the criteria or a negative impact.
228	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Pairing actions with metrics. We understand that the final selection of secondary metrics will partly depend on what actions are selected, and support this process flow. The pairing of actions and metrics will be particularly important when it comes to actions for which the impact on one or more criteria is unknown and/or depends on the specifics of how it is implemented. In these cases, we encourage Metro Vancouver to ensure the action is accompanied by suitable secondary metrics that will allow for monitoring the impact of that action over time, including any unintended consequences.
229	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Assessing a complete set of actions against guiding principles. Before finalizing the selection of actions, we recommend taking an additional step to assess how well the set of actions as whole represents the guiding principles. This assessment step may daylight opportunities to further refine and improve the final set of actions. As a hypothetical example, if there are many actions that reflect improving affordability, but only one or two actions that speak to inclusion, it may be valuable to make further revisions to the list of actions to ensure the updated SWMP meaningfully reflects all the guiding principles.
230	1-May-25	Staff Submission on Goals, Hierarchy, Metrics and Options Analysis Criteria	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Draft Options Analysis Criteria	Land use and spatial analysis. Including actions with a land use and spatial analysis lens is an opportunity to help ensure the updated SWMP meaningfully reflects guiding principles such as convenience and inclusion. For example, mapping locations of waste services, assets and events in the region, and layering this analysis with demographic data. To help keep this opportunity in mind, Metro Vancouver staff could consider adding a "spatial analysis" criterion to the assessment process. This criterion does not need to be used to inform the selection of actions, but could help prompt staff to consider if there is an opportunity to embed a spatial analysis component within various actions. For example, an action to "increase the number of repair cafes in the region" could be enhanced by including "analyze the location of repair café events to ensure they are conveniently located to serve diverse communities across the region.
231	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft elements of a recycling and waste centre strategy	Include an element on effective cost saving measures while still maintaining or improving the current level of diversion.
232	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft elements of a recycling and waste centre strategy	With regards to "describe future updates to facilities", suggest prioritizing AI and other structural/capital investments to ensure longevity. This is an area that private sector could collaborate.
233	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft elements of a recycling and waste centre strategy	Potential locations and reduction of GHG emissions are linked and important as the population increases throughout the region. Changes to zoning can negatively impact the potential and existing locations for recycling facilities. Important that municipalities set aside areas in their OCP to allow for these facilities to be built and operated.
234	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft elements of a recycling and waste centre strategy	Identify the type of waste that Metro Vancouver is targeting – who are the customers?
235	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft elements of a recycling and waste centre strategy	Include expansion of services in the draft elements.
236	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Best practices in facility design and operation: Need to define "recycling". - Need to define "best practices"
237	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Recycling and waste centres – suggestion they be renamed: "diversion centres"
238	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Suggestion to show private facilities as well as public ones on the regional waste facilities map
239	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	May be different for different people what reasonable times and distance – things like traffic flows, time of days, other factors like directions need to be considered
240	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Need a working definition of "reasonable drive times"
241	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Resilient and cost-effective service delivery: Cost-effective is in the eye of beholder – what does it mean in this context? Definition needed.
242	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	What does resilient and cost-effective delivery mean? Need more quantifiable data to really understand what they mean.
243	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	What are the numbers and data that are driving these guiding principles?
244	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	More defined terms and objective are needed – these draft principles are too vague
245	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Desire to learn about Metro Vancouver's goals and objectives and get clarity about what level participation is available from waste and recycling industry.
246	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Key issue: what is the role of private sector if Metro Vancouver develops competitive facilities? For private sector, can't invest in business if no certainty.
247	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Draft Guiding principles for a recycling and waste centre strategy	Recycling is all about economies of scale. Is this strategy focusing on providing services that private industry that cannot meet?
248	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Why are solid waste facilities owned and managed by Metro Vancouver instead of the private sector?
249	6-May-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Is this strategy going to address the lack of infrastructure?

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250	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	What value are we receiving and how are we measuring that value? This needs to be the driver of every criteria we chose.
251	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	Need to understand what the true cost options are and this should somehow be reflected as an over arching criterion
252	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	How do we ensure that the interpretation of convenience is consistently applied and matches our understanding
253	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Additional feedback	How do we manage more remote areas
254	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Captured everything that we had in discussions.
255	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Some members are new to PTAC and bringing themselves up to speed.
256	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	This is an expansive list of criteria but; following are missing
257	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Human health. Example: impact of microplastics, recycled content in plastic can be problematic as they contain toxic chemicals
258	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Environmental health. Environmental stewardship is very broad. It is important to include environmental health and look into how products are produced and whom/how they impact along the way. Take the example of compost: to put nutrients back in the soil but make sure problematic materials are not introduced. Don't rush for new technology, but evaluate the potential upsides and downsides first
259	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Indigenous and reconciliation and the impact of options on those communities. Inclusion sounds like a very broad category and it would be useful to be more explicit with respect to indigenous inclusion.
260	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Risk assessment: Liability and financial risks (example: for new technology or new investments)
261	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Costing out alternatives or best value for money. Is the option cheaper than alternatives? Or is it more expensive but does it provides employment opportunities or other economic benefits?
262	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Potential for systems change: Some options might take more time or more partnership but would be moving us higher up the hierarchy and change the system for better. How much cultural change can be driven by this level of government and through this management plan? We can certainly use tools in the waste management to make some changes. Example: lower garbage pick-up frequency can drive up recycling and potentially lower waste generation. Regional districts and National Zero Waste can contribute to huge systems changes
263	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	The potential for systems change or potential for no drastic change and only small and easy adjustments to the status quo
264	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Add: there is nothing about reuse specifically.
265	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Where is the waste hierarchy in these criteria? The hierarchy should be reflected more specifically
266	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Add: Accessibility to the Social category – Accessibility should not just be implied in convenience or another criteria
267	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Missing in Economic section: cost to benefit ratio.
268	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Consider adding "synergy" to collaboration
269	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Consider adding the word "value" to reflect options that offer benefits in multiple areas.
270	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	What about comprehension or "buy-in", shared understanding, actionability? (Metro note: Can that be covered under supporting waste prevention?)
271	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Specific reference to leadership or forward thinking – avoid "innovation" or other buzz words that may be overused and diluted with diffuse definitions. Embodied leadership
272	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	These are all great words and things that we want
273	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Very visionary and looks good on paper, but wondering how practical it is and how much execution/implementation ability.
274	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Be realistic – we want to move forward with a plan that can actually be implemented.
275	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Practicality of implementation addresses this a bit – the 'be realistic' – maybe need to clarify or spell out?
276	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Criteria are really broad, but looking forward to zeroing in and looking at practical, impactful solutions
277	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Practicality and convenience may conflict – people want max convenient but is that realistic.
278	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	One item that should be included is "impactful", or "bold" – if we want to be global leader in waste reduction. "Innovation" is related to this. Maybe "bold innovation" – not just fixing small things

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279	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Consistency, harmonization, collaboration, innovation à harmonizing ICI use of the built infrastructure in BC. A lot has been built because of Recycle BC EPR Program.. residentially you can recycle differently at your home than most businesses/institutions – would love to see harmonization on private waste haulers and materials they are willing to accept, and bringing them to same facilities that the Recycle BC material goes to. Often haulers are cherry picking the materials they want to collect (higher value materials). Comprehensive recycling is not available in ICI in the same way it is for residents. Regulation can address this gap by harmonizing what haulers accept from ICI.
280	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Same number of criteria in each bucket, but clarify how each bucket will be weighed (but we'r enot weighing)
281	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Environment: suggest "waste prevention" rather than "waste reduction " which may include recycling
282	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	For GHG emissions reduction – if plan is to focus on scope 1 and 2, does that mean that you would prioritize items that reduce direct emissions v.s. indirect emissions.
283	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Social – inclusion is not same as diversity. Suggest adding "Diversity, equity, and inclusion". A lot of groups are underrepresented. Such as immigrants, ethnic communities, have different ways of stewarding the environment but not necessarily though recycling but more reuse. People without vehicles don't have access to depots.
284	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Behaviour change is missing – need to change how people act (yes we need to make things easier/convenient but still need to work with them to change behaviour). Helping people access depot services.
285	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Accountability – good to have accountability on SDGs to be accountable to international frameworks. Last meeting when KPIs were shared there was nothing on SDG 12.3.
286	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Economic prosperity – clarify what we mean. Have a clear set of definitions of reach of the criteria for those who are using them to filter out actions
287	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Questions on who will be using the criteria. We will be documenting how actions are selected to be recommended in the draft plan – to demonstrate how they were chosen, and then spark discussion with committees, public, and others.
288	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Questions about Stantec's process on using the criteria to narrow down the list of ideas.
289	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Consumer awareness/education process
290	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Extended producer responsibility – which column would that fall under? Environmental stewardship is part of that, but not the whole picture. Could tie into community participation or other social pieces
291	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Avoiding contamination or protection of natural spaces
292	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Innovation may need to be elaborated
293	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Caution on convenience, can lead to increased contamination (e.g. putting everything into one bin). Could be broken
294	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Convenience with respect to infrastructure
295	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Competitiveness
296	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything missing from the draft criteria?	Waste prevention – is this missing or tied into others
297	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	Rather than inclusion, perhaps accessibility could be considered to include alternative languages and comprehension of the system. Challenges in terms accessibility and accountability/responsibility by whom, add in the appendix.
298	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	Actual definitions of the terms in the draft criteria as an appendix could help understand the specific use of each term.
299	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	A venn diagram or alternative visual be considered to show the linkages between the terms, definitions and how to categorize and interpret them in an appendix would be helpful.
300	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	Embodied GHG emissions (scope 3) are best to be included in the criteria and the update of the solid waste management plan does not have to be limited by the scope and limitations of the Climate 2050 Strategic framework
301	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	All these criteria can be just one category as they can all fall under, impact or apply to more than one category
302	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	Convenience in the long run vs short run: Are we building a system that will make it inconvenient instantly at the beginning or a system that is innovative, new and not necessarily the easiest to learn to use, but in the long run will eventually make a convenient system and bring about positive results
303	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	"Circularity" could be under "Economy" or in a cross cutting theme
304	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	GHG reduction, good to have, but there should be reference to "life-cycle" thinking – think more economically: What is the life cycle cost? (services, process, materials) Life cycle thinking – intentionality.
305	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	With respect to Consistency/Harmonization – what about "synergies"? something that reflects mutually beneficial relationships. (Metro note: Collaboration)

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306	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	Reconsider framing of convenience - Can lead to increased contamination (e.g. putting everything into one bin) - It can take effort to change behaviour and properly recycle - Standardization vs. ease - Convenience can be related to infrastructure - Can be looked at with respect to innovation - Relates to infrastructure/logistics/accessibility - Relates to participation/signage/labeling
307	8-May-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Options Analysis Criteria	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Is there anything that should be changed or removed from the draft criteria?	Economic prosperity - Does recycling add to GDP? - Adding legislated recycled content can create a market and increase value of a material - Incineration can take up resources that could be used on innovation in the green economy - If things are going to incineration, how do we make sure it's not just due to convenience - Making things less convenient can help in other areas - Could be "creating economic value of recycled material" , value added for recyclable material - How would a layperson interpret this - There's a connection between prosperity and innovation - Competitiveness could be another term
308	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Design for recyclability
309	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Regulatory mechanisms should be in true response to priorities and be market driven
310	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Include financial and other incentives for generators and haulers to promote reuse and recycling
311	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Narrow down the mechanisms to just two or three actions that can achieve most broad reaching results
312	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Include enforcement at the household level and on the tipping floor to reduce recyclables in residential garbage
313	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Generator levy: -Processor/receiver perspective: not much needs to change -Hauler perspective: it is not effective, consistent, or equitable
314	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Enhance the disposal ban program with better education and enforcement
315	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Follow existing provincial programs and regulations, don't create anything new.
316	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Increase reuse and recycling at the source – focus on solutions for multi-family
317	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Encouragement and incentives will expand reuse and recycling – not licencing or further regulation. Less regulation will encourage industry to respond with innovation
318	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Disposal ban enforcement
319	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Keep administrative burden for haulers low
320	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Set realistic goals
321	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	We need more monitoring, more enforcement of existing regulations, rather than introducing more regulations
322	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Ensure Metro Vancouver is prepared to accept new extended producer program materials/products

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323	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Feel that both industry and Metro Vancouver is overextended with current levels of regulation (understaffed and under resourced) – can we look at incentivizing innovation?
324	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Would appreciate greater clarity and transparency on how revenue from generator levy is allocated and how decisions are made with respect to spending priorities (infrastructure, facilities, etc.)
325	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Generator levy is ineffective and needs to be changed – too much administrative burden
326	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Data collection and admin drives up costs – concerns about administrative burden on haulers to comply
327	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	What does it mean to “enhance the disposal ban”?
328	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	What is the measurement or performance metric for determining the “effectiveness” of the generator levy?
329	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	This feels like mission creep by local government
330	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	Possible that this is encroachment into existing regulatory programs – many of the suggested regulatory mechanisms fall under Provincial programs.
331	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	There is already too much regulation – look to Baltimore as example of a place where industry is not over-regulated
332	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	We have had this same conversation since 2013 – we need less regulation. Tired of giving the same feedback.
333	10-Jun-25	Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	This is the fourth time this topic has been brought up – we do not want hauler licencing.
334	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Member suggested that under Recycle, “recycle into new material”, the “new material” should be “new products” because it is recycled material, not new product.
335	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Members noted opposition to having Recover refer solely to energy; it should be focused on recovering materials that haven’t been source separated, and potentially harmful substances like mercury and asbestos.
336	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Suggestion there should be an “Unacceptable” category including incineration and waste-to-energy
337	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Comment that Zero Waste International Alliance Hierarchy should be used (that classifies incineration and waste-to-energy as unacceptable).
338	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Member noted that hierarchy systems are complicated because there are a lot of different entities involved and responsibilities within each level.
339	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Question as to why Recover (related to the creation of products to be used as a fuel substitute) is included in the hierarchy. Suggestion that Recover should go into disposal; could be under “Unacceptable”, not diversion level.
340	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Comment that Rethink is rather focused on a transition to a circular economy, but where does supporting innovation fit into the proposed hierarchy.
341	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	A member noted recovery should be a combination of items you can’t recycle – should be thought of if they can be recovered or must go to landfill.
342	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Member noted no concern with Recover being a part of the hierarchy, it’s aligned with Provincial hierarchy – no issue with alternative fuels, better than it being landfilled.
343	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Member supports hierarchy as proposed.
344	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals	Member suggested replacing recovery for fuel with recovery of materials for recycle and reuse.
345	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	A member noted increasing challenge of siting depots in the region (i.e. Encorp, etc.)
346	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Comment that the strategy should prioritize the reuse/repair groups that currently operate at the existing facilities, allow them to have input on the reuse and repair process.
347	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Suggestion that recycling opportunities should be close to consumers and a focus on reuse options.
348	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Cultural communities and repair/reuse – a potential suggestions is to provide space at facilities to provide knowledge sharing and community building that addresses different cultures in the region.

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349	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	A member noted the new hierarchy and strategy doesn't include a circular economic lens, example is thinking about adjacent land use to the major facilities and the potential to co-locate circular activities.
350	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Suggestion to have drivetime map that considers population density in the region.
351	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Member asked about the reuse pilot going at United Boulevard facility? Staff shared information that the scope of materials being collected is less than at the North Shore facility, and will come back with some further information.
352	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Suggestion to expand reuse pilot including the types of materials accepted and expanding EPR programs.
353	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Suggestion to look at these strategies to design a system so that inspections of 80% of loads can take place.
354	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy Development	Suggestion of partnering with public groups, while prioritizing the upper parts of hierarchy and look into having alternate ways to delivery services to address accessibility (i.e. farmers market, adjacent businesses) for reuse opportunities.
355	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Regulatory Strategy	Member asked for clarification as to is considered a generator with respect to the Generator Levy.
356	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Regulatory Strategy	Comment on waste hierarchy having a reduce and reuse, and how that relates to the priorities of the regulatory strategy.
357	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Regulatory Strategy	Member commented that it is difficult to comment and provide meaningful feedback on the draft regulatory strategy when the committee has not seen the draft strategies and actions yet.
358	19-Jun-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Regulatory Strategy	Staff and committee agreed that a more detailed draft regulatory strategy will be brought back to the committee at a later meeting.
359	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Land use and zoning concerns	Municipalities need to have full control to determine zoning needs. Many competing pressures on zoning. Low support for this action being in the regional solid waste plan.
360	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Land use and zoning concerns	When it comes to zoning for facilities, municipalities would need to consider other types of industry in addition to recycling and waste processing.
361	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Land use and zoning concerns	Currently, recycling and waste processing facilities tend to be sited outside of residential areas. There are examples of other countries (e.g. in Europe) where facilities are within cities, which increases accessibility for residents.
362	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Suggested approach	Metro Vancouver could provide guidelines and standards related to land use planning to accommodate facilities.
363	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Suggested approach	Focus more on encouraging local management of recycling of waste, rather than processing outside of the region.
364	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Suggested approach	Need more public understanding of consumption habits, and where the items are ending up to help curb consumption.
365	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	Suggested approach	Metro Vancouver should continue to provide public education and advocacy through waste reduction campaigns to promote reducing waste in the region so less new facilities are needed for processing.
366	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Suggest regionally developed guidelines for multiplex (similar to the space guidelines).
367	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Metro Vancouver could develop high level guideline, and member jurisdictions could determine implementation in their community.
368	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Guidelines set by Metro Vancouver could help decrease the amount of waste coming from each household and multiplex.

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369	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Request for clarity that harmonization means consistent services provided across the region, rather than consistent service delivery models. Recognize that members differ in service delivery (e.g. manual or semi-automated collection single stream or multi stream recycling).
370	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Suggestion: this action could include versions of harmonized approach (i.e. if you have this type of service, these could be options for the action).
371	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Most municipalities are still working through the complexity of multiplexes as it is a new concept.
372	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Considering longer term (e.g. 10 years), this action may need to be reworded to specify member actions within that timeline.
373	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		This action could be embedded within other actions in the plan, rather than be its own action.
374	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Require clarity on whether this action is for member jurisdictions or Metro Vancouver, particularly in creating and providing space for repair and reuse initiatives.
375	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Clarity about whether this means creating new spaces or using existing ones. Confusing as it is an action under “land use planning”.
376	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Support for using existing public spaces for short-term temporary repair and reuse initiatives, like pop-ups or single day events. Little support for members identifying or providing more permanent spaces or renting spaces out.
377	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Action could be separated into two distinct actions that includes: -Clarity on the creation of space versus using existing spaces -Delineating Metro Vancouver’s involvement vs. member jurisdiction involvement
378	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Action needs to consider the cost efficiency for member jurisdictions.
379	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Suggestion that space for circular activities be provided regionally, where funding would come from all residents, similar to the recycling and waste centres
380	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Important to require recycling at all properties, but resistance to adding more regulation for businesses such as through business licensing requirements.
381	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Any incentive will cost local governments or businesses money; also requires regulation.
382	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Some confusion as to how this draft action differs from the one below.
383	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Difficult to enforce.

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384	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Perhaps putting increased pressure on existing recycling requirements is more practical for implementation.
385	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Suggest that this should be implemented at a regional level rather than municipal level.
386	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Suggestion that this is easy for municipalities to incorporate into their bylaws, but enforcement is the primary challenge.
387	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Rephrase action to note this action is to update existing regional guidelines.
388	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Consider who is contributing to this plan action, and outline responsibility.
389	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Support for Metro Vancouver to update space guidelines, and members can make decisions on adopting/enforcing the guidelines in their communities.
390	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Confirmation that space guidelines are useful. Members who currently provide the information to developers have not received push-back on space requirements.
391	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government		Need to work together across the region to adopt these actions consistently.
392	20-Jun-25	Workshop Notes: Metro Vancouver Conference Day – Solid Waste Management Plan: Municipal Priority Actions for a Resilient Region Workshop	Member Jurisdiction Staff	Local government	General Feedback	Consider presenting the municipal actions as “possible” or “potential”, or similar language to indicate members are not required or obligated to commit to these actions.
393	20-Jun-25	Email submission from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Waste-to-Energy	Toxic Emissions: Even with modern pollution controls, WTE incinerators emit toxic pollutants—including dioxins, furans, and fine particulate matter—through their smokestacks. These substances can bioaccumulate and are linked to serious health effects like cancer, hormone disruption, and respiratory disease.
394	20-Jun-25	Email submission from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Waste-to-Energy	Fly Ash and Bottom Ash: The process leaves behind fly ash (highly toxic and filled with heavy metals like lead, mercury, and cadmium) and bottom ash, which together account for about 15–20% of the original waste volume. This hazardous material often ends up in landfills, posing long-term contamination risks.
395	20-Jun-25	Email submission from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Waste-to-Energy	Cost and Long-Term Lock-In: WTE plants are expensive to build and operate, requiring decades of guaranteed waste supply to justify the investment. This locks municipalities into long-term contracts that discourage efforts to reduce or divert waste, because burning garbage becomes economically necessary to feed the incinerator.
396	20-Jun-25	Email submission from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Waste-to-Energy	Undermines Zero Waste Goals: WTE sends the wrong message. Instead of reducing consumption, improving recycling, and investing in reuse systems, it encourages business-as-usual disposal. People and producers are not held accountable for the waste they create.
397	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	Clarifying questions	Does this action apply to special events or specifically municipal venues/locations?
398	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	Draft Action	Implement requirements for food recovery and reusable food service ware at civic event venues and facilities
399	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	Draft Action	Harmonize approaches for house moving and deconstruction bylaws, including data collected and reported.
400	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	Draft Action	Develop a regionally consistent residential large/bulky item collection program for reuse and recycling.
401	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Temporary Pop-Ups: Repair and reuse pop-ups to build public support and test demand.
402	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Metro Vancouver Leadership: Provide clear definitions, zoning templates, and implementation guidelines.
403	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Flexible Zoning Options: Explore minor amendments to commercial zoning for drop-off points.

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404	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Temporary Use Provisions: Consider interim land uses or conditional approvals before permanent facilities are viable.
405	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Mapping and Data: Include facility maps and zoning types in regional guidance documents.
406	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Terminology Shift: Use “encourage” instead of “require” to reduce resistance. Use “special events” instead of “civic event venues”.
407	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Regional Guidelines: Develop harmonized special event waste reduction guides.
408	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Education First: Build awareness among event planners and stakeholders.
409	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Toolkits and Resources: Provide Zero Waste event guides and food recovery information.
410	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Permitting Integration: Include waste reduction plans in event permits where feasible.
411	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Shared Platform: Create a regional platform for data, best practices, and guidelines.
412	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Clear Definitions: Establish what qualifies as deconstruction.
413	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Facility Licensing: Track and regulate where materials are processed.
414	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Leverage procurement and permitting: Use civic projects to drive demand for deconstruction.
415	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Awareness Campaigns: Highlight the volume and impact of construction and demolition waste.
416	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Flexible Implementation: Provide guidelines and resources, not mandates, allowing local adaptation.
417	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Data Collection: Study illegal dumping and large item pickup effectiveness.
418	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Extended Producer Advocacy: Align with extended producer responsibility programs.
419	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	How can these challenges be overcome?	Business Case Development: Include cost-benefit analysis and waste diversion potential.
420	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Zoning Gaps: Existing facilities (battery/electronics processing, bottle depots, etc.) are not reflected in zoning or Official Community Plans (OCPs).
421	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Inconsistencies in Industrial Zoning: Industrial zoning varies in definition and application across municipalities.
422	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Limited Support: Municipal and public resistance to siting waste-related facilities.
423	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Land Access: Some municipalities lack industrial land altogether.
424	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Private Sector Barriers: Reuse and repair businesses face unclear or restrictive zoning.
425	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Knowledge Gaps: Zoning regulations are complex and at most municipalities involve staff from Planning departments.
426	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Interdepartmental Coordination: Difficult to align multiple departments and responsibilities.
427	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Cost and Logistics: Providing and managing reusables and food recovery services is resource intensive.
428	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Council Buy-In: Competing priorities and affordability concerns may limit support.
429	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Terminology Barriers: Terms like “requirement” are seen as too rigid and discouraging.
430	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Risk of Deterrence: Over-regulation may discourage event planning.
431	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Process Complexity: Bylaw changes affect permitting and operational processes.
432	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Diverse Priorities: Municipalities have varying goals, priorities and resources.
433	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Cost Competitiveness: Deconstruction is often more expensive than demolition.
434	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Supply vs Demand: Matching demand to supply availability for salvage materials can be challenging, resulting in storage requirements.

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435	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Budget Constraints: Programs may require tax or utility rate increases for program funding.
436	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Conflict with the Producer Responsibility Concept: Large item pickup does not shift responsibility from municipalities to producers.
437	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Effectiveness Uncertainty: Unclear if large item pickup significantly reduces waste disposal.
438	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	Data Gaps: Need more information on illegal dumping and program outcomes.
439	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What are the primary challenges associated with this action?	I turned this around since EPR for many large items isn't currently in place
440	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What is this action trying to achieve?	Support the development of waste reduction, recycling, and organics processing by updating zoning bylaws and land use planning frameworks.
441	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What is this action trying to achieve?	Reduce food waste and single-use items at events by promoting food recovery and reusable service ware practices. Educate the public and event providers on opportunities to reduce food waste/increase food recovery.
442	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What is this action trying to achieve?	Standardize alternatives to demolition, such as deconstruction and house moving practices, and data collection across municipalities, reducing construction and demolition waste and raise awareness about quantities of construction and demolition waste.
443	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	What is this action trying to achieve?	Development of a consistent approach to large/bulky item pickup for reuse and recycling across municipalities.
444	26-Jun-25	Workshop on Draft Member Priority Actions	REAC Solid Waste Subcommittee	Advisory Commiittee	Draft Action	Facilitate waste reduction and recycling businesses including organics processing through land use planning (e.g. update zoning bylaws)
445	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		We greatly appreciate the extra effort taken to engage more broadly with different constituencies across Metro Vancouver, however we are concerned that the information being shared with the Zero Waste Committee is not inclusive of all of the feedback given.
446	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		PTAC provided feedback on two version of the hierarchy and changes have been made but the version going to the ZWC still includes alternatives to fossil fuel but in a different way. This does not reflect the feedback from the committee nor was there a chance to review this version at the committee.
447	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		There have been requests to discuss residual management options before selecting actions or goals so that the level of ambition in the plan is known and thus the scale of actions can be informed. We are concerned that the opposite approach is being taken -to select the actions and then stay committed to running an incinerator.
448	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		There have been consistent calls for the waste to energy facility to be phased out at both general PTAC committee meetings and at all three working groups. This call has been requested in discussions on the goals, the hierarchy and also in the ideas generation phase. So far there has been no discussion and limited reporting in this.
449	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		In both the PTAC and IAC, members have started asking for minutes to more accurately reflect the conversation as opinions that may differ from staff's are often not recorded or are recorded in a weaker fashion. This means that if a ZWC member were to read the minutes, they could not know the level of concern on key issues from members.
450	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		There were many suggestions regarding stopping continued incineration that can be seen in the detailed log of ideas but this is not reflected in the summary. This is reminiscent of the last planning process where the majority of opinions on waste to energy were not in favour but it was unclear if that information was ever shared with the Zero Waste Committee or the Board before approving the plan.
451	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		The options criteria shown on the July 3rd-had been consulted on at the May PTAC meeting with input on how to improve them but there has been no change to them.
452	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		To add to this feeling of needing a rubber stamp, PTAC has had to ask for additional meetings as the process proposed would give only a few minutes for discussion and certainly not enough time for all members (many of whom are new) to share their thoughts. The previous agendas have been full of updates and other items that are not necessary for the work of the committee and yet the key tasks had insufficient time. Often the engagement was to be done in breakout groups so the whole committee would not get to hear other's opinions or form a consensus. We are grateful for the extra meetings that have since been granted but wish to ensure that the time is well spent and the feedback taken in for thoughtful deliberation.
453	1-Jul-25	Letter from PTAC Member	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		In addition, the timeline for this plan: start (approval to pursue it in 2019) to establishing committees (2022) to possible approval (2027) for a ten year plan that needs updates every five years shows the need for improved efficiency. This would be easier if there was an existing Plan Monitoring Committee as many members would then already be up to date on current systems. It will also be better now that more thorough engagement systems have been established. Metro Vancouver has engaged a consulting firm to assist with this process (these companies are used to turning around plans in a much shorter time) but staff are doing much of it themselves and not availing themselves of the expertise. This also adds the sense of being drawn to foregone conclusions rather than true engagement. The time delay also means that the 14 year old plan is still being used to guide decisions.
454	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	A Call for Informed Oversight and Expert Engagement	Should these risks not be fully accepted or understood by all stakeholders involved in approving Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan, we strongly recommend that an independent expert be invited to present directly to the Zero Waste Committee, the Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), the Integrated Advisory Committee (IAC), and the GVS&DD Board. This expert—ideally from the Energy Justice Network or a comparable organization with expertise in waste combustion, environmental health, and regulatory risk—can clearly explain the environmental, legal, and public health implications associated with classifying combustion of waste-derived fuels as "recovery."

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455	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	A Call for Informed Oversight and Expert Engagement	The presentation should include time for meaningful dialogue and Q&A, allowing committee members and staff to raise concerns and explore technical considerations in an open, evidence-based forum. If Metro Vancouver intends to advance a credible and protective plan for the region, it is essential that all approval bodies are fully informed about the potential environmental, legal, and public health consequences associated with this classification.
456	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Combustion of Plastics and Treated Wood Is Hazardous, Not a Climate Solution	Plastics, derived almost entirely from petrochemicals, are not fossil fuel *alternatives*— they are fossil fuel products. When burned, they release substantial greenhouse gas emissions and toxic by-products such as dioxins, benzene, styrene, and heavy metals. Reframing their incineration as “creating alternatives to fossil fuels” is misleading and counterproductive, masking environmental harm under the guise of recovery.
457	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Conclusion	Combusting waste—whether through mass burn facilities or industrial co-processing—represents the most significant barrier to achieving a progressive and effective zero waste system in Metro Vancouver. The reclassification of this process from recycling to recovery, while notable, is insufficient. The outcome remains the same: the destruction of material resources and the release of harmful emissions from chemically complex and often toxic feedstocks. Such practices must be treated as disposal, not diversion. We urge Metro Vancouver to reconsider this classification, to uphold the foundational principles of the Solid Waste Management Plan, and to reaffirm its commitment to waste prevention, material preservation, and true circular economy innovation.
458	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Industrial Use ≠ Circular Recovery	Industrial facilities are designed for production, not waste destruction. When RDF is burned: - Combustion byproducts include persistent organic pollutants (POPs), chlorine compounds, dioxins, and heavy metals. - There are typically no mandatory third-party reviews, public consultations, or environmental impact assessments for these fuel-switching decisions. - Monitoring of pollutants such as PM2.5, mercury, or dioxins is inconsistent or entirely absent from regulatory frameworks.
459	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Industrial Use of Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) Is Not Diversion, and Carries Significant Risks	The classification of “creating alternatives to fossil fuels” within the *Recover* tier appears to also encompass the use of RDF or engineered fuel in industrial applications such as cement kilns, pulp mills, lime plants, and other facilities. While this might appear to displace traditional fossil fuels, it does so by introducing chemically complex waste into industrial combustion systems not designed or permitted for such use.
460	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Introduction	We write to express serious concern regarding Metro Vancouver’s proposed inclusion of waste combustion—particularly through the use of refuse-derived fuel (RDF) or engineered fuel—as a method of “recovering resources from non-recyclable materials” under the *Recover* tier of the draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) hierarchy. While this classification attempts to distinguish these processes from traditional waste-to-energy incineration, the underlying outcome remains the same: the irreversible destruction of material resources through combustion. Whether the feedstocks include plastics, treated wood, textiles, composites, or other chemically complex materials, the use of such fuels in industrial applications does not constitute recovery—it is disposal. Reframing this activity as diversion risks undermining core principles of waste prevention, circular economy design, and environmental protection.
461	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Reframing Combustion as Diversion Undermines Long-Term Progress	Positioning thermal destruction as a recovery mechanism, even with the updated distinction from recycling, threatens to undo decades of work—by governments, communities, and industries—focused on redesigning packaging, advancing circular systems, and scaling reuse and refill models. It also jeopardizes future progress toward Metro Vancouver’s stated goals to “enable circular systems that preserve resources” and to “minimize waste generation” through meaningful source reduction strategies.
462	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Reframing Combustion as Diversion Undermines Long-Term Progress	Allowing this form of combustion to remain within the diversion metrics sends a dangerous policy signal: that the region is willing to equate the destruction of materials with their recovery. This misrepresents what recovery truly means in a circular economy and reduces the urgency and accountability placed on producers to design materials and packaging for genuine reuse, recycling, or compostability.
463	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Regulatory and Precedent Risks	Canada and British Columbia currently lack consistent standards for RDF use in industrial co-processing. Cement kilns and pulp mills are not required to use continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) for many critical toxins associated with waste combustion. Air quality standards do not reflect the complexity and toxicity of mixed waste feedstocks, and there are few, if any, public disclosures on what is being burned and what is being emitted. By classifying RDF combustion as “resource recovery,” Metro Vancouver risks normalizing the practice across multiple sectors, creating a regulatory blind spot and weakening incentives for upstream material solutions.
464	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Undermining Circular Economy Goals	Such a classification allows the destruction of resources to be counted as diversion, providing cover for systems that destroy rather than preserve value. It risks disincentivizing packaging redesign, material recovery innovation, and community-scale reuse and refill programs. It also opens the door to widespread combustion of heterogeneous waste in facilities ill-equipped to manage the environmental and health risks. This approach is fundamentally incompatible with the Plan’s stated commitments to resource preservation, waste minimization, and pollution prevention, and it sets a precedent that will be difficult to reverse.
465	2-Jul-25	Letter to the Zero Waste Committee Re: Objection to Classifying Waste Combustion for “Fossil Fuel Alternatives” Under Recovery Tier	HSR Zero Waste and others	Waste Industry	Combustion of Plastics and Treated Wood Is Hazardous, Not a Climate Solution	Treated and composite wood materials further compound this risk. These often contain glues, stains, preservatives, formaldehyde-based resins, and other chemical additives that release harmful pollutants—including fine particulate matter (PM2.5), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and carcinogens—when combusted. Without strict controls and continuous emissions monitoring, burning these materials introduces unnecessary risks to public health and environmental safety.
466	19-Jul-25	Email submission	N/A	Public members-at-large	Waste-to-Energy	I have suggested several times that Metro Vanc could make a bold move to incinerate waste and send None to the landfill. The plant in Copenhagen (Amager Bakke) is doing it very successfully — why can’t Vancouver copy that model?

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467	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) and Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) play key roles in the ongoing Solid Waste Management Plan update. To assess the transparency and integrity of this consultation process, we reviewed the published minutes and available video recordings of the last five meetings of each committee. Specifically, we compared official meeting minutes against the actual discussions (as evident from video or transcript) to identify any discrepancies, omissions, or misrepresentations. Our analysis focused on how key issues were documented, including: - Concerns about classifying waste-to-fuel ("fuel substitutes") as recycling. - Whether committee feedback and objections, especially expert input, were fully and accurately recorded. - Treatment of major topics such as residuals management (long-term disposal), landfill capacity, and the draft waste management hierarchy in the minutes versus actual discussion. - Instances where member comments were omitted or summarized in a potentially misleading way. Below we summarize our findings, with supporting evidence from official IAC/PTAC minutes and related materials.
468	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	For the Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), we examined meetings in late 2024 and 2025, including: September 13, 2024; November 21, 2024; February 21, 2025; April 10, 2025; and the special meeting on May 8, 2025 (convened to continue April's agenda). For the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC), we included: November 7, 2023; January 9, 2024; March 5, 2024; April 8, 2024; and subsequent early 2025 meetings (February 4, 2025 and March 4, 2025). These encompass the most recent five or more gatherings where substantive plan-related discussions occurred. Meeting minutes were obtained from Metro Vancouver's website (often as part of agenda packages), and video recordings (where available) were reviewed to verify the content of discussions. (Note: Some IAC/PTAC meetings in this period were held virtually with recordings posted, while a few were in-person with no recordings. In those cases, our analysis relies on the official minutes and any available transcripts or summaries.)
469	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	**Classification of Waste-to-Fuel as "Recycling" – Concerns and Documentation:** One of the most contentious issues has been whether materials diverted from waste to produce fuel (often termed "fuel substitutes" or "recycle as energy") should count as recycling in the waste management hierarchy. Multiple committee members – including industry representatives and zero-waste experts – raised strong objections to labeling waste-to-fuel as recycling.
470	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	PTAC Small-Group Feedback (April 10, 2025): During the April 10 PTAC meeting, members broke into groups to discuss the draft waste hierarchy. The initial draft hierarchy presented by staff included a category for "Recycle as energy" (meaning recovering waste for fuel/energy). In small-group reports, members voiced concern that this would legitimize waste-to-fuel as an equally desirable outcome, thereby discouraging higher-tier actions like reduction and true recycling. The summary of their discussion (attached to the meeting record) shows members felt "Recycle as energy" is not clear and that recycling should only refer to materials at their highest value, not burning for energy. Specifically, the inclusion of "Recycle as energy (fuel)" in the hierarchy "suggests a constant demand and would ultimately discourage active participation in the top of hierarchy," according to the PTAC feedback. While it was noted in the attached details; someone suggested that if such a category exists at all, it be reframed (e.g. renamed "Dedicated Fuel") or moved under disposal rather than recycling, "'Recycle as energy' is more appropriate in disposal; it should be 'disposal as energy'". In the "Dispose" section of the detailed notes, it was recorded that a participant stated that energy recovery should rank above landfill if considered at all, noting "waste-to-energy should be included above landfill, since it still has a beneficial component," but there was no mention in the details in that same section that many argued that incineration should be either below landfilling or unacceptable. Even though this feedback exists in the attachment it is still incomplete, and the main minutes of the April 10 PTAC meeting only briefly note that "members had small group discussions on [the draft hierarchy]; a summary of these discussions is included as Attachment 1". No detailed points from this debate appear in the body of the minutes, potentially downplaying the level of concern to anyone reading the minutes without the attachment.
471	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	IAC Discussion and Q&A (May 6, 2025): The IAC's May 6 meeting (held via Zoom) provides a stark example of members pressing Metro Vancouver staff on this issue. According to the official minutes, during a presentation on the "Updated Waste Hierarchy and Goals," a member asked pointedly whether Metro Vancouver has decided to count fuel derivatives as recycling, noting that "the Provincial government includes fuel substitutes in its definition of recycling, but other countries have excluded creating fossil fuels from their definitions." The question: "Has Metro Vancouver confirmed that fuel substitutes should be included in the recycling section?". Staff's response (per minutes) was that "Metro Vancouver is not bound by the Provincial hierarchy; however, the current practice is to count material used as a fuel substitute as recycling.". This essentially confirmed that, at least at present, Metro Vancouver does count waste-to-fuel toward recycling, despite international examples to the contrary.

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472	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	The exchange did not end there. A follow-up Q/C (question/comment) from a committee member pressed further: "So this was a decision by Metro Vancouver to include materials used as fuel substitute in the recycling definition? There have been many voices saying that this is not appropriate.". The member went on to state that counting fuel as recycling "does a disservice to the recycling industry who are trying very hard to find markets for materials that can be recycled." In other words, experts in the industry feel this practice undermines real recycling efforts by artificially inflating recycling rates with what is essentially disposal (fuel burning). The minutes do capture this strong language (without naming the speaker) and show that Metro Vancouver staff responded by acknowledging the feedback but somewhat deflecting the issue. The staff's reply was that one of the "potential metrics and targets for the updated plan could include tracking and maximizing the amount of material that is recycled into new products and materials," and that Metro Vancouver "will continue to be responsive to feedback on potential metrics." Ultimately, staff noted, "it is our Board that will make the decisions" on the plan, albeit "they will hear all the feedback we've heard from all audiences throughout the plan update process.". Finally, a committee member (evidently unsatisfied) added "I believe this requires more discussion before it's adopted because this is ultimately going to hold us back from achieving our goals.". This closing remark underscores the depth of concern: stakeholders fear that misclassifying waste-to-fuel as recycling could impede genuine waste reduction goals. Notably, the minutes for this meeting are quite detailed on this sequence, capturing the Questions/Comments and Response dialogue in a way that aligns closely with what was said on record. In this instance, the published minutes do reflect the objections and rationale voiced by experts, including references to other jurisdictions and the impact on recycling markets. However, it is important to note that this level of detail appeared in the draft minutes of May 6, 2025; earlier meeting records were not always so explicit.
473	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Lack of Visibility in Summaries: While the May 2025 IAC minutes are granular, earlier meetings and the PTAC minutes often summarize such concerns more generally. For example, prior to these exchanges, the idea of including "Recycle as energy" in the hierarchy was first flagged as problematic during earlier workshops. The PTAC's feedback in April (as mentioned) was appended to the minutes but not summarized in the main text. Similarly, the IAC's February 4, 2025 meeting indicates that the committee had to explicitly add "Draft Goals and [Waste] Hierarchy" as a topic to their 2025 Work Plan, "The Work Plan was amended to include 'Draft Goals and Hierarchy'" after a member suggested that the hierarchy needed to be discussed alongside plan goals. This implies that without member intervention, the waste hierarchy (and by extension, the "fuel as recycling" question) might not have been deliberated as a priority. In short, the concern over waste-to-fuel classification was very much on the minds of committee members, and while it was raised and recorded in places, one must dig into attachments or Q&A sections of minutes to find it. A casual reader of meeting summaries or high-level notes might miss the intensity of this debate, raising questions about the transparency of how these dissenting views are being communicated upward or outward.
474	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	**Committee Feedback & Expert Objections – Completeness of the Record:** We next examined whether the minutes fully and accurately captured committee feedback and objections, especially the input provided by subject-matter experts or seasoned industry members. A pattern emerged where certain objections are noted in the minutes, but often briefly, and sometimes without context, whereas the meetings themselves featured more extensive discussion or multiple voices on the issue. Below are examples illustrating this:
475	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Desire for Genuine Consultation: At the IAC meeting of November 7, 2023, members expressed concern that their expertise was not being tapped early or often enough in decision-making. The minutes record a "suggestion to solicit the expert advice of the IAC Committee members before submitting decision items to the Zero Waste Committee" (the Board's standing committee). In the same breath, it notes that "Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chairs will be discussing how to increase member participation related to linking its work with that of the Zero Waste Committee.". This indicates IAC members felt consultation was happening late or that their input was not reaching the governing bodies in time. The minutes do reflect this suggestion, which came directly from members, highlighting their desire for a more meaningful role. Whether this feedback is acted upon is another matter, but at least it was documented.
476	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Concerns About Transparency of Information: A striking example of an objection by members being captured succinctly (if bluntly) is found in the same Nov 7, 2023 IAC minutes. During Zero Waste Committee updates, the topic of Vancouver Landfill's remaining lifespan and capacity came up. The minutes state: "View that responses to questions about the lifespan and capacity of the Vancouver Landfill are not transparent.". In plainer terms, one or more members felt that Metro Vancouver staff had not provided clear or satisfactory answers regarding how long the region's primary landfill can continue to operate. This is a serious assertion, essentially accusing the process of lacking openness about a critical piece of data. The fact that it was captured in the minutes at all is significant. However, what's missing is any detail of what was asked and how it was answered (or not answered). The video of that meeting (and accounts from attendees) indicates that members were trying to pin down specifics, for instance, "How many years of capacity remain at the Vancouver Landfill under current disposal rates?" and were met with either vague estimates or deflections. The minutes, by stating the outcome ("view that responses…are not transparent"), give a sense of the objection but do not record the actual response or discussion leading to that frustration. There is no indication if staff disagreed, promised to provide data later, or otherwise addressed the complaint. In this way, the minutes acknowledge a transparency issue was raised, but provide no transparency in the record itself about the landfill data. A reader must infer that the committee was left dissatisfied. This is a subtle but important shortcoming in the documentation.

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478	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	What emerges from the video vs. minutes comparison here is an imbalance in recorded perspectives. The minutes capture the skepticism about phasing out WTE (the counterpoint), i.e. the argument for maintaining incineration – but nowhere do they explicitly state that some members (and the presenter) advocated for eventually closing the incinerator. The "message of the case study" is mentioned, yet one has to infer that message (closure of WTE) because it's not explicitly summarized. This could be considered a misrepresentation by omission: readers of the minutes see the concern about the case study's stance but not a clear statement of what that stance was or which committee members supported it. In effect, the minutes could be read as if the committee as a whole was mostly concerned about keeping the incinerator, whereas in reality there was a divergence of opinion. Some members (especially from environmental NGOs) likely supported the case study's recommendations, while others (perhaps industry or municipal reps) raised objections. Only the objections made it into the written record clearly. This kind of selective capture, whether intentional or not, undermines the completeness of the consultation record.
479	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Summarization of Objections: In several instances, members' nuanced objections were reduced to brief bullet points. For example, during the March 5, 2024 IAC meeting, staff presented the provincially-required Biennial Report on the Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (covering data from 2021-2022). Members asked questions during discussion, including technical points about how certain materials are counted. One such question was how landfill cover materials (e.g. ground wood used as daily cover in the landfill) are accounted in the recycling/disposal statistics. The minutes note the answer: "Landfill cover materials including ground wood are not included as recycling or disposal. Some communities do count landfill cover as recycling. Detail on how landfill cover is treated will be included in reporting to the Zero Waste Committee and Board.". This is a helpful clarification that made it into the minutes – and it even flags that other jurisdictions count something as recycling that Metro Vancouver does not. Why is this relevant? It shows the committee was drilling into definitions (like what counts as recycling), and staff committed to clarify that in higher-level reports. However, the minutes do not indicate which member raised the issue or any further debate; it's presented as a factual Q&A. If one watched the meeting, one might have seen a more robust conversation about consistency of metrics or concerns that Metro Vancouver might start counting such things to boost recycling rates (akin to the fuel issue). The minutes simply give the outcome. This is not misleading per se, but it is minimalistic. For someone evaluating the consultation, it's hard to tell if the committee was satisfied or if this was a lingering concern.
480	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	In summary, most major objections by committee members are at least mentioned in the minutes, which is good. We found no evidence that outright dissent was completely omitted from the written record. However, the depth and context of those objections are often lost. The PTAC and IAC minutes tend to be action- or outcome-oriented, which can gloss over how strongly something was debated or the expertise behind a comment. In some cases (e.g. the waste-to-fuel debate in IAC), the minutes were commendably detailed. But in others (the WTE case study), one side of the discussion is underrepresented. This patchy recording can skew the perceived balance of opinions in the committees. It raises a concern that decision-makers or the public reading these summaries might not grasp the full extent of feedback, especially critical or dissenting views.
481	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	**Residuals Management, Landfill Capacity & Waste Hierarchy as Underrepresented Topics:** Residuals management (how to handle the "leftover" garbage that isn't reduced or recycled) and landfill capacity are fundamental to long-term waste planning. We looked at how these big-picture topics have been handled in recent committee deliberations and whether the minutes accurately reflect those discussions or perhaps sideline them.

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483	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Landfill Capacity – Evasive Answers: As mentioned, when IAC members did try to pin down landfill capacity questions in open session (Nov 2023), they felt they got non-answers. The minutes capture their dissatisfaction ("responses…are not transparent"), but not the specifics. The context from the meeting (and subsequent meetings) suggests Metro Vancouver may have been reluctant to publicly commit to a closure date or needed expansion for Vancouver Landfill. Given that the landfill is owned by the City of Vancouver and has a finite life, this is understandably sensitive. However, it is exactly the kind of issue the committees are meant to advise on. The public minutes from PTAC meetings in 2024 show little mention of landfill capacity at all, aside from data reports. For example, an information item at the November 21, 2024 PTAC meeting included a "Regional Waste Flows" report, but any discussion on what those flows imply for landfill life isn't noted. Likewise, the Zero Waste Committee (Board committee) agendas referenced in PTAC materials suggest that disposal topics (like an update on "contingency disposal") were being handled there, perhaps with limited input from PTAC. The absence of explicit landfill capacity discussion in PTAC minutes, despite it being a looming concern, could mean that the issue was not given adequate time at PTAC, or that any such discussion was high-level. Only by reading IAC minutes (or attending meetings) would one catch that members are uneasy about the lack of transparency on this front. In terms of official record, this is somewhat underplayed.
484	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Waste Management Hierarchy Draft – Summary vs. Substance: The draft updated waste hierarchy (the ladder of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, etc., including contentious categories like "Recycle as energy") was a major topic in early 2025. PTAC's April 10, 2025 meeting was devoted to this, yet the minutes provide almost no detail besides noting that an update was given and that small-group discussions occurred (with a summary attached). As detailed above, the attachment captures very substantive feedback (including the recommendation to rename or move "Recycle as energy" and even to perhaps retitle the "Waste Hierarchy" to "Resource Hierarchy" to emphasize reduction, etc.). But none of those specifics make it into the meeting summary itself. Similarly, the discussion of draft goals and metrics for the plan at that meeting was boiled down to a few bullet points in the minutes (e.g. recommending per-capita metrics, noting difficulty of measuring upstream emissions, etc.). What's the discrepancy? Mainly that any contentious or challenging feedback in those discussions lives in attachments or is deferred. The options analysis criteria (essentially how to evaluate different waste management options) was deemed so important that the PTAC scheduled an extra meeting on May 8, 2025 to continue it. We searched the records of that meeting and found that PTAC members continued to probe Metro Vancouver's assumptions, for instance, asking how certain costs and emissions trade-offs would be weighed. If those conversations were as probing as the waste-to-fuel ones, the worry is whether the minutes of the May 8 meeting (once published) will thoroughly reflect them, or only list which criteria were reviewed. At this time, the May 8 discussions are not yet in published minutes form, so we cannot fully assess that.
485	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	In sum, some major topics appear to be under-discussed in the main committee records. Residuals management (i.e. what do we do with the "garbage" portion in the long run) and hard questions about capacity and new facilities are not front-and-center in the minutes. They are either spun off to subgroups or touched on only through brief comments (like the transparency complaint). The waste hierarchy debate was certainly discussed, but the official summary hides the controversy in an attachment. This could be seen as a lack of upfront transparency. A casual reader might not realize there was significant pushback on the proposed hierarchy at all.
486	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	**Potential Misrepresentation or Omission of Member Comments:** Finally, we scrutinized whether any committee member comments were left out entirely or summarized in a misleading way in the minutes. It's important to state that minutes are not transcripts; some condensation is expected. However, when condensation crosses into the territory of altering the apparent meaning or consensus, it's problematic. We identified a few areas of concern:

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488	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	"No Comments" Statements: In a few instances, minutes record that after a staff update, the Co-Chair "invited members to share comments… No comments were made." For example, in the May 6, 2025 IAC minutes, after a presentation on upcoming meeting topics, it notes: "Co-Chair Hodge invited other committee members to share related questions/comments… no comments were made.". While this could be entirely accurate (perhaps no one spoke up at that moment), it's worth verifying against the video to ensure that a comment wasn't made and omitted. Assuming the minutes are correct, the absence of comment might itself be due to prior discussions being cut short or members feeling issues were already raised. We note this because it's an area where one might suspect if a comment was made and not recorded, but our review didn't catch a specific example of that. All major remarks we heard in recordings did appear somewhere in the written record. The issue was more how they appeared (briefly or obliquely).
489	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	Level of Detail and Tone: Some members have technical expertise and provide detailed rationale in their statements. The minutes often condense these to a single line. For instance, an expert might explain that "including fuel derived from waste in the recycling rate will artificially inflate our diversion statistics and reduce incentive to invest in true recycling infrastructure". The minutes distilled a lot of that sentiment into "many voices saying this is not appropriate…a disservice to the recycling industry". While the gist is preserved, the nuance (e.g. "artificially inflate diversion stats") is lost. If Metro Vancouver staff later respond only to the recorded minutes, they might address the broad point but not the specifics. There is a risk that subtleties are being left on the cutting room floor, which can mislead by omission of detail. It might not be intentional mischaracterization, but it does flatten the discourse.
490	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	No Indication of Magnitude of Support: In situations where the committee was divided or a comment was isolated, the minutes usually don't indicate whether one person said it or many agreed. For example, "Concern was expressed…" Was that one member or a general feeling? "A member noted that…" Does that mean others concurred or not? The minutes are written in a neutral third-person passive voice. This is standard practice, but it can be misleading if, say, the majority of PTAC members objected to counting waste-to-fuel as recycling. Is that reflected as a majority view or just one comment? From the attachments we know multiple people raised that issue in small groups. The IAC minutes for May 6 present it as a series of Q/C exchanges by presumably different members (which at least hints that several people chimed in). But it's never explicitly stated how many agreed. Similarly, on residuals management, if a concern about transparency is noted, was it one outspoken person or an opinion shared by many around the table nodding their heads? The record doesn't tell us. If Metro Vancouver later says "only a couple of committee members raised X," we'd have to trust their characterization since the minutes don't quantify. This opens the door to potential downplaying of concerns when reported up the chain.
491	23-Jul-25	Attachments RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Review of Recent IAC and PTAC Meetings: Findings and Discrepancies	In conclusion, our review indicates that while the committees are surfacing crucial issues and varied perspectives, the official documentation (minutes) often does not fully convey the depth or breadth of those discussions. Important concerns, like the integrity of the waste hierarchy, how we count recycling vs. energy recovery, whether we're planning adequately for dwindling landfill space, and how transparently Metro Vancouver shares information, are indeed raised by committee members. However, the minutes frequently compress or adjunct these points (e.g. relegating them to attachments or one-liners), rather than highlighting them in the main narrative. Some viewpoints (especially those critical of existing Metro Vancouver approaches, such as reliance on WTE) come through more faintly in the written record than they did in person. This analysis suggests a lack of complete transparency and potentially a bias in emphasis at the documentation stage of the consultation process. Whether intentional or systemic, the effect is that someone relying on published minutes alone would get an incomplete picture of the feedback from these advisory committees. This gap can undermine confidence in the process, as stakeholders may question whether decision-makers are fully apprised of the committees' concerns or if inconvenient feedback is being downplayed.
492	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Introduction	I am writing to formally express deep concern regarding significant issues with transparency, accuracy, and integrity in the consultation and decision-making process for the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). As an active participant in the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) and Public Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), I have directly observed substantial gaps and distortions between the advisory committees' discussions and how their feedback is represented to your committee. Attached to this letter is a detailed information package that documents and substantiates these concerns through rigorous comparison of advisory committee meeting discussions, official minutes, and subsequent staff reporting to your committee.
493	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Key Issues Identified	Misrepresentation of Advisory Input: Crucial advisory recommendations, such as strong opposition to categorizing waste-to-fuel or refuse-derived-fuel (RDF) as recycling or diversion, have been significantly diluted or generalized when reported to your committee. Expert feedback from IAC and PTAC clearly indicated this practice is misleading and inappropriate, yet it remains largely underreported or minimized in Zero Waste Committee (ZWC) documentation.

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494	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Key Issues Identified	Delayed or Omitted Critical Discussions: Repeated requests from advisory committees for explicit and timely discussions regarding residual management, landfill capacity, and disposal strategies have been systematically deferred or ignored. This critical information, fundamental to informed policy-making, has not been transparently presented to your committee.
495	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Key Issues Identified	Pattern of Selective Reporting and Dilution: Advisory feedback that aligns with predetermined Metro Vancouver staff positions is clearly and fully represented, while dissenting expert views or concerns are minimized or relegated to brief mentions, thus creating an unbalanced perception of consensus.
496	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Key Issues Identified	Recent July 2025 Advisory Discussions: The recent July 2025 advisory meetings strongly reinforced earlier positions clearly stating that waste-to-fuel should unequivocally be classified as Disposal or preferably "Unacceptable" and excluded entirely from diversion metrics. This information has yet to be transparently conveyed to your committee, creating a substantial risk of premature and ill-informed decision-making.
497	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Requests for Immediate Action	Defer any final decisions on the waste management hierarchy or residuals management until the complete July 2025 advisory meeting documentation is thoroughly reviewed by your committee and this aspect of the SWMP is fully and thoroughly discussed, along with a presentation from and discussion with an industry expert in the field of residuals management from either the Energy Justice group, GAIA, or Zero Waste International Alliance.
498	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Requests for Immediate Action	Implement mandatory inclusion of draft advisory committee minutes and detailed feedback summaries in Zero Waste Committee reports moving forward.
499	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Requests for Immediate Action	Schedule dedicated committee discussions specifically addressing residual management, landfill lifespan, and waste-to-fuel classifications prior to adopting any new policies.
500	23-Jul-25	Email submission RE: Concerns Regarding the Integrity and Transparency of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Consultation Process	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Requests for Immediate Action	Establish clear protocols ensuring all dissenting advisory viewpoints are transparently reported, preserving the integrity of committee deliberations.
501	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		This audience is already thinking critically about waste and sustainability.
502	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Many participants are already using Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centre depots.
503	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Other frequently mentioned drop-off locations include: - London Drugs (most frequent) - Vancouver Zero Waste Centre - IKEA (batteries and lightbulbs) - Workplace battery recycling programs (though many admitted using these for personal batteries) - Uniqlo and Zara (textile recycling for store brands) - Best Buy and Electro-Recycle (electronics, often at farmers markets and public events)
504	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		There is some frustration around enforcement, especially in multi-family (MF) homes. Some buildings reportedly use cameras and issue fines for improper recycling.
505	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Participants requested resources and programs for MF buildings, and some advocated fines for individuals who don’t recycle properly.
506	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Frustration that it is not convenient to drop off materials at depots, especially for muti-family residents and those without a car
507	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Want soft plastics recycling option at home – convenience is key
508	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		May comments about the lack of options for disposing of used textiles that are no longer wearable
509	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		When discussing “drop off at depot” there seemed to be a general lack of understanding as to what was meant by “depot” and how in the context of the voting tubes we mostly meant MV recycling and waste centres. E.g. some remarked that Return It depots don’t’ take back plastic film, which is correct, but this revealed that the first “recycling depot” that first comes to mind are ENCORP Return It depots.
510	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Many participants are already actively thinking about Rethink, which for them means reconsidering what and how much to buy

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511	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Rethink was especially popular among younger and older participants, with older individuals referencing frugal habits from earlier generations.
512	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Participants expressed a desire for more options to support Rethink, such as refill stores and a reuse mall.
513	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		There was strong interest in banning fast fashion, with concerns about its environmental and social impacts.
514	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Some participants asked why member jurisdictions aren't aligned, noting that the system is too complicated between cities.
515	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		It was observed that many participants when contemplating which "R" to vote on admitted openly that they needed to do more Rethinking but didn't vote on that "R" as something they were willing to commit too (typically voted Reuse and Recycle instead).
516	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Comments from residents that experiences could be a way of "rethinking" instead of purchasing products
517	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Residents may not have fully understood the meaning of the rethink choice
518	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Many comments emphasized that Reduce is not solely the responsibility of residents but should be addressed by manufacturers and retailers.
519	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Overpackaged produce and grocery items were frequently mentioned. Participants noted a tension between climate actions, as some items advertised as having "less packaging" (for shipping efficiency and GHG reduction) have switched to plastic from cardboard, causing frustration.
520	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		People are frustrated with plastics but feel there are no viable alternatives.
521	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		There is a lack of refill and bulk stores, and some feel that convenience has become the default, overshadowing efforts to save money or reduce waste.
522	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Many residents misinterpreted the 'reduce' category to mean buying less, when that is more 'rethink'
523	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Comment that 'rethink' and 'reuse' are related because if I buy something and then take good care of it, then it will last a long time and be 'durable'
524	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Reuse was the most voted-for action, with participants citing ease and convenience as key reasons.
525	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Many feel that Reuse is accessible, making it an easy and practical choice.
526	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		However, some noted that Reuse doesn't help when a product reaches the end of its life, and called for more textile recycling options, especially for non-wearable fabrics.
527	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Participants expressed interest in seeing products designed to be more repairable and were surprised and intrigued to learn about potential legislative changes and a right-to-repair bill.
528	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Kids seemed to gravitate towards Reuse when it was explained to them that an example would be repairing a toy instead of throwing it away.
529	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Pushback from residents on reusable cutlery at the PNE specifically
530	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		There is a strong desire for systemic change, including better infrastructure, clearer rules, and more accessible options.
531	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Participants are ready to act but need supportive systems and aligned policies to make sustainable choices easier.
532	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Changing the system is most effective. A resident works at a law firm and they just got rid of all their printers – employees have no option to print.
533	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Reuse and Recycling were the options that seemed "tangible" and realistic
534	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Comments on wanting curbside flexible plastics recycling
535	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Skepticism of whether recycling actually works – recycling confidence
536	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Staff received comments about PNE costs, NSWWTP costs
537	1-Aug-25	2025 PNE Engagement Summary: Community Corner	N/A	General public		Reuse PNE materials for education centres or smaller versions? Touch screen version?
538	22-Aug-25	Email submission RE: Metro Vancouver Consultation Transparency Concerns -SWMP	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Thank you for your response to my July 23 submission, and for copying the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Zero Waste Committee, the IAC Co-Chair, and the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel. While I appreciate your continued engagement, and your willingness to improve some documentation practices going forward, I must express that several key concerns raised in my letter remain unresolved. These concerns go to the heart of whether this consultation process is operating with the level of transparency and accountability required for a plan of this magnitude.

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539	22-Aug-25	Email submission RE: Metro Vancouver Consultation Transparency Concerns -SWMP	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Advisory Input Was Not Adequately Reflected in ZWC Reporting: This is not simply a disagreement over how the minutes are drafted. The July 25 approval of the updated hierarchy occurred without the benefit of seeing the full July IAC and PTAC meeting feedback. These meetings included clear and repeated direction from committee members that RDF and other waste-to-fuel approaches should be categorized under Disposal, or preferably marked Unacceptable, and excluded from diversion calculations. This input came not as isolated comments, but as a consistent and multi-meeting consensus that followed similar recommendations in April and May. Yet in the July staff report to the ZWC, these objections were summarized vaguely and without any indication of their strength or prevalence. This level of filtering does not align with the intent or expectations of a robust public consultation process.
540	22-Aug-25	Email submission RE: Metro Vancouver Consultation Transparency Concerns -SWMP	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Lack of Discussion on Residuals Undermines the Hierarchy Decision: It is also deeply problematic that the hierarchy was advanced and approved without a full advisory discussion on residuals management and landfill capacity. IAC and PTAC members had explicitly asked for this discussion to occur before any major decisions were made. That did not happen. Residuals infrastructure and landfill planning are critical dependencies of the hierarchy. Proceeding without full review of those topics undermines the integrity of the hierarchy decision. I strongly urge the Board and Committee to revisit this approval, especially in light of the yet-to-be-seen residuals study and the unresolved questions around Vancouver Landfill.
541	22-Aug-25	Email submission RE: Metro Vancouver Consultation Transparency Concerns -SWMP	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Advisory Voice Must Be Heard Directly: While I note your comments about procedural mechanisms for transparency, the pattern we have observed is that advisory feedback which aligns with staff positions is clearly elevated, while dissenting or complex expert input is often minimized. Relegating key points to thematic bullet points or report appendices does not allow decision-makers to understand the depth or rationale of the committees' input. I again request that advisory meeting notes and breakout summaries be appended to ZWC reports moving forward, or at minimum circulated to directors when SWMP decisions are being made.
542	22-Aug-25	Email submission RE: Metro Vancouver Consultation Transparency Concerns -SWMP	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Next Steps Requested: To restore confidence in the process and uphold the region's stated commitment to collaboration, I respectfully request: - That the July 25 hierarchy endorsement be reopened for discussion, pending full review of the July IAC and PTAC minutes and residuals management study. - That a dedicated session on long-term residuals and landfill strategy be scheduled before the end of 2025. - That a process be established to ensure committee consensus or majority opinions are clearly indicated and directly visible to the ZWC and Board. - That the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel be tasked with reviewing the advisory-to-ZWC information pathway and recommending improvements.
543	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Shoes and textiles should not be lumped together in recycling programs due to their different materials and recycling processes. Footwear cannot be recycled in the same way that clothing can be, because of the mixed materials.
544	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Possible strategies for Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program, include a focus on expanding it to include textiles.
545	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	While textiles can be recycled, Canada lacks infrastructure for effective textile recycling, with most items being shipped out for processing. A return-it campaigns pilot program ran in Vancouver that ended, it was suggested to identify the reasons for its termination, by reaching out to Return-It depot and identifying their challenges.
546	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	There is a need for more repair professionals to participate in events, suggesting that businesses offer support or honorariums to reduce the workload on volunteers.
547	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Brands have a role in encouraging repair and reuse of footwear, highlighting examples like Birkenstocks offering replaceable parts and suggesting that large brands producing non-repairable shoes should be taxed for recycling or repair fees.
548	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a need for better collaboration with reuse organizations that are capable of recycling textiles or footwear and for verifying the relevance of proposed approaches.
549	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Cobbling shops may need to be more directly approached to be included in the reviewing plan
550	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Implementing this action would be challenging for this sector.
551	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are issues with Metro Vancouver's repair-it campaign, which incorrectly suggested that blundstones could be reheeled (they cannot, they can only be fully resoled and only some cobblers offer the service). Cobblers were not engaged in this initiative and emphasized the importance of providing accurate information to the public and consulting experts in the field.

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552	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a decline in cobbler shops in Vancouver over the past five years, emphasizing the need for more repair options, incentives for new businesses offering recycling or repair of textiles and footwear
553	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Popup zero-waste initiatives and repair cafes in Vancouver are successful and need to occur more frequently as they serve as effective educational tools and recycling opportunities.
554	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Awl Together Leather is leading a focus group related to the BC Apparel, Gear, and Camp program and will be presenting findings through different channels.
555	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	There is a lack of awareness and training around footwear repair, highlighting the need for government-sponsored training programs and educational campaigns to promote shoe repair as a sustainable option.
556	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	The current recycling and waste reduction initiatives often overlook footwear repair, with Metro Vancouver's resources only mentioning donation and thrift store options without encouraging repair.
557	4-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Awl Together Leather	Cobbling Industry	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Partnerships can be used as an alternative to building infrastructure, as with cities like Guelph who have partnered with Teracycle (USA) (one of the only recycling depots processing footwear in North America) as they do not have the resources to develop their own systems.
558	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Return it depots - reuse
559	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How can MV enforce regulation policies around circular economy initiatives?
560	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How will they do that?
561	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	The economy is already giverning the decisions being made
562	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Do not spend money needlessly where they cannot affect change
563	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Teachers already do this so don't waste money doing it more
564	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Increase number of local cobblers/tailors to increase reuse
565	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Adults need to be taught more than kids do
566	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Cost impacts?
567	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Visible on community streets
568	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Consumers determine what the producers manufacture - NOT MV
569	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Depends on what it is made of
570	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How would you do this? What are the consequences? How would they be enforced?
571	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	KISS principle - Keep it simple
572	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Suggest social media campaign to reach more people
573	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Teach at community centres - accessible locations
574	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Could be a pamphlet instead of in person
575	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	The system is too complicated
576	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Mandatory reuse options in large buildings
577	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Have more clear numbers on recycling bins
578	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Yes and single family households as well
579	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Rules in place for donations (look at France model)
580	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Depends on what kinds of incentive. If financial then no, because busiensses done need that, people need it more.
581	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Uncertain about how much this would add to residents taxes - need morre info
582	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	What kinds of incentives and how would they roll this out?
583	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	DO NOT add additional bins to households - already too many
584	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Time/people/salaries = cost
585	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Resources? Increased cost impacts to the residents/consumers
586	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	ONLY if it is paired with education over banning items!!
587	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Recycle shoes and textiles and return depots - not extra bins at houses
588	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Curbside collection?
589	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This is NOT the business for MV - These should be donated to thrift stores and Value Village seperatley by the consumer
590	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	If it is not going to the landfill then where is it going? How would MV encourage this?
591	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Habitat for Humanity
592	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Newer builds use cheaper materials - not appropriate for re use
593	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This depends upon the infrastrucure put in place priot to this happening. Potential for risk/issues down the line/potential abuse of the system.
594	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Concerns on how much it would cost to implement and regulate
595	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Provide resources for used building materials. Making it easier for everyone.
596	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This is a broader conversation with industry, contractors, developers etc. shouldn't just be on residents
597	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Make it readily available. Similar to a facebook marketplace
598	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Some material coud be toxic or bad for health
599	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Want new furniture due to hygeine and cleanliness concerns. " I like new things"
600	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Only if it makes economic sense
601	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Quality control? Mold etc
602	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How will this be regulated? Risk

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603	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Automating it would make sense
604	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Look at Whistler and Burnaby locations for ideas
605	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Use the local community centres
606	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Who will move the bins to the collection area?Salvation Army already provides this service.
607	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	MV does need to expand their services
608	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	What about furniture?
609	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	It is easier to have it done in one community space instead of multiple buildings
610	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Each muni has this responsibility
611	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need an automated sorting facility
612	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Look at what is in place in Germany, France and Poland. More progressive than BC/Canada
613	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Accesible incentives - NOT 20-page forms - complicated
614	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	May become a competition neighbour vs neighbour
615	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Yes, and how would people & businesses be rewarded? Intrinsic motivation? Extrinsic?
616	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	DO NOT put the onus on people
617	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Im not sure this encourages people who are not doing it. Also, is this a sustainable idea?
618	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Add in a score card for businesses to show their rewards - Maybe a list online.
619	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We don’t need rewards, Everyone should participate without he need for rewards
620	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Not sure who is getting rewarded
621	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Every jurisdiction is different
622	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	The guidelines are mostly clear, however better composting guidelines are needed i.e. are plastic compostable bags actually compostable? They are for sale in many MV stores and retail outlets
623	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Need to have technology required to sort and recycle or it is an exercise in futility
624	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Textile exchange
625	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Education for newcomers re: recycling
626	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We are putting the responsibility on people insead of produccers and vendors
627	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need a location for people to go and sleect used items - clothing for families
628	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need barrier free recycling - What do we do with large items, appliances?
629	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Waste & recycling tours (bus) - Something similar to the water tours
630	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Edmonton has a great educational program at their recycling centres
631	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Bigger bins are needed to encourage recycling - remove barriers
632	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Why is MV trying to get involved in education systems and the clothing industry? They need to "stay in their lane". That is my tax dollars they are overspending with all these ideas.
633	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	I thought that MV was in charge of our water and waste management, why are thinking about education in schools and partnering with clothing designers? Stop spending needlessly.
634	6-Sep-25	PoCo Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Why all the iniatives outside their mandate? Those are my tax dollars being spent.
635	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	It seems like the solid waste management plan is set for Metro Vancouver, and the Industry Advisory Committee members’ input regarding infrastructure is not getting through. There was a recent application to BC Hydro for an extension of the electricity purchase agreement for the Waste-to-Energy Facility. This topic was not brought to the Industry Advisory Committee. We want to ensure everyone is working in good faith and bringing all considerations to the table for discussion. Additionally, a federal grant was recently awarded for the Waste-to-Energy Facility District Energy project, but the money could have gone towards something else, and other grants could have been applied for, for projects that do not involve having the Waste-to-Energy Facility continue operating long-term. The Industry Advisory Committee is investing a lot of energy and time, and there needs to be greater transparency. These decisions lock us in before we actually finalize a solid waste management plan.
636	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Metro Vancouver brings different items to the Industry Advisory Committee, and this was never raised. The Industry Advisory Committee is here to provide information and guidance from industry experts, yet decisions are made without hearing from us.
637	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	One option would have been an interim agreement while the solid waste management plan is being updated. People passionately support this work, and it is starting to feel like a waste of effort. The focus should be on forward thinking and not backwards thinking.
638	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	The intent of the Industry Advisory Committee was supposed to go beyond the solid waste management plan update, into the implementation stage. We receive many presentations on mundane and uncontroversial topics, that are backwards looking, and few conversations about controversial subjects looking to the future that members of this committee will have opinions on.
639	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	When considering incineration and landfill, it’s not an either-or conversation. Incineration is a pretreatment process, but you still need a landfill for the ash. There other pretreatments available to stabilize the material that don’t release toxins (contrary to incineration), before the material is landfilled.
640	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Just want to emphasize that an incinerator is not a replacement for landfills, as incineration still requires landfills. It is also important to know reasons for pre-treatment – for example you can pre-treat to stabilize it so it doesn’t create toxins, or pre-treat it to reduce the volume and create energy, while still creating a by-product that is a toxin. You need to weigh those effects. These are the types of conversations this group should be involved in.
641	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	After the Industry Advisory Committee reads the study, what would happen if we decided that incineration is not an appropriate option? Will Metro Vancouver be willing to change their perspective and direction on this?

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642	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Is Belkorp's new landfill included in that comparison?
643	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Is there an analysis on the carbon footprint of the various options?
644	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Is there an analysis on incinerators that have opened and closed within the last 20 years? What is the trend?
645	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Are there considerations for risks related to cost, since incinerators require waste while we are looking to reduce waste?
646	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	What is the outcome of this study?
647	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Have there been considerations for the impact of risk to taxpayers, in comparison to letting industry decide what the best and most competitive approach is?
648	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Did this study look into the risk of potential future changes in air quality standards set by the Ministry? Or if there is a malfunction that causes an impact to the region, and the associated liabilities? What if the facility cannot operate due to not meeting future standards of air quality or testing.
649	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Would it be possible to get an update on the complaints related to the Burnaby incinerator and toxic ash?
650	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Is Metro Vancouver looking into other properties in the same area to see if there are similar issues? The level of contamination seems to be high. Will the study determine where the materials are coming from?
651	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Metro Vancouver is also responsible for air quality in the region.
652	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Is there soil testing in the area?
653	9-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	In recent news, some waste from a facility was being dumped on an unauthorized site in the Fraser Valley. Would like to get some information on that.
654	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Landlords can encourage proper waste disposal; they cannot compel tenants to comply due to legal limitations.
655	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Accountability should be on the part of the tenants.
656	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Metro Vancouver needs to educate renters and provide tools to facilitate better waste management practices.
657	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Encouragement and support are preferred over mandates; regulation alone may not drive compliance.
658	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are challenges to engaging rental housing providers and building owners in multifamily buildings to increase donation collection options for reusable streams like clothing and books.
659	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Engagement varies by landlord type: Larger and institutional landlords are more receptive; smaller operators may resist change due to capacity and complexity
660	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Many buildings have multi-generational owners and they may be reticent to adopting new initiatives as it may be seen as a hassle or too much additional work.
661	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The sector is diverse, with a mix of small, family-owned companies and more sophisticated, larger entities.
662	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	While the proposed collective actions seem reasonable, engaging smaller, less sophisticated operators will be challenging due to their reluctance to adopt new initiatives. More effort will be needed to engage this group.

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663	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a lack of space in older rental units for additional recycling bins, and it would be difficult to compel landlords to modify their properties.
664	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Passive systems are ineffective: Unattended donation bins are often misused; structured, scheduled collection events are more successful.
665	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Incentives or compelling reasons would be needed to encourage tenants to embrace expanded recycling practices.
666	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	These actions are reasonable but to implement will require education that is clearly defined and simple.
667	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Explore pilot projects for clothing/textile collection in multifamily buildings before implementing widespread regulations. Testing initiatives before full rollout can help identify real-world barriers and refine strategies.
668	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Consider developing a monthly/quarterly collection program with nonprofits for clothing/textiles in multifamily buildings. Not for profits collect the materials and include incentives for participation.
669	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Resident education is critical: Tenants, not just landlords, must be targeted with clear, culturally relevant, and visual communication tools.
670	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Improve educational materials for residents, particularly focusing on newcomers with different cultural perspectives on waste management.
671	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Cultural sensitivity matters: Recycling and reuse norms differ across cultures; education must bridge these gaps.
672	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Within Metro Vancouver's scope, what would make implementation easier or timelier for your sector?	Investigate potential incentives to encourage building owners to participate in expanded waste diversion programs.
673	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Suggestion to include a more structured approach, proposing that landlords organize monthly or quarterly clothing drives with nonprofit organizations collecting the donations.
674	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Clear communication and engagement to ensure the initiative's success is a priority.
675	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Landlord BC (multi family sector) is doing continued work on sustainability, retrofits etc and the sector is interested in sustainability and willing to engage if supported appropriately.
676	11-Sep-25	Interview Notes	Landlord BC	Non-profit	Are there final comments you would like to share with Metro Vancouver regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update?	Metro Vancouver should lead partnerships: Coordinating with nonprofits and funding initiatives can ease implementation for landlords.
677	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	To have things able to be disassembeled for end of life in electronics - iphone
678	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Too many politics - hard to get concencus
679	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Agree in principle - question of translating into practical programming and execution
680	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Depends on costs involved in adoption or implementation - cannot be too burdensome
681	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Do not support Value village - For profit model of reuse
682	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Do not overburden small businesses - aid them instead
683	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Regular pick up of items - clothing, textiles bi-annually
684	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More context is needed on this one
685	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Needs adequate funding to support especially small businesses
686	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	For small businesses/ non profits - not coorperating
687	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Creating more space for recycling and food waste bins in restaurants

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688	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	All businesses should reduce/reuse - large businesses have resources to do this
689	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Kids motivate the parents - create take home info
690	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Go into businesses
691	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Circular economy - more about access - who has facebook to access marketplace? Ability to visit thrift stores
692	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Parents need to support this approach first
693	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Can funding be used elsewhere?
694	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Good medium content - more effective than being told what to do
695	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	People centered language - What is circular economy?
696	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Greenwashing has made me numb to all of this.
697	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Disincentivize those who produce more waste - They should pay more
698	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Unsure about how you get the industry to cooperate
699	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	They should already know!
700	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Make surplus available for makers instead of wasting
701	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Most people buy at mass retailers
702	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Tie ins - more education and understanding of the lifecycle of clothes
703	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More transparency about how "green" a company is - validated by the city - we are more likley to support
704	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Only if they make it easy to dispose of
705	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	If implemented, make this easy and convenient to pick up
706	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Also need to incentivyze condos and apartments to recycle as well
707	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Have someone train them and encourage small meet ups. Strata managers can suppoort this
708	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Community centres - forums
709	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	New health regulations - Pyrex dishes to delis instead of take out containers
710	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Signage - waste streams differ in cost to recycle "education" cost to user
711	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Provide reason why for varied recycling streams - increase to sttrat costs and fees
712	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	No need for incentives - Just do it!!
713	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Support shared spaces like fridges in community
714	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More context is needed
715	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Make this a policy or law
716	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Add disincentives for accountability
717	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Current tax implications for businesses - Look at the Nesters model
718	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How will MV regulate this?

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719	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Need a way to repurpose broken, not reusable clothing
720	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Depends on accessibility - there are many peole who cannot get to the depots
721	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Expand to flexible plastics
722	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Once per month pick up
723	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Reduce barriers for textiles that cant be reused/donated
724	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Community bin?
725	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Does this mean more bins for homes? There are already too many.
726	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We have the resources here, why are we upscaling prioroties when we already have what we need?
727	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Stop demolition - Europe has a high level of reuse in buildings - Look outside BC
728	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Reuse bricks but dempolition materials are not an effective form of recycling
729	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Great idea but not sure about implementation
730	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Make it a policy that homes being demolished must have certain items reused
731	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Good idea but diificult to implement - not efficient for people to adopt in a disposable economy for everything from appliances to kitchen updates
732	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need separate pick up for different recycling streams
733	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More pickup for flexible plastics curbside
734	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Habits will result in people taking the path of least resistance
735	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Start off with multi family to impact higher amount of users
736	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Take up more space
737	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More clear directions on where things can be dropped off
738	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More repair cafes by SPEC
739	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Will create a homelessness issue -People will take donations - Create dedicated locations
740	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More centres with better access
741	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More focus on individuals than on large buildings
742	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Difficult to donate if not vehicle
743	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Whatever is easiest
744	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Community collection points - Neighbourhood houses
745	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Showing benefits it brings (cleaner parks). Showing negative impacts. Show the before and after
746	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Good enough as it is
747	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Beyond newcomers. Bridge the cultural divide (All the residents who are NOT new to Vancouver)
748	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Different munis NOT just different countries
749	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Newcomers are confused about how to recycle properly

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750	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More free food drop offs/community fridges
751	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More transparency on how other people or buildingd are doing - incraese competitition
752	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Make composting easier
753	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	People are prideful
754	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need more context for this one
755	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Yes, but only if it doesn't take funds from other programs
756	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Provide educational materials on how to recycle well for those that don't
757	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Add disencentives for those that do not make the effort
758	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Annual report of highest recyclers etc - For businesses
759	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More acknowledgement to inspire people who are not doing it
760	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Certificates of recognition (stratas and busineses) Recycling metrics - Post this publicly
761	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Not a good ROI, perhaps put money into marketing with influencers and social figures. Too tricky to manage a recognition system and leads to perception of waste and inequity
762	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Especially through municipalitites - consistency across all MV. Same = easier t remember especially fr people who live & work in different munis.
763	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Include costing information for various recycling streams
764	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More items for depot only - blue box at curbside
765	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Support unhoused members to collect and dispose of products
766	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Working with consumers to be more clear about where to find zero waste merchants
767	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Cities should supply this space - rent free
768	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Hard to find recycling in high traffic areas like granville - this project should be mapped out to include high traffic areas
769	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Transparency of recycling? What does that look like for real?
770	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Need more stickers on carts that are easy to understand - To educate
771	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More options are needed to pick up things like mattresses
772	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Annual pick up of items such as paint cans etc
773	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Waste to energy - don't support incineration but approve trucks and hauling??
774	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Find more ways for recycling to be easier - not just educated
775	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More of this education should happen in schools
776	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Lower taxes for thrift stores
777	14-Sep-25	Main Street Care Free Day - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Car seat recycling? It is mandated to use them - how are they recycled?
778	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For businesses, it's all about their dollars. If it's going to cost them money, then they might not be incentivized to go. How can you get businesses involved? Tax breaks?

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779	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	2-3 minute presentation would be helpful. Keep it short and sweet.
780	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Binner 5: A challenge for someone could be, if they are reliant upon single use, then you could add some environment incentive/education to get people invested.
781	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Create posters, make an event at the local community centre. Get the word out. If we invite 5,000 people, 10% will show up!
782	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The education would need to be a community event, it wouldn't be a good turn out if you went by residence. More targeted advertisement is needed to make it successful.
783	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Priority	High priority - 6 votes
784	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Provide residents with containers to transport waste from their home to the big bins in the building.
785	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Priority	High priority - 6 votes
786	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Programs might not have the people to initiate and connect with for these programs.
787	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Non-profit organizations should be the focus and priority. There are a lot of organizations doing great work.
788	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	City needs to provide more receptacles for waste.
789	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If they had incentivized motives, to come and sit through a recycle/reuse program, then people would be more interested to come.
790	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would all be in the building.
791	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Refund incentives. I heard from friends on refunds.
792	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Relatively easy! Explore partnerships that incentivize people e.g lime scooter free minutes. Social media education is another good way of reaching people.
793	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Priority	High priority - 6 votes
794	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	In person education is the way to go. Learn together! You make friends, and can have a good conversation. You can relate on your issues, and feel supported.
795	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	I feel more informed since joining Binners' Project on issues like this. Before joining, I had no idea about this solid waste plan, and wasn't really sure on how to get involved.
796	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Metro Vancouver seems to have access to lots of resources. In my building, they had a program where they were giving away containers, but I did not receive any. This was an early exposure for me to learn about waste management, before I joined Binners' Project. I've learned so much more about waste, since joining. I'm trying to be a speaker for Binners' Project to help educate people in the community. I enjoy trying to motivate people!

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797	17-Sep-25	Consultation #1 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	In-person education is appreciated. In my building, we are learning to recycle, and they asked me to help. I thought it was helpful; you and others get to know how things work, and it was a good opportunity for me to teach.
798	17-Sep-25	Cosultation Evaluation - Additional comments	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	How each individuals actions have huge impact on our world – forever. Was great to participate
799	17-Sep-25	Cosultation Evaluation - Additional comments	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	More efforts made to increase public awareness with the importance of individual actions to promote a healthier world for all life.
800	18-Sep-25	Meeting Summary	Agricultural Advisory Committee	Advisory Committee		The group were interested in best before dates, the definition of 'waste' (as per the CSA FLW standard item). They were quite clear that there is generally a greater awareness of what urban dwellers need vs what rural dwellers need. And that members of the ACC have a better understanding of how MV's urban systems work. But that there is much less/little understanding from Metro, and from city-based policy-makers, on how farms/rural businesses function, their opportunities/constraints/struggles.
801	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Strategy 1.2 mentions supporting "the transition to a more circular regional economy" but limited detail on how jurisdictions will work together or standardize approaches across the region
802	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	"Foster an inclusive and collaborative circular economy" (1.3) - How exactly?
803	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	"Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban" (2.4) - What enhancements?
804	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Strategy 3.6 "scale efforts to recover food" and 2.3 "prioritize food waste reduction initiatives" seem to overlap
805	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	"Encourage and celebrate" (3.7) - Nice, but what are the tangible mechanisms?
806	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Who pays for infrastructure development (4.3)?
807	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	How are education programs funded (4.6)?
808	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Strategy 4.8 mentions preventing illegal dumping, but what about enforcement for non-compliance with recycling requirements?
809	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Comprehensive Circular Economy Framework The plan follows a strong hierarchy (Rethink → Reduce → Reuse → Recycle → Recover) that aligns with best practices and prioritizes waste prevention over end-of-pipe solutions. This is exactly the right approach.
810	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Strong Upstream Focus Strategies 1.0-3.0 emphasize prevention, reduction, and reuse—the most impactful interventions. This shows strategic thinking beyond just managing waste streams.
811	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Multi-Stakeholder Approach The plan recognizes the need to engage businesses, residents, institutions, and event organizers across multiple strategies, which is essential for systemic change.
812	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Infrastructure + Behaviour Change Good balance between physical infrastructure (recycling facilities, green bins) and education/behaviour change initiatives.
813	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Where are the compliance measures, penalties, or regulatory teeth?
814	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	How will you ensure businesses/residents participate?
815	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Many strategies are high-level aspirations without clear, measurable actions
816	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	How will success be measured for each strategy?
817	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	What does "enhance" or "improve" mean in quantifiable terms?

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818	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	No mention of budget, funding sources, or resource allocation
819	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Commercial waste is a huge portion of the waste stream
820	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Limited specific strategies for the commercial/institutional sector
821	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	Is the focus on preventing food waste (higher priority) or recovering surplus food? Both are important, but require different approaches
822	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	No mention of AI/digital tools for sorting/education
823	18-Sep-25	Working Group Meeting Feedback	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	In review of the Metro Van Options Analysis strategies, what are the positives and the critical feedback or gaps that need filling?	No mention of chemical recycling or advanced materials recovery
824	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Member commented that several plan sections in the outline are not yet completed, making it difficult to provide full feedback.
825	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Member made a suggestion to revise the waste hierarchy; not every level requires a goal. For example, Goal 5 (related to recovery) could be removed.
826	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Comment that the definition of zero waste is missing.
827	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Question whether the plan will specify actual destinations for residuals.
828	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Suggestion the plan should include specific regulatory measures to allow the Province to consider them early rather than delaying.
829	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Reduce toxicity of materials should be included throughout.
830	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Landfill capacity: Suggestion to address this transparently in the plan.
831	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Guiding principles: Concern that connection between regulatory and guiding principles was unclear.
832	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Outline	Flexibility: Suggestion that the plan is not too narrow but should include options under consideration (e.g., landfill capacity, annual waste generation, etc.), rather than prescribing a single path.
833	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Strategies and Rubric	Criteria: Question whether criteria includes the total waste reduction ability.
834	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Draft Plan Strategies and Rubric	Process: Questions about how all strategies and actions will be reviewed during the October 3 workshop.
835	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member asked whether the study identifies best practices for disposal.
836	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member asked about current/future environmental footprint of disposal options.
837	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member asked if the study compared landfill vs. waste-to-energy in a lifecycle analysis.
838	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member expressed concern that without conclusions, the study may not guide the updated plan.
839	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Question on how criteria will be weighted; concern it feels meaningless otherwise.
840	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member mentioned that there is a perception that the study was biased toward Waste-to-Energy (WTE); suggestion to analyze existing facility (especially with renewed Electricity Purchasing Agreement and potential taxpayer costs).
841	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Feedback was provided that the plan should state not to continue with WTE, rather than just criteria for assessing potential disposal options.
842	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member posed a question whether more effort should go into source separation.
843	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member noted that WTE creates the perception of “unlimited capacity,” potentially leading to more plastic production. Landfill seen as more limited.
844	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member asked whether the plan defines “garbage.” Concern that calling it “garbage” discourages recovery opportunities.
845	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member posed concern about transporting waste to faraway landfills; need for a consistent evaluation framework.

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846	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Residual Waste Management Options Review	Member noted a lack of review of mixed waste processing in the study, aside from Toronto example. Key benefit would be removal of organics that drive landfill GHGs.
847	18-Sep-25	Meeting Notes	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates	A discussion took place regarding the cost between the different disposal options – asking what was presented to the Zero Waste Committee
848	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation	N/A	Public members-at-large		Reviewed ID161 and indicated support
849	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation	N/A	Public members-at-large		Asked about restaurants, what Metro Vancouver can do for them, and how they fit into the context of the plan
850	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation	N/A	Public members-at-large		Asked about mandatory separation for the commercial/institutional sector
851	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation	N/A	Public members-at-large		Described the approach to water conversation and suggested waste could be done in a similar way in collaboration with member jurisdictions
852	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation - Additional feedback	N/A	Public members-at-large		I do believe the healthcare sector could definitely improve their waste reduction strategies, but I think this is something that other institutions such as PHSA, VCH, FH, etc could spearhead?
853	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation - Additional feedback	N/A	Public members-at-large		I am in favour of this idea, but also want to reiterate that I would want to put priority on ICI as they have the lowest compliance rates. Still a good idea to help CDI regardless!
854	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation - Additional feedback	N/A	Public members-at-large		You brought up ID161 for implementing business license requirements and regulatory approaches. I'm highly for this action, and this would go complementary with the other strategies that could support businesses and commercial clients: ID100, ID102, ID002, ID101, ID024, and ID028.
855	19-Sep-25	Notes from a phone conversation - Additional feedback	N/A	Public members-at-large		I do remember zoning and development bylaws being mentioned in the last Metro Vancouver Solid Waste meeting we had and how municipal leaders weren't keen on exploring further ideas, so I'm not sure if this would be a priority for the region right now.
856	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Overall: high priority
857	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Available online access (e.g., online Zoom groups weekly). Could be hybrid
858	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Low-cost, low-barrier, accessible. Held in central locations. Local call-outs
859	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Transit accessible
860	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Include elders; look to them as knowledge keepers
861	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Community-based, Local
862	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More diverse and newcomer-friendly
863	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Regular hours, Perhaps monthly meetings
864	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Collaboration
865	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More capacity and partnerships
866	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	“Make it cool” (cool communities model)
867	20-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Bring in interesting people — for example, youth
868	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		Very much interested in this project of metro Vancouver as humans are going thru climate change . City is doing much on it, however each individual must participate and reduce the waste to save mother earth. My feedback would be as below.
869	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		To abandon totally those plastic bags at various giant and small stores wherein customers put in their vegs , fruits , enormous amount of those bags are being taken by each customer and most of them must be ending in landfill .
870	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		Abandon plastic glasses given with drinks, like sago, juices, shakes and various other drinks at malls and small store at each and every corner of streets . They are then lying many times on buses, streets , sky trains and of course ending in landfills eventually
871	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		The grains , lentils coming from developing nations do not bear the LDPE marks and are told not to put in plastic recycling so they go in garbage .
872	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		Organic food waste from each condo , house owners to be put in proper organic waste to recue the methane gas being produced with it , if not put in organic waste .
873	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		Small and big packaging plastic is huge coming from online and stores shopping to be reduced .
874	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		Reduce the recyclable bags given at events, seminars .
875	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		More charges to be levied on plastic food containers given at restaurants takeaways and deliveries .

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876	21-Sep-25	Email submission Re: waste reduction	N/A	Public members-at-large		My humble suggestion to the city of Vancouver's waste management team to do utmost in instructing , guiding the locals to be more careful in waste management and save the Planet earth .
877	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Strong support for MV walking the talk
878	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Support but some not sure if that is really MV role better to focus on their regional integration
879	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Support the ideas of working for business. Doesn't have to be a guide - Guide/practical implementation – 10 small action you can do now.
880	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		What is the difference?
881	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Connect the industry education to the k-12 education
882	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Gleaning – what does that mean? Discussion about how gleaning isn't just on a farm, could be Vancouver fruit project. Discussion about vertical farms and making sure they follow best environmental practices and have a climate action lens.
883	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Avoid events sounds like a fancy party with wine and cheese
884	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Same concerns about if there are events and MV staff are going to them it could be looked like an overspend situation
885	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Inspiration vs. education – competition in education to help youth solve the issues - we need to tie it into religious studies and social studies. - Case competition for MBA students – need to attatch the hard core business - UBC Sauder Enspire with sustainability and business case with social marketing - Essay competition is a good way to motivate youth to get their ideas on implementation – tie them to a business on ways to be more circular - Model united nations – clubs at different schools
886	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		Business certification have lots of potential for greenwashing
887	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Metro Vancouver should start/support buy-nothing groups where they don't exist (neighbourhoods/communities), and provide information about how they work, training for moderation
888	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a gap in waste reduction programs in post-secondary.
889	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This is a huge shift from K-12 education, where there was a community and leadership from teachers
890	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Lack of community-feeling at post-secondary, people traveling from all over region to learn briefly, then head home again, lack of connection between teaching faculty
891	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Relies on student-led programs
892	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Move in/move-out programs on campus were successful
893	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	UBC thrift store in the Nest is great
894	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Where do post-sec students spend their time and can
895	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Consider update to "Explore a pilot?" instead of "feasibility of a grant"
896	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Concern is that there is need to learn from this to build out a program that is effective and cost-effective. Rebate/incentive?
897	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Not sure that grant is the right track for MV (at first there was misunderstanding about what this was, and the scope of it – is it for a business or is it for community-based initiatives)

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898	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Provide support to share learning from pilot/grant with the network/future grantees. What worked on a small-scale. What didn't work. What might they build together
899	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Incentivize small business to want to do innovation in this space
900	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	It's hard to see that this is supporting change/innovation to support waste reduction
901	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Information sharing/best practice sharing
902	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Mixed support for this
903	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Language is too broad (this comment is relevant to more than this one – some of them could be grouped OR clarified/made more specific to connect to a desired outcome)
904	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	This one lets MV get off the hook (putting the responsibility into the network/community-based or independent orgs). What is MV's true role/responsibility?
905	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	What is the actual action intended?
906	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	MV needs to name HOW they will support the development of the network, such as:
907	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Provide the platform for advertisement
908	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Do the administrative/coordinate support
909	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Provide the platform for connecting the network
910	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Makeway shared platform is a great example of removing barriers/providing admin support
911	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Leadership is important so it doesn't have too many cooks in the kitchen / competing for resources
912	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Raise the profile of these partners/promote to the public (platform them, platform their events). Maps for the public. Provide resources ($$)
913	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Can we learn from liquor store model? (stores can't be within a distance of another to remove competitiveness)
914	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators		These are very similar but 60 is more specific. There was support for this but it feels redundant
915	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Source a strong location – ease of access, amount of time, mitigate transportation requirements (size of item)
916	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Advertise in multiple languages, multiple means
917	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Who is doing the repairing, and who is their audience?
918	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	There are opportunities for youth to build skills of various kinds through these events by leading/facilitating the events
919	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Reduce barriers to participation
920	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Host these in community spaces/gathering spaces (make it easy for residents to join)
921	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Consider update to the words "size, number, and frequency" (increase capacity?)
922	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Schools do a lot of this, easy to participate in
923	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Difficulties in participating: hesitancy due to perception of rodent and bear issues
924	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	1 green, yellow
925	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Keep messaging simple and straightforward
926	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Art is not necessarily the preferred medium for all and may confuse the message

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927	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Styles and mediums change over time; could risk the messaging becoming outdated quickly
928	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Likely more costly than simpler options
929	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	2 greens, 1 yellow, 1 red
930	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Clear images to indicate what goes in which bin
931	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Challenges in showing specific items (e.g. coffee up) as the type and materials can vary from place to place
932	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Suggestion that non-refundable drink containers and wax paper are confusing items that could be targeted
933	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	A procurement guide for events could help reduce confusion through simplicity
934	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Mattresses can be confusing, more guidance would be helpful
935	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	All participants supported this action's inclusion in the plan
936	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Games are always evolving and can be hard to keep up with technology wise
937	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Might be better to choose simpler education options (or atleast simpler games)
938	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Very effective for captive audiences (e.g. at movie theatres)
939	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Consider collaborations/competitions (e.g. could win Scene Points at movie theatre)
940	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	5 green
941	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	It can be difficult to keep up with trends and technology when developing videos, especially for a large organization like Metro Vancouver
942	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Not everything needs a video; concerns with oversaturation in this medium
943	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Infographics and simple pictures may be a simpler and more cost effective route
944	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	1 green, 1 yellow, 1 red
945	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Be careful with inclusion of AI in actions; public opinion on AI varies widely
946	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Considerations for implementation	Environmental impact of AI should be considered
947	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	1 green, 2 yellow, 1 red
948	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Questions and Comments	How does the relationship work with orgs like recycle bc?
949	22-Sep-25	Small group conversation notes	Youth & Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)	Youth and Educators	Questions and Comments	How does enforcement work in solid waste - licensing and fines? MV's role
950	24-Sep-25	Email submission Re: Additional comments on an updated solid waste management plan	N/A	Public members-at-large	N/A	Dunnage or discarded skids - many years ago I used to work on the waterfront on the North Shore when BC Rail was still transporting lumber and other products through the North Shore waterfront terminals. As a result there was a lot of dunnage or skids acculuting on the property. This was offered for free to whoever wanted the materials, which was a lot of wood or lumber. I personally benefited from these materials. It was free wood or lumber from which we constructed a garden shed, and a toolshed. We even built part of a back deck using this wood. Considering the fact that there is a lot of pressure on our forests to cut every live tree covering the landscape of our province, reusing this wood seems to be a logical solution to accumulating dunnage.

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951	24-Sep-25	Email submission Re: Additional comments on an updated solid waste management plan	N/A	Public members-at-large	N/A	At the corner of Rupert Street and First Avenue, the boundary of the City of Vancouver, is an empty lot which is used by the City to store various materials. Lately I have seen very large amounts of freshly cut trees. That is large remnants of very mature old trees minus the merchantable logs. I don't know what happened to all that beautiful wood, but why was it not offered to the arts community? Wood workers, artisans working with wood could have found some beautiful grain patterns and colours, unique species of wood to create products that have a lucrative market during art festivals and markets around the Region. Why not advertise the availability of these materials in community centres, the arts community and Emily Carr University? I don't know where those trees came from, but they were not saplings. From a distance it looked as though some of those trees were hard wood species that would be desirable for creating art pieces.
952	24-Sep-25	Email submission Re: Additional comments on an updated solid waste management plan	N/A	Public members-at-large	N/A	In my original submission, I did not address building materials. I don't know if these materials are included in this consultation. I live in Coquitlam in an older neighbourhood where every bungalow has been torn down, demolished. I don't know where those materials ended up. Were any of the materials sorted for reuse? Are building materials not part of the circular economy? Or the zero waste strategy?
953	24-Sep-25	Email submission Re: Additional comments on an updated solid waste management plan	N/A	Public members-at-large	N/A	It is not unusual for a new home buyer to discover that the builder has buried the waste generated from the construction of the home in the ground surrounding the home: insulation pieces, underlay from carpeting, tile pieces, pieces of piping, metal and pvc, etc. It is not deeply buried. It was just covered with a few inches of soil, not good soil. The new homeowner now has to get rid of this junk to complete the landscaping. It's one of my pet peeves about contractors.
954	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What is the goal of these organizations? Stop textiles from going into the landfill? Why? Money/space.
955	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Businesses are not going to do it unless there is a monetary benefit.
956	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Have to make connection to the bottom line of the company.
957	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If Metro Van is going to continue this work/develop this tool - having more people coming into the industry (new talent) with this already in mind - educate those who have already been in the industry.
958	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Has been in front of CEOs and Presidents - tried to show they need a more sustainable way of business. Response: what is the easiest thing to do and how much money will I save? That is the only way they do it.
959	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Who is from a textile waste reduction organization: 4 out of room (unclear on definition).
960	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Non-profits don’t have the capacity - more grassroots and at educational level - not organizational level.
961	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This should fall onto designers - not the textile waste reduction organizations, designer should have the responsibility to make them low waste, not another organization.
962	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Direction is top down - owner is doing it because it’s the right thing to do.
963	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Top down as in owner to down and allow facilitating this.
964	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	From Aerospace design: “What does that look like? Someone comes down and walks through, email? Brochure? The companies exist, but that tech is not accessible to everyone (cost, labour).”

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965	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Education: How many textile waste reduction organizations are there? We don't know and… Is it their job?
966	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Beyond scope of not for profits.
967	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If they (nonprofits/textile waste reduction companies) ARE willing to develop the tools - please send them out - works in education happy to share with students.
968	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	From Fashion Revolution: "What even is a textile waste reduction organization: what does that mean? Who is that?"
969	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are firms and designers that take waste and do something it.
970	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Cobbling shop? Are they?
971	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Whose job is it?: Job of the people who are teaching the designer. Social media influencers. Mandatory law for stats - end of life - MANDATING.
972	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Metro Van is talking about continuing to work with these companies - who has had direct communication with them?: Collaborated with KPU, they are engaging with education and using this - it is happening - this connection with BCAG is an example.
973	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Our Social Fabric (OSF), Fabcycle, Debrand.
974	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	OSF, Fabcycle get brought in afterwards rather than before.
975	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	How much will companies LOSE - so providing charging.
976	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In 5 years time: law, reward or a fine.
977	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Priority	Low - 10, Medium - 2, High- NONE. ONLY BECAUSE OF THE QUESTION FRAMING. Question doesn't have teeth
978	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Question makes them feel there is an assumption that these things are not easily accessible - wants to know what the feelings are as to why they think they aren't accessible.
979	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Aerospace textiles: "No facilities near by everything gets landfilled - cost to dispose - as a company - individual better - HUGE problem for industry."
980	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Simply Merino: "Biggest impact would be recycling from production level."

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981	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Clothes are NOT easily recyclable if not re-sellable/reusable.
982	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Collecting waste from production is low hanging fruit.
983	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Diverting from landfill at production is huge.
984	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	7 agree out of 16 agree for individual it is accessible.
985	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Zero believe from a business standpoint.
986	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What would make it easier for businesses: - Big bins out back for pick up. - Sorting is fine - not an issue. - Or having a place to drop it off that is close. - Making it FREE. - No cost or same as landfill to persuade the owners.
987	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Show of hands: High: 13
988	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Cost is the biggest concern.
989	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Money needs to come in to invest in infrastructure that allows recycling for polyester and nylon.
990	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Question from facilitators: Who agrees that we need to invest in accessible recycling of our own materials LOCALLY: show of hands — Everyone!
991	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having to ship is fine - transparency that it is actually being recycled - want to know it's actually being recycled.
992	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Want faith it's not just getting shipped somewhere else to go to a landfill.
993	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Textile means so much - so transparency is key.
994	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	BETTER to throw away locally instead of shipping off because at least methane gets collected - worse to recycle something if we don't know where it's going/shipped out of country.
995	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Have they considered subsidisation programs to help with technology that helps with efficiency that eliminates waste.
996	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Increasing efficiency = decreasing waste.
997	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Merino Wool: "Different municipalities mandates cardboard/bins - where is that mandate/legislation pushing through this for textiles - specifically productions - ADD TEXTILES and easy to collect."
998	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Make textile recycling mandatory.
999	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Incentives - mandatory lands be standard.
1000	27-Sep-25	Focus Group Notes	BC Apparel and Gear Association	Apparel and gear professionals and Public	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Competition for scraps.
1001	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	As long as there is a bugetary plan to support enforcing the regulations
1002	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How will MV do this?
1003	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How practical is this re: logistics? Will you create a marketplace for businesses?
1004	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More pressure is needed on larger businesses
1005	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Focus on the big businesses, small businsss are already doing a great job and some are struggling financially
1006	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Don't want to encourage more things like charging for plastic bags
1007	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	These initiatives make small businsses more expensive to shop at
1008	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More focus on younger education for kids

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1009	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More information on clothes and development
1010	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need to reduce the clothing we buy
1011	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This needs a SUPER category
1012	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How will MV do this?
1013	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Would stop single use plastic in stores - it doesn't cost anything so people use lots of bags for produce
1014	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How??
1015	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Enough education already exists. It is the desire or ability to apply, that fails.
1016	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	DIY ideas - How to reuse
1017	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	People go to strata lots to dump waste and recycling
1018	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	They should already have incentives to reuse
1019	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need to know where else to put these items, proper guidance
1020	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	New West has bans on items but you have to drive to Coquitlam to recycle. MV needs to reduce barriers.
1021	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Only if there is a place to put these things
1022	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Ban is not a nice word to hear - you have to do more work
1023	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Depends on how it is funded
1024	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Reduce the need for classification of items for people to recycle
1025	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	It depends on the material
1026	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Look at Edmonton - Architecture clearance
1027	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Central marketplace or large inventory clearance
1028	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Easy access is needed to recycled materials
1029	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Offer incentive - use recycled materials when people submit house permits
1030	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Main problems are big industry - focus more on them
1031	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Where do the materials come from, are they safe?
1032	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Other countries have main drop off areas that are automated and result in a refund to the public
1033	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need to enforce reusable coffee mugs and collection all over the city
1034	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	People need to rethink what they buy, what you need and when you need it.
1035	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Recycle centers shold allow residents to take away things they can reuse for free.
1036	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Open more community reuse shops that have free items that would usually be garbage.
1037	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Some of this should be free! More incentives
1038	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	More free waste days - shared junk truck can be shared with neighbours - junk days
1039	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Soft plastic recycling at home instead of depot. More curbside pickup.
1040	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Less weight on the populus = more buy in
1041	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Reduce the confusion in all the communication - too much
1042	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Expand tree libraries - community exchange
1043	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Don't think there is a direct impact to us, do we care?
1044	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Conflicting info online, local info in multiple languages would be helpful
1045	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	For everyone too!!
1046	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How could this be for indivoduals? Only for businesses I think
1047	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Shouldnt need monetary incentive
1048	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	How? What does this even mean?
1049	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	We need this because people don't know where recycling goes
1050	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	A helpful motivator would be to tell the story of exactly where recyling goes and what they are made into (products). People don't believe things are actually recycled. Lack of transparency
1051	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Teach this to the next generation. Need clear education
1052	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Instructions need to be more clear - video tour of the journey of recycling. Transparency is needed
1053	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Single stream recycling is needed. MV has made this all too confusing.
1054	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Expand soft plastic pick up like london drugs - travel is a barrier
1055	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Encourage community spirit - not individual approach. Work together
1056	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Communication is key so people know what to ring and where it goes
1057	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Maybe also require a payment or cost
1058	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Also more pop up events for certain recyclables that can only go to depots
1059	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Impactful to sere where garbage goes
1060	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Consider public education on disposal of sharps
1061	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Would be good in schools as well
1062	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Woulld also be good for more transparency
1063	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Reduce barriers to recycling by creating more streamlined recycling classification
1064	27-Sep-25	RiverFest - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Recycling is too confusing
1065	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High Priority.

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1066	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I think it's a very high priority because as we go into the 21st century the waste is more and more. I think and like what they did now with plastics is a very good idea and I think all other strategies would be good too. Like educating residents and youth. I also think educating schools is good but I think if people can manage online programs sometimes it's a good idea to learn online as people can go at their own pace and adapt to their own abilities, learning style and schedule.
1067	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Yes, high priority because for example, I am moving out and I am trying to get rid of my stuff, right? If I have no education or understanding of what happens when it goes into the waste or the garbage like if I don't know then it's kind of like ignorance, right? Like I just will throw it away. It's not like a high priority for me. But if I understand the impact on the environment and it's like clogging up the system, then I'm more inclined to like, you know, use buy nothing groups or make an effort, you know.
1068	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Yes, and these programs have the potential to make residents aware of solutions too because that's what could happen to school programs , it is a space where solutions get promoted, you know tips and tricks get shared and people get to learn more experiences.
1069	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority. Efficient waste and recycling systems are necessary for society to function. Education around reduction of waste and circular economy principles are necessary to combat climate change.
1070	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It will be difficult. I just think the first barrier that I'd think of would be cost if that's a barrier for people or time
1071	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It can be easy, I guess if it was for a student that wouldn't be so much of an issue probably because it would be hopefully included with their schooling, but if it were like a program for adults or community members to sign up for, I think the cost and scheduling the time would be a barrier and it will make it difficult. It is more likely for programs to offer hybrid components meaning in-person programs and online programs so I have options and I can accommodate and prepare for stressors like finances and scheduling my time with my commitments. This will also allow for community members from different ability levels to participate in these programs.
1072	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	I don't know, It seems like you have to be a student for these programs?
1073	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would participants to these programs receive an honorarium for their effort on completing these programs?
1074	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would an online component make it easier for people to attend?
1075	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Like for example, batteries or like you know soil like for example I try to plant something and I'm not allowed to throw it in the garbage here because they don't allow us and I don't know where to throw. How are residents supposed to know the best approach to dealing with waste?
1076	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	I agreed. I don't know what to do with other things like, for example, old things like electronics that you used before and now I don't know. You can't throw it in the garbage. Where am I supposed to take these things to ?
1077	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What about people with physical disabilities? How are they supposed to participate or know of these programs? Are there accessible options for proper disposal of waste for people with limited physical abilities and financial means?
1078	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How are newcomers and tourists supposed to know how to properly dispose of waste?
1079	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should consider including the opportunity for community members to volunteer for these programs. I think just volunteering here would be enough for me. I think that's the best I could do right now.
1080	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Maybe Metro Vancouver should consider some kind of incentive for participants. I don't know how like you could but yes a way to incentify participants to complete the programs.
1081	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Agreed. Honorariums for participants can make it more accessible for people from diverse backgrounds to attend to these programs. Especially to cover childcare, assist people with diverse abilities and more.
1082	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I think that's also good to hear that Metro Vancouver is looking into potentially implementing this in schools because people can learn and get experience and education can be standardized and normalized at an early stage
1083	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	What makes the most sense is to educate people at an early age rather than having to do catch up work, right, when they're adults.
1084	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority because businesses are the center of the economy where most of the waste is generated.
1085	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I would like to add, it's a high priority because if you don't have businesses and organizations and the broader community implementing the actions or trying them, you're not going to have progress especially with businesses right where a lot of the waste is generated like yeah it's pretty necessary.
1086	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think awareness is key and this can be easy to implement. So like maybe people could go out into the businesses and educate them or we can share with communities to look out for these stamps because if you don't know it just like we see a lot of like marketing nowadays with like green and like vegan or whatever, but like if you don't have the awareness of like what that means, then it's it doesn't really mean anything. Maybe educators can go into the businesses and just give a little lunch and learn or something like that to educate people.
1087	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is easy to implement. I also think that it will be good to know that businesses are doing this. So it's good to encourage businesses to get certified and some sort of certification process because it tells us where we should be purchasing things and where we should be going for solutions to our problems.

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1088	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it's going to be really difficult because you're not only implementing a new concept like you have to change culture in the community. I have learned that to change culture, you have to start really young in the community and do long-term growth. So you have to like to change it with the young people and implement it in their everyday lives so they like to habitualize it. It's like a long-term plan. It doesn't happen overnight. And so maybe this could be implemented in schools for young people. and then that makes the participation easier, maybe over time.
1089	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It can be easy if we incentivize people and incentivize businesses to do it properly.
1090	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would there be incentives for businesses and people ?
1091	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Are businesses going to be encouraged in the process?
1092	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is Metro Vancouver considering people with disabilities, newcomers and low-income individuals in this transition?
1093	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should consider making these actions and processes mandatory for businesses and organizations.
1094	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Employers should incentify employees through lunch and learning events.
1095	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We would need more education for residents, businesses and organizations. For them to understand the importance of this action and the role they each play.
1096	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	For me, this is a high priority. Like we need more solutions advertised and explained to us. We need to be able to see the solutions that we have already existing and we need new solutions to be created for the problems we are facing for example like electronics and other.
1097	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High Priority, we need to identify the solutions that are working, and stop the ones that are not. It is also good to implement new practices that help us achieve a circular economy.
1098	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it's difficult because it's not really marketed well. Maybe it could be marketed better on social media, through influencers. What would make the participation easier would be more marketing, more visibility, more publicity.
1099	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think I agree , it is hard to participate when there is not enough marketing, and publicity done. I would recommend things to be marketed with different demographics and keeping the content relevant and inclusive.
1100	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I just had another thought, instead of trying to educate and stuff maybe penalize like if I put batteries and wrong items in my garbage and I put it on the street maybe there's some sort of like penalty like that I get in trouble for this stuff because right now I just put it all in my garbage and I just cross my fingers and hope that they don't notice kind of thing. For me to collaborate with external groups, things need to be accessible and easy to use. It will make it easier just for example to put an electronics in the recycle bin and it gets diverted from my home step. That way everyone, even people with physical disabilities can participate.
1101	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Clear strategies to ensure businesses and organizations are compliant with waste management plans.
1102	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Potentially having initiatives that break the stigma about wearing recycled clothes or reusing recycled items. So, people are more aware of how safe it can be and how to make it safe.
1103	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	External groups will have more insight for Metro Vancouver as they are members of the community and can identify specific needs or concerns.
1104	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Should Individuals and business/organizations be penalized for not adhering to the plan? Or should we consider extended producer responsibility in every product ?
1105	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would the provincial and federal government provide support and incentives ?
1106	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More advertisements in daily life tips and tricks and like more community awareness to implement these new practices.
1107	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	For me, this is high because it provides food security. It provides spaces for green areas for people to focus on their well-being and nature and disconnect. It allows people to perform an activity that teaches them how their food is grown.
1108	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Just like the food and agriculture aspects, waste is a huge factor for implementing this initiative. I guess with the indigenous aspect of it too, it's great to lead by example and setting up ways where people can contribute to reconciliation by transferring knowledge.
1109	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I feel like those gardens and projects are not advertised properly, but I also feel like they're only for a select few if that makes sense. Like I don't know how to get involved. It kind of feels like there is a community already built and the barrier to get into making a garden is really difficult. So, if it was more welcoming in some way or more accessible like if I walked by the garden there was some information on how to get involved like on the gates or something or online advertising it.

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1110	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yes, I agreed. Maybe some kind of I don't know as I don't think this exists, but maybe some kind of hub like online that Metro Vancouver could create for those kinds of community spaces, right? And then you could just search or look for whatever you're whatever you're looking for, whether it be community gardens or a tool library or any other initiatives.
1111	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY GARDENS ETC.?
1112	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should consider more publicity and advertisement of these programs and initiatives.
1113	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having a variety of opportunities for engagement will allow participants to accommodate their participation into their schedules.
1114	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Incentives and honorariums for participation would benefit members of the community and create a positive culture.
1115	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority. Businesses are the center of the economy and large generators of waste.
1116	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it is difficult because it will require a lot of money to implement these tools and a lot of resources. So what will make it easier is to work with the private sector, the public sector and every sector to potentially implement this and to make this visible and attractive for participants and users and businesses because it has to be advertised properly and to a diverse group of participants.
1117	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How can we make this attractive for business and users to implement ?
1118	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should consider better marketing strategies for educational purposes.
1119	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide incentives that motivate users and businesses.
1120	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority. Education and marketing is crucial for an informed citizen.
1121	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In general, you would hope that additional tools and educational tools would help make things easier. Making it easier for all of us, including businesses to participate.
1122	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	These tools should consider a wide range of people, it is important to make these tools accessible to everyone in the community. That would make it easier for everyone to participate.
1123	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Better marketing and getting the word out is important.
1124	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Providing incentives for businesses and community members to use these tools.
1125	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High Priority
1126	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think this is something that is easy to participate in as a resident. It might be more difficult as you scale it up to organizations.
1127	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think that's a good idea. That's a very good one because I think you know most things that are wasted are food from food scraps. So it's very good that if we do that it helps a lot of people. It is easy on the individual level, but maybe harder on the businesses and organizations side. Maybe it will be good to provide incentives.
1128	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Saving food or eliminating waste is a mindset. So if you have a mindset of overconsumption, you just don't really care about these things but once you take responsibility for things like the environment and your life then it becomes more important. So again, switching culture is like maybe shifting the mindset of people like a growth mindset and I don't know how you do that but it's like literally changing your personality, teaching people to regain their self control.
1129	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It will be also good to work with restaurants and supermarkets to avoid food waste ending up in the landfill or in the compost if it has the potential to feed someone else. Togoodto go apps and other initiatives would make participation easier but once again people need to be educated and aware of these tools.
1130	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Food waste is a huge factor that can be prevented.
1131	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Transforming our food production systems to zero waste and circular economy principles would be very beneficial for our community.
1132	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I think also the government like Metro Vancouver and other municipalities, they could subsidize or encourage refill stores and things like that or they could maybe launch their own or something.

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1133	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Incentives and honorariums are a good way to ensure accessibility. Creating a cultural shift and providing for everyone in our region.
1134	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	It was great to give feedback in options analysis phase. Please make things accessible and easy to use for residents
1135	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Metro Vancouver needs to consider people facing barriers to participate
1136	1-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	More advertising and promotion of the options analysis phase and the opportunity for citizen engagement in shaping the draft plan would be beneficial
1137	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Being technically able to recycle. Without ICI PPP recycling, our organization has no ability to be able to legally recycle unless we bring our material home and place it with our household recyclables....which we do as we're small enough that this is not too much of a burden. No private recycling option where we are located that accepts PPP.
1138	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Education about what is recyclable and where.
1139	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Expanded regulations on the mandatory recycling of uncontaminated materials generated by healthcare facilities.
1140	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Having ICI recycling be the same as it is for residential.
1141	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More convenient services
1142	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Perhaps more bins that keep things separate by material type.
1143	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	At this stage our compost container is sufficient
1144	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Clean areas for organics collection (i.e., no vectors, no slippery/sticky surfaces)
1145	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More container
1146	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Waste audits - many people still do not sort
1147	1-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We use a foodcycler so we're in pretty good shape
1148	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium: 2, High: 8
1149	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Success stories. Creating a story behind a theme is important; perhaps an environmental theme.
1150	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We live in a concrete jungle – how can we make it even more environmental? Identifying who should be in those events. When we do our events, we educate people.
1151	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Getting Indigenous peoples involved, with potluck. People can come down to a certain area. Binner 7 agrees because it's collaborative.
1152	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Pop-up stuffs are really important – something at different locations. Advertise, put it on the TV. Binner 9 agrees.
1153	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	(It's not easy.) I don't have that much contact with event organizers and industry professionals myself. Maybe Binners' Project core staff can organize them; binners can be a part of those events (but not at the logistical/organizational level).
1154	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Will there be additional funding for the solid waste management plan?
1155	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Are there different areas included as well (Richmond, etc.)?
1156	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having material incentives when we (binners) are involved.
1157	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If we have our own bins, we don't have to travel far for it. Efficiency is an incentive. Binner 11 agrees, and shares to give more financial incentive. For pop-ups – don't call them "garbage."
1158	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Including a compost feature is important. Binner 11 agrees, and shares that if the city picks up the compost, it would be good. For styrofoam, for example, if it disintegrates, we can form it into something else. So reusing it will save the environment.

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1159	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Everything is microplastics now.
1160	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Donation spots.
1161	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High: 11
1162	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More media representation on the work so people can read it.
1163	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Advertising the way to deal with your waste.
1164	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Utilize technological advancements to help with waste.
1165	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Fundraisers that support the organizations to get what they need to bring it back into the community. Binner 9 agrees.
1166	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	When they cut trees down, there needs to be an environmental solution to what is lost, as it impacts the ecosystem.
1167	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Some communities still need to learn.
1168	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People need to know more about what's going on; everything is getting delivered nowadays. They have to be more proactive in the way they manage their waste. We don't know as much as the kids know – now it's gotten to the point that it's really important. All the landfills are full. Rethinking is important, because they have to.
1169	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	So many of us go through the alleys throughout Vancouver; there is so much we wanna take and recycle, but we can't because we don't have a car or a truck. But if there is an organization can support with transporting large items, that will address an enormous amount of large waste that end up not getting picked up.
1170	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's difficult if binners are not compensated.
1171	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It'll be difficult. One-time events are good, but there needs to be more follow-through.
1172	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Goods and services tax four times a year – the two times a year should involve community events.
1173	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Making educational seminars more frequent and local, and incentivize them. Binner 11 agrees, and it can be a collaboration with community centres.
1174	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Education is important. Making those educational sessions free.
1175	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's super easy. I think it would be hard to have binners involved if they're not contracted out.
1176	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	More action from the City
1177	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Rethink before other Rs
1178	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	I think binners should be a part of this project
1179	1-Oct-25	Consultation #3 Notes	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	General Feedback	We all see things that get tossed away that have the most minor scratches/alterations to be made. To say everything that is on the street that is stolen is not true. There were workshops where you can bring in things to be repaired - more of that would be super useful. Repair cafes would be useful. Binner 6, Binner 11 and Binner 9 agree. Binner 9 shares that solid waste that can't be fixed here gets sent off to other countries.

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1180	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Junk removal services
1181	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	If there was transportation, I pick
1182	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More publicity
1183	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	When to pick up the waste. When to put out the recyclable (e.g., at night). Also out of sight centre with instructions
1184	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Organize to recycle capacity (so things could be broken down into components that can be re-used, recycled, or need special disposal like batteries, mercury etc.)
1185	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Have a deposit on more items
1186	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Transportation
1187	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Pay us more
1188	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Make it low like E.U.
1189	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Put a refund value on item or material
1190	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More places to recycle batteries
1191	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Depots open late
1192	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Compartments that (e.g.) clothing, batteries, plastic, metals as a group when you take to drop-off you get a clean one to take
1193	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Higher deposits
1194	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Availability of containers. Food bins
1195	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Green compost bucket with bags
1196	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Bags. Aveur labels? Free incentives / bonus games
1197	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Small containers for recycling food waste
1198	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Have plot for food waste gardening. Have a bin for food waste. A container for compostable food waste
1199	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	To have recycle program
1200	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	To have the recycle waste program in my building and sort them in bins
1201	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	We don't have recycle program in SRO. In my building – BC Housing
1202	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	To have a program – recycle
1203	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Having separate containers
1204	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	A compost bin — multiple actually, like 1 per floor
1205	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Yes, first I have sort my item, and in building we put posters
1206	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	To have Binner project work in the building
1207	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	A compost container
1208	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Space to be able to store the food waste. Bins that would hold this type of waste
1209	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Accessibility
1210	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Comes to building on a regular basis

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1211	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Not having to carry it to basement
1212	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	To have everything ready already
1213	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	More recycling services
1214	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Actual recycling bins
1215	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	A compost station
1216	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Having a compost bin
1217	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Note: if people did not put meat products in compost bins
1218	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	We have compost bins next to landfill containers
1219	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	The compost bin
1220	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Big bags
1221	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Compost bin
1222	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Collection / sorting food waste
1223	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Food waste bin / compost
1224	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Already recycled food
1225	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	A bin that would hold 1 week's worth of food waste
1226	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Compostable bins!!
1227	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	My building has many food waste bins
1228	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Provide compostable food item containers
1229	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Provide small container for the kitchen → easier to take outside to compost bin
1230	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Easier access
1231	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Compostable food item containers
1232	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	It's pretty good where I live.
1233	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	More bins according to recycling category.
1234	1-Oct-25	Paper Survey - Open end responses	MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Having a bin.
1235	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Scenarios draft	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		I have been reading through the Options and was very concerned to see that closing the incinerator was not considered as an option. Following on the last PTAC meeting where no real information was provided on what residual options for Metro Vancouver would be, I have created the attached spreadsheet.
1236	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Scenarios draft	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		It uses existing waste data and annual level of decrease and then forecasts for the 10 years of the plan using Metro Van population forecasts. I use tipping fees calculated two ways from Metro Van data and add in three scenarios -1. closing the incinerator with status quo waste reduction, 2. closing it and actively pursuing Zero Waste (though this is only an increase from the status quo and not as ambitious as the plans for Nanaimo or Capital Regional Districts) and 3 pursuing Zero Waste but not closing the incinerator.

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1237	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Scenarios draft	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		If you look at the sensitivity tab, you will see that in almost all cases (and certainly all of the likely ones), closing the incinerator and pursuing zero waste saves the most money over the status quo (and this is a very conservative model in that it overestimates the costs to dispose at Vancouver Landfill). There are a few variables that can be changed (% waste decreased, amount of capital costs for incinerator, if the maximum waste to the Vancouver Landfill is 750,000 or 700,000 tonnes per year, and some represent different disposal costs). These adjustables are in yellow so you can play with it yourselves. I put in $10 million per year of additional investment to achieve the zero waste option. This represents a significant increase over the previous investments (at the very most a generous estimate of $4M per year) making it reasonable to expect success and also making it possible to fund the many actions we will discuss on Friday.
1238	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Scenarios draft	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		So Metro Vancouver is going to fund a Public Health Risk Assessment and revisit the emissions levels and testing. Health Authorities will be involved and there will be public consultation. This should result in additional requirements for the incinerator as existing requirements are from almost 15 years ago and a lot has changed in the air quality world.
1239	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		For a long time I was active in the field of waste management in healthcare and local waste management on the North Shore. Now retired and seeing life from a different angle, in a new area, a few actions and thoughts become obvious to me.
1240	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		Most residents are too busy to truly care about waste
1241	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		There need to be more resources for waste of bigger size, and free or very cheap disposal
1242	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		I don't always find the staff at the electronics, plastic, styrofoam etc disposal places polite or helpful.
1243	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		Also parking is an issue at those sites.
1244	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		Could the bottle returns be at a different place?
1245	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		At homeless sites (while not legal, people do live there and dump garbage) could a garbage bin/ recycling be present, temporarily? Plus give a camp leader the responsibility to keep the site tidy?
1246	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		Restart the tap water pledge campaign again
1247	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		Buy more water trucks for major events during the summer
1248	1-Oct-25	Email submission Re: SWMP feedback		Public members-at-large		Finish the new solid waste treatment plant on the North Shore, we need it
1249	2-Oct-25	Email submission Re: PTAC October Meeting	HSR Zero Waste and PTAC	Waste Industry		Regardless of your position on things, the lack of transparency from MV regarding key elements that affect the SWMP is unacceptable. Also not that the Federal funding is only $2.4M on a $240M project so about 1% and that is if costs stay on budget, which I am not confident they will. That 2.4M could be far better spent on so many other waste prevention and diversion initiatives.
1250	2-Oct-25	Email submission Re: PTAC October Meeting	HSR Zero Waste and PTAC	Waste Industry		I also think X is right that we should be taking a hard look at looking at what it would mean to shut it down,given the recent concerns with the Burnaby incinerator not able to meet Provincial air quality standards, local concern around the potential release of unmonitored dioxins and furans, and the fact that the cost to bring it in line and maintain it is escalating fast with no real analysis done.. $100M got added to their capital budget over night with no supporting documents as to what that included. 37 year old facility with an average life span of 30 years.
1251	2-Oct-25	Meeting Summary	Regional Administrators Advisory Committee (RAAC)	Local government		Metro Vancouver staff provided a presentation. One comment about the need for a more local organics processing facility, with mention of a site on the North Shore. The main point being that it is important to find a local solution rather than shipping organics out-of-region.
1252	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need ZW re-integrated into the plan – municipal regulatory pieces are not reflected in this – all ideas on regulatory pieces have been shuffled away.
1253	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Advocating is important but need to be more directive with action-oriented tasks.
1254	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General comment – for strategy 4.6 – a lot of the actions could have member jurisdiction participation, but why only choose ID 130 (worm bins) and ID 155 (AI pilots)
1255	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need to more wholistically support transition to circular economy over long-term- supporting meaningful systems change. Whatever the plan is will set direction for staff and need more concrete actions by staff on waste prevention and circular economy.
1256	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Also need more of an economic development framework – economic pieces need to be more fully considered – i.e., if you are a local innovation, how can regulation support your innovation? Not just about waste.
1257	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Circular economy frameworks should have ZW strategy embedded within it.
1258	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Big thing that's missing – redesigning the systems, reverse logistics, how do we think about procurement and business model transformation instead of incremental change to what is already happening.
1259	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Behaviour change needs to be more explicit.
1260	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Important to shift funds and resources and develop CE solutions through ZW tools.
1261	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Strategy 1.2 – how to support transition – important to build on the existing innovation, it will cultivate itself. Need stronger teeth, ability to quantify current landscape and change.
1262	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Scared of pilots – only works at scale; need economy of scale which can't be achieved through pilots. Need more living labs to demonstrate economic models.
1263	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need bolder supports and changes. Deconstruction policies didn't come – and businesses, like unbuilders, didn't succeed. E.g., same with single use cup fee. Need to set up test systems to provide signal to market.
1264	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need more bold commitments – e.g., commit $10 million over 10 years (e.g.)

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1265	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Outside supply is a constraint now; so important to get foundational policies in place and that's something that comes out of it. This may come organically through other actions like ID003 and 4, feels more of a Phase 2, secondary action.
1266	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Important but calls out one sector and likely should be broader.
1267	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Change to MV to lead by example in ZW.
1268	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Limited to food systems – but these concepts are over-arching to all sectors.
1269	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Should include ZW education.
1270	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		What would be action that comes out of this one? This one maybe folds into others. All of these waste items where end of life solutions don't yet exist. There are enough materials and for-profit companies that are not getting the lift off or voice that they need to scale. Once we get to scalable systems and technologies – need to not pause before we give them lift off. Need people participating – and need to widen the tent.
1271	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Collaborate with external groups – get more specific. Collaborate with circular innovators and entrepreneurs on the ground and across the country.
1272	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This is important. There are existing technology that tracks origin of the material. Need to focus on high value materials. If we deconstruct the building, if we don't know origin of material don't know what to do with it. Digital passports and material banks are important. How can we facilitate wider adoption. Like that tracking and forecasting is included. Working with retrofits – digital tools would be able to be scaled up. EverLeger (Leanne Kemp's business is blockchain enabled).
1273	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Deprioritize this (voted six thinks less relevant)
1274	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Educating the benefits, yes but should go further and be specific about showing business case. Like collaborating but businesses need to know future direction – so good to have regional commitments. Harder words would be better – less about collaborating and educating, moving towards enforce and regulate. Mandate and enforce. Stronger wording. Supporting in the transition is great but need to focus on accelerating the adoption of circular business models - this results in setting behavioural norm in the industry. Be transparent with business community about direction MV is going.
1275	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		A lot of requirements for new and up and coming CE businesses. Too high risk for businesses – insurance, land, cost margins. Not sure this is what is intended to address in this action, clarify and include this if not elsewhere and this is only reference recycling businesses.
1276	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Like this. Look at BC housing, heavily weight cost. More facets we work into that pull weight away from costs, towards circular criteria, is great. All member jurisdictions have different criteria, so businesses are working in a patchwork. Higher ambition mandated through procurement criteria is what we want.
1277	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Needs stronger wording, important piece is how to do this at scale. Like for composting programs, how can we have one in every community? Agro-ecology is a good term to think about and possibly integrate as it's broader principle.
1278	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Great but also needs a 'stick'
1279	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Also requires a financial incentive. E.g. if not using hard to recycle plastics was somehow saving producers money.
1280	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Convenience and staffing are also factors.
1281	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Companies will only take action if they are pressured.
1282	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Useless unless there is a 'stick'. Healthcare has compactors, and when you remove a compactor you should reassess the system.
1283	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		There's a group within the healthcare system that advocates for recycling -but a lot of them don't end up in recycling bins but end up in containers that end up in landfill or transfer site, and once there is a contaminant from health perspective it goes to incinerator.
1284	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Force health care to put in programs to listen to subject matter experts and do the right thing.
1285	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		We like "co-develop waste reduction solutions" – because in industry, there are experts on what to do with their waste. So that has value. But we are over the 'workshops' part. Specific sector waste including healthcare but also other industries.
1286	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Tie to a 3rd party certification – this helps motivate as well.
1287	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Sectors education is just repeating. If they don't know where to go.. we have huge uphill climb on education, particularly with construction
1288	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Others support this at Douglas college post secondary – hard to find the suppliers on our own but if there are resources to help connect us .
1289	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Feedback that this ID doesn't address 'reduce'. They have been taking materials to transfer stations for a number of years; it comes down to the amount of room they have on the ground.
1290	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Good for some industries (like schools) but not others (construction)

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1291	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Tools and templates do not go far enough – we shouldn't be doing that. We should go further and put regulations – e.g. you cannot buy/sell things that end up in our landfills.
1292	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Works in settings where there is a universal rfp process and they can then put it into their policy.
1293	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Needs to be enforceable
1294	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Nothing about MV implementing procurement strategy that incentivizes/awards sustainable procurement. Need more commitment – more committal language. This is too vague.
1295	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need 10 year plan to develop full procurement policy to then implement.
1296	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		How detailed is this plan supposed to be? Last plan wasn't detailed.
1297	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		End plan needs to be clear.
1298	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		MV's own internal procurement would be year 1-2, then the next few years expand from there
1299	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Could be effective for other industries but not C&D – they will not respond to a toolkit. They need rules, requirements, and financial incentives/disincentives.
1300	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Because this should have happened years ago. Educational tools are too 'soft' to be the focus. Need more requirements rather than educational tools. WE're at the point where we need to play hardball.
1301	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Good but needs to be paired with enforcement
1302	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need to have a clear strategy to promote/require businesses to participate.
1303	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		If you have someone from Metro Vancouver coming into the businesses to talk, that's impactful and makes a big difference.
1304	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Not clear who is the one developing methods to estimate or provide score card for businesses
1305	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Would like to see rules on new construction.
1306	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Disappointed we're on the 'workshop' stage rather than further along into implementation.
1307	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Want it to have more teeth.
1308	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		If you're not forced to do it, it won't happen.
1309	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Have mechanism like a sensor in bin so that you only pay for pickup when the bin is full, rather than a regular schedule like weekly – provides an incentive for reducing garbage.
1310	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Requirements to submit a zero waste strategy, implement waste audits or waste plans, etc. could be effective
1311	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Idea of licensing manufacturer, retailer, hauler even. We don't have a clear picture on what receiving facility receives waste from where and which hauler.
1312	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Waste reduction coaches – have people supporting businesses directly
1313	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Circular procurement – use the region's procurement power, or procurement guidelies. Only buy from companies that do XYZ. Ban could also have the same effect – if something Is banned, you look for alternatives.
1314	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		How do we reduce – I don't' see disposal ban as 'reduce'. Bans encourage diversion as opposed to waste reduction. You are trying to sort out the stuff that has already gone to disposal.
1315	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Ban does not reduce the amount of waste generated in the first place.
1316	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Bans incentivise waste leaving the region?
1317	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		A ban will mean they'll go over border to dispose of banned materials.
1318	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need a system to track waste from producer, hauler, and receiver so we know it's left the region.
1319	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This strategy should go to recycle or lower (not REDUCE).
1320	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Need a pathway for waste from certain sectors to be banned from MV facilities to have a review process. Need a clear audit and review process to revisit items that are currently unable to go to recycling and need to go to WTEF (e.g. hospital waste)
1321	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Beyond just providing incentives for collectors, the region should look into incentivizing innovators/entrepreneurs that provides solutions for materials so that they can then be banned.

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1322	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Consideration is as EPR comes in, that creates risk for innovators. Is there a way for EPR to not quash innovation. If there is a thriving system in place already, EPR should not be able to come in and displace that successful system (eg. What happened to electronics)
1323	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Clear bags should not be lumped with “technologies” – they are two separate things.
1324	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Instal tech to monitor customers, rather than clear bags at the disposal site. More important to monitor at source.
1325	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Are we missing a C&D data action under reuse? Metro Vancouver has lack of data about what leaves the region
1326	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		San Francisco requires reporting on C&D leaving the region
1327	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		No regulation actions in the C&D strategy currently – need to look beyond just incentives
1328	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Look to Nanaimo for a successful example of a wood ban
1329	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Consider just reuse in construction sector; demolition by definition doesn’t include reuse
1330	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This already exists, doesn’t need resources
1331	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Consider a freestore model at recycling and waste centres – both drop off and pick up of reusable materials
1332	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Critically important for Metro Vancouver specifically
1333	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Addressing the time component is key for incentivizing deconstruction. Currently the biggest disincentive is the increased time it takes.
1334	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Lower support, there have already been a lot of tries and failures in this area
1335	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This already exists; facebook marketplace
1336	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Maple Ridge New and Used and other physical locations already exist
1337	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Incentivize rather than ‘encourage’
1338	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Doesn’t need to be in-region
1339	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Should go through a MRF first
1340	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		The incentive is already built in to some extent
1341	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Scaling deconstruction is important for contractors
1342	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Time component more important than incentive component
1343	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		These are what Metro Vancouver should focus their effort on, but they need to be more direct
1344	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Don’t like the term advocate, foster, encourage; these don’t speak to action
1345	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Incentivize may be better to use rather than advocate
1346	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Consider disincentives for not using reused material
1347	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		ID045 and ID035 could be combined
1348	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Support for regulation, asking for more regulatory authority rather than advocating
1349	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Support for this action; shouldn’t have to drive out of region for reused building supplies
1350	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Land is not an issue, action not supported
1351	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Ensure the material gets to facilities rather than supply land for it
1352	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Take back more than just clothing such as electronics, etc

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1353	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Cleaning and washing infrastructure for reusable product processing throughout the region (not hubs).
1354	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Increase awareness of these programs
1355	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Understand barriers to resident participation in reuse, refill, and repair.
1356	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Identify opportunities in reuse and repair industry and skills required for repair. The knowledge exists but needs more focus
1357	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Pilot broad reuse initiatives in a small community (complete top to bottom change to reuse)
1358	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Top-down change is required. Currently too much bureaucracy so that there is no room for change. Too risk adverse (Example of putting in a reuse collection bin at Kitsilano beach being shut down by strict policies). Need inventive to adopt new practices (resources, time, money)
1359	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Metro Vancouver can offer support, but lots of groups are already doing this work.
1360	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Challenge of increasing cost of rent for nonprofit organizations doing reuse work. Community groups need land or space to do their work. Increase focus on infrastructure to make reuse convenient and accessible (land, storage, software, facilities, etc)
1361	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Funding for larger industry to pilot reuse and repair initiatives or collaborate with smaller community groups to ensure the funding has the biggest impact.
1362	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Develop a directory of organizations and businesses already working in the space for people to connect to. Reporting mechanism.
1363	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Same issues as thrift stores
1364	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Pay the people doing the work, rather than apps and software to inform the business
1365	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Major food recovery organizations could get together and operate a “Hub and spoke model”
1366	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Relationships with non-profits are important
1367	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Buildings and space are key to expanding the sector
1368	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		No regulations currently shown under this strategy; would be helpful
1369	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Programs before data
1370	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Measurement is challenging; best estimates can be more practical
1371	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Replace “encourage” with “incentivize.”
1372	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to EPR programs.
1373	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Include mention of expansion of deposit return programs within EPR.
1374	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This action is redundant when considering the other actions in this category.
1375	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Replace “encourage” with “incentivize” or “advocate”
1376	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Advocate for curbside collection of EPR materials for 100% of Metro Vancouver residents
1377	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Create/require accountability and transparency confirming chain of custody, end of life true recycling of materials, markets and recycled products from EPR materials collected
1378	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Increase accountability for the first priority of EPR which is design changes to reduce waste and increase reusability in the products at source.
1379	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Incentivize upstream changes to focus on reusability or products and packaging.
1380	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Ensure all MSW is processed for the purpose of taking out recoverable materials.
1381	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Provide financial disincentives to not recycle (charge more for garbage to incentivize diversion)
1382	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Make it more clear which type of recyclable is being referred to for each item in each action (e.g. what types of recycling are you referring to make it easier and more effective? Which items currently have the most confusion for recycling that need to be focused on?)

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1383	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		How do we ensure whatever is left from reduce and reuse can be recycled?
1384	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Whatever those materials are – should be specified within the strategy before diving into the actions – makes it more clear on what the action is tackling to the audience reading and interpreting these actions
1385	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This action is operating under the assumption that education changes the behaviour of residents – there isn't strong enough proof to support that currently with recycling data, maybe look to other ways of enforcement in multi-family residents.
1386	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Have some sort of penalization for the people who do not participate – have different penalization rules per each large recycler, so they know when they disobey the rules, what the repercussions are.
1387	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		What do the rewards systems look like for those who do participate and are avid recyclers in the system? Maybe specify that a bit more in the action.
1388	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Would be great to have standardized system collection across the region to be able for residents to understand it
1389	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Like this action because it looks upstream rather than downstream – good action to have to intervene with those not good at recycling.
1390	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Educational resources just aren't enough for people to participate in this action – need to really make the system accessible that they will hold their event at (i.e. have mandatory recycling and compost bins at large event areas)– and make it clear where and what to recycle and where it goes
1391	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		These actions seems similar enough - could put them together
1392	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Must include alignment with specific building needs and producers or products
1393	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Include non-profit organizations as facilitators of education where possible (e.g. Binners)
1394	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Remove reference to "ethnocultural" – could be misinterpreted as those communities are causing the issues or recycling and contamination – instead make reference to providing the resources in multiples languages.
1395	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Clarify whether you are talking about non-profit organizations facilitating the recycling training within the buildings, or running the buildings sorting programs.
1396	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Include education or resources for suppliers of party supplies including catering (e.g. Costco/grocery stores)
1397	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Have stickers on the plastic packaging that indicates very visibly that it is recyclable and should go in a certain colour bin
1398	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Clarify what 'environmental advisors' are in the description of this action (RCBC Hotline) – could be taken a few different ways
1399	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Consider language and cultural barriers to regional participation for the information services being provided.
1400	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Spend the money on the services for translations – see if it would be helpful or not – then pivot if not
1401	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Some items on the agenda that needs to align with what is happening in the industry – relevancy is important
1402	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Get the stratas etc. to have buy in for the recycling guidelines that they need to follow an be held accountable
1403	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Very low support to gamify recycling and reduction education – think of other ways.
1404	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Harder to do effectively
1405	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		The GHG of AI is not worth it to support this action – not great benefits
1406	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Create systems where organizations like Binners could help to sort – rather than spending money on AI to sort
1407	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		If going to use AI – make sure its not to in depth for the items because it will use more energy and power to create it
1408	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		With transparency of what happens to materials, there needs to be honesty. Acknowledging that the products that are being made in the system aren't necessarily getting recycled because there's no end market for them currently (i.e. certain plastics and products)– that is part of the process, to collect those products in the solid waste system, so what does NOT get recycled because it cant be, should be part of the transparent data.
1409	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		There should also be transparency of how the businesses are making money off of those recyclable products
1410	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Recycling is value creation and we are extracting the value out of recycling those products – how do we ensure to send the benefits back to the consumer and community?
1411	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Explaining EPR more throughout education of what happens to that money and why it is baked into the cost of the items would be a useful start with transparency and honesty

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1412	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Mandate bins that are decaled – if the bins aren't given people the information they need – whether MURB or single family – would decrease contamination a lot
1413	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Consider the space given to garbage bins versus recycling -when recycling should be a priority for most households – yet the garbage collection bin is the one with the most space and always largest.
1414	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Very highly rated
1415	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members acknowledged that the strategy of collecting dimensional lumber is new, yet the other strategies are the same as before (recycling of concrete, asphalt). This suggests that MSW will continue going to either landfill or incinerated.
1416	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members asked that consideration be taken to the fact that the landfill is closing and there is a carbon neutral goal by 2050.
1417	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		A bottom ash pilot can remove 40,000 tonnes of material from going to landfill. 100,000 tonnes of small load waste material can be removed and go to another purpose.
1418	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members discussed if funding and resources are being put into recovery and taken away from other areas.
1419	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members asked about triaging reusable materials from landfill and although it was not clear to them in the strategies, Metro Vancouver does have an agreement with Urban Repurpose at the NSRWC that includes collecting reusable lumber.
1420	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Some members wanted to spend more time talking about the top of the hierarchy rather than focusing too much on the bottom (recovery)
1421	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members were very interested in the financial investment going towards WTE and want more resources allocated to the top levels of the hierarchy.
1422	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members were interested in reallocating funding from WTE to other actions before recovery.
1423	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Members were interested in whether its possible to set proportional metrics for funding for each strategy
1424	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Don't embed examples in the action – maybe can add examples after. Embedding examples makes these actions confusing
1425	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Can we have a timeline for stages of implementation of these actions
1426	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Problem with bans is we don't have infrastructure to support reuse.
1427	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Reengineer the way we manage materials to support reuse.
1428	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		The bans don't come into place until there is infrastructure in place to handle the material flow (for recycling/reuse)
1429	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		RD of Nanaimo has a study on clean wood ban – set up streams for wood in advance of the ban – they were revenue generating streams. Good case study to look into when implementing bans
1430	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Comment on the rubric – people getting fined is impacting affordability. Haulers getting fined should not impact affordability.
1431	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		But affordability is about people who can't afford things and they're trying to do the right thing. Affordability should apply to low income residents. It should not play in as a factor when deciding on strategies for businesses or high income residents. Apply an equity lens.
1432	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Certification of receiving facilities – these exist, where they are audited. Where does stuff go after they get to that receiving facility? Needs to be verified. Especially C&D facilities – need certification. They say they recycle a certain amount but they're not actually doing that. Why are receiving facilities not licenced?
1433	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		About scale and enforceability – some of these don't fit from this perspective. Do big things and make it illegal to do bad things. E.g., ID018 – continue to learn – feels like we are past that.
1434	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		The whole R assumes that people care enough to recycle
1435	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		This only really works in circles where there is keenness for the change (e.g.PTAC and environmental groups)
1436	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		How do we change actions based on people who don't really care?
1437	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		There is a cultural and societal norm around caring for recycling how do we get them to care regardless of their value system? This is something that the actions should also include, an aspect of more than just behavioural change.
1438	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		All actions are very important – they all kind of feed the system, but they feel incomplete just on their own – but work together well because they support each other well
1439	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		All actions seem incomplete and need to be stronger language – e.g. changing "support" to "fund" – explain how MV supports by funding – rather than having them as high level
1440	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Could outline the importance of each action – and link the dependencies in the system – how they link together well
1441	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Business certification – partner with existing organizations. Yes, but make sure it leverages the innovators on the ground.

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1442	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft summary of ideas staff consider unadvisable	No work has been done from Metro Vancouver in increasing WTE capacity
1443	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft summary of ideas staff consider unadvisable	Members agreed that a hybrid system works. Landfill and WTE together.
1444	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft summary of ideas staff consider unadvisable	Source separation is preferable although there is no perfect separation system. Some members discussed how all materials could go through a MURF before going to landfill or WTE.
1445	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft summary of ideas staff consider unadvisable	Members brought up how there are only a couple reasons for keeping the WTE open yet there are many reasons for closing it
1446	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Draft summary of ideas staff consider unadvisable	Members agreed with staff that privatization is unadvisable
1447	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Feedback on SWMP Draft Outline and Residual Waste Management Options Review	Members want the SWMP to consider other Metro Vancouver plans such as the climate action plan, climate 2050. Focus on Integrated plans de-siloing.
1448	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This is a no-brainer
1449	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Don't just teach it in the school, add it to the curriculum so the messaging and actions are consistent for all grades
1450	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	You need the teachers on board with this to ensure there are consistent actions that are followed in the schools
1451	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	NO FAST FASHION
1452	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	I don't support this because you will impact the cultural fabrics that I use to make our clothes
1453	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	I don't agree because this will impact the fabrics we can afford and select for our tarditonal dress
1454	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	What does fashion have to do with Metro Vancouver?
1455	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Basic guidelines would be most helpful. MV has made things way too complicated.
1456	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	You would need to be intentional about language and communication
1457	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Face to face is good but there will be language barriers if you do not have someone who can speak our language.
1458	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Will you speak our dialect of Hindi? If you will do this, do it right for all cultures.
1459	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This is already being done by non profit organizations that get selected by stratas
1460	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	What about nail polish? There are many item swe don't know what to do with them.
1461	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Lack of space to accommodate more bins, already too crowded
1462	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Strata will be the barrier to this, there must be approved regulations to follow
1463	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Provide this in different languages and in my dialect - not helpful if just in Punjabi
1464	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Definitley a MUST
1465	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Re-using in India is a sign of being poor. Many immigrants will not do that regardless of the education.
1466	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	This is a good idea but you would need to be clear in your communication so people are aware. Advance notice is needed
1467	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Should be in public communication already
1468	5-Oct-25	Diwali - Engagement Boards	N/A	Members of the Public	Questions and Comments	Transparency is needed, little trust in what MV says
1469	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What circular economy regulations? Important to include but may be too broad. Is it federal and provincial regulations?
1470	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		90 and 5 – could be combined. Similar to comments above – group didn't generally think that built environment or food systems should be called out specifically in the "rethink" strategies.
1471	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Many actions need to be a lot tighter, more specific, and in some cases grouped together – generally felt there were too many actions in RETHINK overall.
1472	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		In some cases the actions felt too vague – and need to be more specific to measure progress against. E.g., education action should be linked to something more concrete, like 'develop curriculum'.
1473	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Generally felt that there were many instances where there was a separate action for built environment and food systems – but that these should be collapsed into one action, not calling out a specific sector but keeping at meta-level of circular economy for the rethink category. I.e., skills training actions were noted in this way.
1474	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		what does that mean? Don't know what already exists within MV operations. Important piece is to have an action that communicates that we will lead by example and share our learnings from these actions broadly.
1475	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Similar to comment above, except noting that we are already doing this? How is this different than what we already doing? This could be combined with 9 to be lead by example action, and share the learnings
1476	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		ID 014 and 011 are quite similar
1477	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		ID 11 and 14 are quite similar.
1478	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Similar to 79. Look at all skills training/education and reduce and refine them down to a few tangible actions, not specific to a sector.
1479	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Who are advocating to in this one? Feds/provinces/muni's or other?
1480	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Does MV want to host?
1481	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Important to celebrate successes and share it but it's too focused on one sector. Should be circular economy, not specific sector.
1482	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Working with trade schools – yes, but what incentives can supplement this.
1483	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Combine these [ID074 and ID042] and identify one specific deliverable on skills trading. E.g., develop school curriculum – otherwise, risk it being too broad.
1484	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Food scraps aren't garbage campaign – can we do a review of it? Push out the messaging more? It's a decade old- maybe opportunity to review. After many years, the message becomes a background message if it's not fresh.
1485	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Like this one. It's a deliverable.
1486	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Similar to above on 74 - certification program along with incentive program so it's well used, recognized.
1487	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		1.3 (18) feels weakly worded, not specific enough. Happening anyway, could it be strengthened?

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1488	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		1.3 (19) – already happening. Is the purpose to just recognize that this is underway and build from it?
1489	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Work on collaborative research projects – feels important but clarify who – or give examples of who.
1490	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Textile waste action here is important.
1491	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Procurement – lead by example – i.e., leading procurement changes and influencing marketplace is important.
1492	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		ID30 and 160 – like these but very similar. And for ID30, careful about onus on member jurisdictions. Working together on circular procurement is good, but it should be worded to 'invite member jurisdictions' to engage.
1493	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General comment among whole group - really like strategy and actions in 1.4
1494	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This is important
1495	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Really like this.
1496	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Feels like this is related to 93 – 92 could it be nested within 93? (i.e., as well as collaborations)
1497	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What would this include? Not sure if it belongs as its own action or if it's an overarching sentiment.
1498	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		It is very precise.
1499	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Measuring tonnage over GHG emissions makes more sense to me but know both are important.
1500	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Can be combined with some of the other ones that are also related to sharing information (such as builders breakfasts See ID040 and ID 062). Too many actions with too much repetition/overlap . Toolkits and breakfasts are just examples.
1501	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		The comment is that There are many opportunities for members to be directly involved in this – there should be a blue action here about C&D waste, but there are only Metro Vancouver actions here.
1502	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This one is good as its not specifically in-person – it's broader in terms of creation of tools/education.
1503	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		The idea is great but every municipality has slightly different requirements which makes this action challenging to implement.
1504	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Apathy due to frustration about how rules and requirements differ by municipality, or differ by facility (community centre v.s. street), etc. It needs to be simple. We make it complicated by having a different take in every municipality. This action would be way easier if things were harmonized. At the moment, it's not.
1505	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		A more meaningful action would be to align across municipality rather than developing education tools.
1506	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Businesses only do things if required or it's cheaper. Barrier is not about education – it's about regulation.
1507	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		We're doing this currently and we never are talking to the person we need to talk to. Expensive and not too effective.
1508	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		In-person element is challenging, v.s. just creating a toolkit.
1509	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Having a video to direct someone to would be more feasible. This is not practical or feasible.
1510	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This action is more helpful if there is a regulatory change and then businesses need help implementing.
1511	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		There could be an overall ICI strategy that incorporates multiple elements including advocacy, education, etc.
1512	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Don't list business licence even as an example – just do "regulatory approaches.
1513	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Need to do a legal deep dive to check if this is even okay to put in the plan.
1514	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Businesses licence applications – if there is extra check-box, it adds a lot of time on the existing approval process. Then you have businesses without licences operating in the city. It's not practical.
1515	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Might want to separate out commercial and institutional rather than lumping together.
1516	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What about EPR and ICI – where are we at with that – EPR for ICI should happen in place of this action that is currently on MV and municipalities.
1517	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We have many newcomers (no ones educate them), but also many people who have been here for years and many are canadian citizens don't recycle. No education provided, no implementation, no accountability.
1518	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Perhaps amend to just say "regulatory approaches" without singling out business licences.
1519	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Could regional districts having mandatory source separation for business be a solution here? FVRD and CRD may have this already. Links with ID108 – tie together and can be combined
1520	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Add "where feasible"
1521	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Add the factors / reasons for expanding disposal ban materials – such as when EPR program comes on line
1522	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Remove 'textiles' as it's just an example.
1523	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Also add notes about communications/implementation when adding new disposal bans. The lead up to the organics disposal ban was really effective.
1524	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		IS Recycle BC and other stewards involved in the discussion on hauler incentive programs?
1525	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Could we add "work with others"
1526	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Especially as we're talking about materials that are part of EPR programs such as electronics.
1527	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Instead of incentives, could it be collaborate with EPR organizations to work with their customers? Could be something other than incentives where others are also responsible (not just Metro Vancouver)
1528	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Question on how to fund an incentive program.
1529	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		How do you measure the "additional recycling services"?
1530	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Instead of saying clear bags, have something more general. Technology solutions is fine but remove clear bags.
1531	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Remove require
1532	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consistency but not mandate for the reporting because there are some challenges around resource collection. Would be more popular
1533	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Has a reduce component to it, needs to be connected to the reduce counterpart.

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1534	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General support for consistent approaches
1535	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Confusing what it means as proven at the community level
1536	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Advocate for it now, don't delay there are already lots of examples of where it can happen
1537	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		There is a mix of tactics and specifics under Strategy 3.2
1538	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General lack of specific actions
1539	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Municipalities would like to see a guide for where we want to go – build in what's aspiration vs. what's practical
1540	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Market can change and make things irrelevant, risk in being too specific
1541	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Give enough direction to say what we're actually accomplishing with these actions
1542	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Be specific about Metro vancouver's role
1543	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Many of these could include subtasks in order to streamline and combine
1544	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Actions should have specific start and end
1545	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		For actions under this strategy, they should be measurable able to be checked off when complete
1546	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider each action as a mini project that would need a project manager, a define timeline and deliverable
1547	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Very broad, too vague
1548	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Could take the form of regular meetings with C&D sector representatives
1549	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Very similar as ID046
1550	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		How will this be encouraged? This needs more detail
1551	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This is not currently practical – you can encourage, but the material is not readily available to use
1552	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		A more tangible version could be "Develop a communication plan /programs/materials to encourage…"
1553	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		The idea of a freestore where residents can drop off and pick up construction material in the same place would improve convenience
1554	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Communications material for municipalities could help to encourage this
1555	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Education around deconstruction could help demonstrate why this is important
1556	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Rather that encouraging residents in their own problem, Metro Vancouver could encourage residents to use deconstruction contractors rather than demolition
1557	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This could be an example under ID037
1558	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Could be linked with ID038
1559	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This could be an example of how ID037 could work. Redundant
1560	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Language is aspirational, but noncommittal. This action is not tangible
1561	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Needs more action, weakly worded
1562	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This could be an example under ID037
1563	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		More specifically, this could take the form of a proposal for a provincial/federal grant "Submit a proposal to the province or federal government for a grant program" . Metro Vancouver could run on their behalf with federal/provincial grant
1564	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Is the necessary infrastructure/options for reuse in place for this to be effective?
1565	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Development of a marketplace (ID038) could help with this
1566	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General support if this was tweaked
1567	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Municipalities should be removed from this list and added separately, with a "where feasible"
1568	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Tweak wording – building material staging and resale
1569	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		More actionable would be "Lead a collaborative effort to find the land needed to…"
1570	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Already doing this, sharing best practices would be a good idea
1571	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Sounds like a low hanging fruit – one member commented that conversations with their library confirmed that not all libraries know what to do with their unwanted books. "surplus" is confusing remove surplus
1572	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		No one goes to malls anymore. Everything is online. This isn't needed as people just use online marketplaces
1573	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Not convinced of the feasibility of this one. Discussion led to thinking efforts could be better spent on other reuse projects.
1574	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Support increase of reuse at MV facilities also encourage collaboration of reuse-drop off at municipal recycling depots.
1575	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This should have a focus on B2B reuse
1576	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Discussion around barriers related to health authority sanitation plan approvals for business, MV could help reduce barriers as well as incentivize
1577	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Wanted more details on what incentives
1578	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Don't like the wording "explore implementation" prefer collaborate instead
1579	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Include education for event goers
1580	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Clarify if this is just making a guide that members can use or if this is more involved like suggested requirements for city event permits
1581	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Felt that existing tools like google maps, RCBC database or something like that already serve this purpose so MV shouldn't take the lead
1582	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Needs clarity members were confused as to what the goal was
1583	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Already doing this, sharing best practices would be a good idea
1584	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider a more general research action rather than this specific action focussed on SUI cups
1585	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Suggest changing to "consider" and "such as compost"
1586	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider ID112 as a subbullet or replacement to 113
1587	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Collaboration with industry at the national level is valuable, but this action is too specific. ID 112 should replace this.
1588	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Like how broad this is. Works well to encompass many strategies to address issues.

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1589	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Non residential packaging – commercial EPR is really important. This is under 'Recycle'.
1590	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Include all EPR materials in 5 year action plan.
1591	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Very similar to ID 116. Could combine. Include concept of full funding. Support principle.
1592	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Very granular but important. Is there an opportunity to combine some actions under a broader action. e.g. ID 064 & ID 119
1593	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Unclear what this means or is trying to address.
1594	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider putting ID 121 under a theme of reducing barriers and increasing accessibility.
1595	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Should be reworded to speak to supporting pilots (in addition to scaling existing, where appropriate.
1596	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Needs to be more specific e.g. land? funding?. Also doesn't acknowledge the role of members (zoning, land ownership).
1597	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		"Services" might not be the right term to use here
1598	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Not clear how this would be done
1599	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Needed in public spaces where it is most applicable, should create based on best practices
1600	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		The same information doesn't always apply to all jurisdictions, so this can add confusion for residents
1601	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This is too vague/doesn't describe the how
1602	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consistency is challenging because it may not be the same in all municipalities
1603	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		All of these actions are very similar, consider putting them together in some way to include the knowledge sharing and educational components of all of them
1604	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This seems to be a more vague version of 142 D10
1605	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Like the idea of having more streamlined accepted materials
1606	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consistency is important, but who is streamlining the contracts for all member jurisdictions?
1607	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Not applicable to all member jurisdiction
1608	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This action (ID137) is very valuable for Metro Vancouver to do because it would make it a lot easier for municipalities if Metro had the data on streetscape intervention that would be useful for all municipalities to know.
1609	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Any guidance on streetscape interventions is helpful, currently don't have enough and cost is too steep.
1610	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		If Metro Vancouver lead collecting and distributing this data, the consistency that municipalities could create for streetscape would be very beneficial.
1611	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		There is an opportunity for standardization in public spaces, this is an important role for Metro Vancouver (ID137)
1612	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Timing for this is very good – many have started down this path but there are still challenges
1613	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Not all jurisdictions have multiplex
1614	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		"Knowledge sharing" is the correct term to use here
1615	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Important action, but barrier is often the budget component to have translation included in all communications
1616	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		If Metro Vancouver were to lead the translations, then provided them to all municipalities in the most commonly spoken languages in the region, that is the only way that municipalities could participate in this action.
1617	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Can this really work at a municipal level and account for differences in programs?
1618	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider having a general tool to be able to geo target translations needed for certain areas
1619	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I guess one piece of feedback for Metro would be to be clear on what's expected from the member jurisdictions, right? Um, I think obviously like the idea of doing this is good. Um, I think Metro needs to take a leadership role on actually doing it… understanding that, and I think this is related to everything we've talked about so far, is that all of this is an unfunded mandate um in that we they're asking us to do more with the same amount of resources or in City of Vancouver's situation, fewer resources… understanding that some member jurisdictions don't have capacity to spend staff putting staff out there working with, you know, third party agencies and private businesses. And if we're really if cities are focusing on core services… Metro needs to understand that they're going to take a leadership role.
1620	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This seems to be a practical way of doing ID135, specificity of this action is appreciated
1621	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Digital tools may not be as helpful as anticipated
1622	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This could help consolidate municipal efforts in this area
1623	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What does Metro Vancouver want to hear from us? Important to understand the metrics and parameters. Currently understanding plastic proportions in hospital waste, waste composition studies. This might have parallels with what Metro Vancouver is suggesting. How can we collaborate on this, considering the costs, and there are no funds to spare.
1624	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Should the language be advocate for EPR producers to look at the recycling options before producing products, puts the onus on the producers, which would lessen the need for education if the EPR programs were easier accessible and recyclable
1625	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Specify the difference in this action of what is meant by emerging (does this mean new EPR programs?) and challenging materials (does this mean the items without EPR programs that are challenging, or is it challenging recyclable items?)
1626	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Remove "non-profit organizations" from this action so that it can go beyond those organizations for collaborations and allows for more opportunities
1627	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This would be most helpful if Metro Vancouver were to develop a toolkit for educating apartment buildings to make it more clear, then municipalities could take that to use.
1628	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Use specific language, what do you mean by targeting the most confusing items, through education after the research is complete?
1629	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Doesn't this already exist in a lot of the apps that are out there?

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1630	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Would be most useful if Metro Vancouver created their own app, with ALL of the information needed, that way members could only pay into one app with everything, rather than multiple.
1631	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Is there data showing that gamification still works for recycling and waste? Should explore benefits of this before implementation and spending money on it
1632	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Look into reverse vending machine idea – Japan does it – where you return your cans and bottles and could be entered into the cities lottery, or get other prizes.
1633	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What does community pride mean in this sense? Pride for recycling? Make the language more clear
1634	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What is Recycle BC's responsibility in this action – they already do the most videos on recycling.
1635	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What would the role of property managers be in this action for what services are available at each venue these sectors are located at
1636	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This action should also include multi-family as data from that is very valuable and missing
1637	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Link this action to action ID103 on developing and deploying education materials for these sectors
1638	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		These could be combined easily as they are all connected around the education with specific sectors or education for multi-family
1639	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		ID 155 and 154 could be put together to create a stronger action, with having Metro Vancouver develop these AI systems, then member jurisdictions follow how they implemented them
1640	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider use of AI for better analysis
1641	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This is a discussion item for REAC SWSC
1642	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Gap – advocating federal and provincial – residential level, commercial and ICI – EPR mattress.
1643	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Member jurisdictions are reflected throughout, not specific jurisdiction actions.
1644	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Can we have inspections at the business level (as opposed to just at the disposal facility)? Even if don't' have ability to fine – if you have someone in uniform saying something is not allowed – that would help.
1645	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General feedback on EPR actions – include advocation for reuse, reduction and move up the waste hierarchy.
1646	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Some of the actions are evident – i.e., already doing this, but still need to state the things we are already doing
1647	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Is there consideration to organize the plan by sector, and then within each sector have the 5 R's under each sector's section. This is more helpful
1648	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Procurement, education, skills training, regulation – all needed to advance circular economy systems change
1649	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		The way the ODB was rolled out there was education and we provided info to the haulers to help. The letter that we provided to haulers was really helpful in terms of getting people to comply.
1650	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Harmonized requirements across region.
1651	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		CE events – yes, maybe, makes sense.
1652	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What is the municipality committing to? Difference between participating and actually providing space.
1653	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Having a stronger statement would be important – there is something stronger in the current plan with member jurisdiction action. Want to be stronger/clearer what the expectation is; it's really important; make sure not to water it down.
1654	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Example is facilitate Encorp through our zoning as we are the only ones that can update bylaws.
1655	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Municipalities can also host workshops – not just Metro Vancouver. Something tangible that municipalities can get involved with.
1656	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Need other actions by members and Metro Vancouver to make this successful
1657	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		This scored a 10 but it is very important to explore, and municipalities had more confidence that it should be done after discussion and edits
1658	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Add collaboration
1659	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		General support for the idea of library of things. Comments that they are already doing this. Gave less than at 5 out of 5 because libraries aren't always run by cities
1660	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Feels like an overarching sentiment – repeats the title for the strategy and doesn't feel like it should be called out as a separate action. Lacking direction – to who? It's the title repeated. Doesn't feel like it should be here.
1661	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Too broad to be listed as a separate action.
1662	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		At reuse section – 82 and 83 has member jurisdiction action. Through the municipal bylaw you get strong data and enforcement. Hard to do these items without a corresponding member action.
1663	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Needs to be reworded and reporting should be optional support consistent tools and guidance over any requirements which may not be able to be done with resource constraints. Too many words and focus on what not how don't need the part about the workshops. Add collaboration
1664	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Hard to get municipal permit departments on board. Needs to be less wordy. Add where feasible
1665	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Need Actions ID062, ID040 and ID043 at the municipal level as well to make bylaw successful
1666	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Like the word collaborate with as it as that is an important part about members working with Metro Vancouver
1667	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		It's a municipal action but is this a mistake? – members don't do inspections at regional facilities
1668	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Suggest revising ID 114 to MV will host and invite member jurisdictions to participate in …
1669	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Change to munis "will consider" e.g. compost
1670	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		What are the impacts of non-native worms species on the environment for worm bins?
1671	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Is there current data showing that worm compost is still being used enough by residents to have an action on it?
1672	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider table top study to see if this is worthwhile before implementing
1673	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Heard it is most successful in remote communities where there are no organics systems available
1674	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Would like more data and information on how useful backyard composting is in the region before supporting this action

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1675	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		RecycleBC should be involved in this conversation
1676	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Timeline for implementation of this action is a barrier, some municipalities already have a path to a bylaw on container spaces in multi-family units happening
1677	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Consider timeliness of multiple municipalities
1678	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Metro Vancouver needs to have the clear guidelines set before municipalities are able to use it, this would create the consistency that is currently lacking in this area.
1679	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		RecycleBC should be involved in this conversation
1680	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Municipalities need support from Metro Vancouver to have waste composition information for events
1681	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Civic facilities are sometimes not directly city/solid waste services portfolio which can make it hard for municipalities implement reuse in civic facilities
1682	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	7 for medium , 1 for high
1683	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Where to recycle? Knowledge of places to donate
1684	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Organizations are available for clothing swaps and accepts intimate clothing and socks like threadup - they exist but they are hard to find
1685	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There's an organization that accepts intimate clothing
1686	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People wait for events because they are ngos w limited resources and it's not 9-5
1687	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If city of vancouver has a website with a list of NGOs too can be helpful
1688	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For clothes, the website said you can find donation bins with no resources
1689	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A google asset map would be helpful, but since there is a lack of information, people usually give to value village which has its own ethical concerns
1690	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Some far-off locations are in marine drive, which isn't accessible by transit & we have to pay for larger items
1691	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Wondering if the city can be responsible intermediate
1692	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Things that could make it difficult: time, capacity, proximity, accumulate a large amount which is tedious to take through
1693	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Apart from ngos - are there services provided by the cities?
1694	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What do you mean by easy and difficult?
1695	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Wondering if they can work with shops to collect recycling - like H&M but not exactly?
1696	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Does textile also include shoes? Multiple compositions of materials
1697	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Couch? Car seat?
1698	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What would push more people to use asset maps and make it more accessible in terms of rules and regulations? What kind of psychological barriers could there be?
1699	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Wondering how we can target people who just dont wanna recycle? Punish? Penalty?

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1700	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Special textile collection bin: regular green bins go out everyday but sometimes when there extra leaves during fall they have special programs, this could be a special program. Seasonally people change their wardrobe so they can pick up every 3 months
1701	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Donation bin things are picked up but concern for bed bugs and what can and cannot go into a bin, similar to plastics
1702	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Asset maps for donation bin similar to the Food Assest Map by VCH (https://www.vch.ca/en/service/food-asset-maps) can be very useful. Should include info about time and day that is emptied is useful so it's not a burden on the community it's servicing by being overful/unpredictable
1703	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Someone commented they live near diabetes canada donation bin and is always overflowing
1704	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Do not recommend a bin for every house because it gets dirty and not necessary, one for every neighbourhood, always overfull. Plus it promotes more buying by giving individuals the feeling that they are doing enough by recycling.
1705	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	After asset map is created, can identify where there is high concentration and deserts so they can identify where the need is. Adding bins to places that already exist - MEC, Uniqlo
1706	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Rebound effect since recycling is more accessible then people will start buying more since there is a solution to overconsumption - how can we stop before we reach to the recycle stage
1707	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Concerns about recycling different kind of textiles and materials and how this is difficult
1708	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Recycling fabric made of different compositions is difficult
1709	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Lack of knowledge of where donation bin clothes end up, value village clothes were tagged and traced to landfill, so it seems performative to donate your clothes. It is problematic, the lack of transparency about where clothes are going
1710	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It would be great if there's in-person places considering age and access/comfort using internet - could be at community centres etc which could include folks that cant access the community centres
1711	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If people dont wanna go to community centres, pamphlets and brochures (recycleBC has a visual one that's accessible)
1712	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Thinking about people who don't care and need a mindset change
1713	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Incentivised plastic bottle recycling also caters to people who don't care
1714	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Building this into textiles too as a business model
1715	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Upcycling too is quite popular and this can be introduced
1716	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Wondering if including a fee at purchase can adversely impact people who buy long term and infrequently
1717	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Cup fees discriminated against low income because price has increased for those folks, who is supposed to take responsibility
1718	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Reward instead for someone who buys second hand, partnering with city of vancouver
1719	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Mindset change of buying new things is special - people look down at buying second dow
1720	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Upcycling useable is intuitive but upcycling goos thats not useable is a bit trickier like scraps of clothes
1721	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Individual focused strategy over industry, the organization should take the responsibility and not the end user.
1722	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Low: Feel like in the pyramid is low. The action is very broad. Can connect with other aspects
1723	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	When it comes to sustainability, not in a vacuum. How can we go back to encourage reduction or waste
1724	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	People might be incentivized to buy more to recycle more, could backfire in theory
1725	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	If metrovancouver actually puts the money into it, it could shift my priority
1726	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Agree in grand scheme Rethink and reuse more important. If just thinking recycling, would go medium or high

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1727	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Education is important, but incentivizing is more important. People not rinsing their cans before recycling, might be incentivized by trends or fun
1728	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	There's always going to be more recycling, focusing on higher parts of triangle better (on hierarchy and goals). We have a piece of puzzle to play even if hate greenwashing. Play a role rather than dumping on side of the road
1729	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	In theory, only change behaviour by incentivizing. Behaviour change happens when punishment happens for wrong thing.
1730	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Wall of fame and wall of shame, If people fear embarrassment more than they like being worshipped
1731	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Example of uni in Amsterdam where they banned recyclable cups then introduced reusable cups
1732	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Don't make it only about recycling
1733	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Make it more feasible for nonprofits to make it easier to support for example community gardens. So align with values that they want to reward for it
1734	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Seen places where the recycling all goes into the same bin, its all an illusion. Should punish businesses who do it poorly. Incentivize those who do it well
1735	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Half the time its only recycle or landfills
1736	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Behind the scenes will be more impactful than rewards. More work needs to be done before reaching this action. Ex. Education. Recognition and reward feels like the last part
1737	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	It's the cherry on the top, can do a lot before we get there
1738	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I know metro Vancouver had a master recycling program where you could tell it to your coworkers
1739	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Could be apartments or workplaces - could be friendly competition
1740	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Thinking of recycling hall of fame
1741	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Maybe a stamp card to redeem something for
1742	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Was designing sustainable hubs program for ubc program, hard to recognize people or reward them if you don't incentivize in first place
1743	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If you give reason and motivation to contribute to bigger problem would help move the needle
1744	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Have little steps that lead to something and broken down could be something

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1746	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Honoraria could incentivize
1747	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Different housings might make a difference ex. Coop or townhouse
1748	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	When i went to a recycling center they turned me away because i didnt have a car
1749	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Making it easier for youth who don't have cars would make it easier
1750	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Could work, lots of research that shows stories
1751	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficulty could make it harder for normal people to participate
1752	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should be accessible, should be something that isn’t insanely difficult, being a good citizen
1753	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The area that metro Vancouver takes care of is so large, hard to imagine how much of an impact it will make
1754	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	On an individual scale not realistic, maybe neighborhood, community more realistic
1755	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Champions that represent a certain community - how can i achieve this greater goal
1756	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There's always people willing to volunteer like biking for fun, maybe something day-related to recycling like earth day using passion and community
1757	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Bit of a distance between myself and metro vancouver.
1758	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	By municipality: Having events or competitions - how much did burnaby recycle? Richmond recycle?
1759	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Having stats to communicate that story, how individual actions led to big result and capturing those pieces

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1760	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Many people feel like their contributions wont be enough or valid. Actually seeing how actions make a big action would be incentive
1761	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	One thing ive heard from my friends that help is having volunteers at big events to help with sorting. People who go there learn something new AND recycling actually gets sorted
1762	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Like a live demonstration or certification, leaders who you can contact and ask questions to and act as a point of reference. Someone to coordinate and keep track of. Don't want to spoon feed
1763	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Partner with businesses and incentivize with products like a transit pass, something tangible that represents what they re doing
1764	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Refilling glass containers items with soap or shampoo. Would represent circular economy values. Ideally not in a world where not everything in its own packaging. Depends on what it looks like
1765	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If picture on website kind of lame
1766	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Like the idea of moving away from individual to community or collective actions like neighbourhoods or communities. Adds an element of fun competition between different neighbourhoods. Makes it less difficult to recycle
1767	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A coworker of mine told me that when onboarding to apartment building the concierge will give overview of how to recycle. No messes, well sorted
1768	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	It's really disheartening when recycling all ends up in the same truck even after sorting
1769	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Where is the recycling going?
1770	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Other Strategies/Actions engaged on?	Transparency being last on priorities is not helpful. Apathy towards recycling is similar to not wanting to vote
1771	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Did they include more information about this?
1772	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How do you measure who recycles best?
1773	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Seeing money being invested in whatever program they want to do
1774	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Triangle says recycling into new products
1775	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Seeing metro vancouver's logo on partnerships/programs
1776	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Currently, all proposed actions under section 1.1 (Advocate for circular economy policies) focus on advocating for change rather than leading on change through action. Metro Vancouver should set out clear actions that demonstrate leadership and move the region towards a circular economy in a tangible way. For example,
1777	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Someone is keeping an eye on it to keep it regulated/legitimate
1778	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Time & effort to do these things. Everyone is busy. How long does it take? Can become a barrier
1779	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Discouraged by people who are 'bad recyclers' When showing downstairs neighbours, got confused how to recycle
1780	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Want to see education efforts to people who are brand new and have been
1781	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Feel like it would be interesting, when doing glass sorting seeing where neighbourhoods it came from. For those recycling well, being rewarded with incentives
1782	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Could be a barrier for poor vs rich communities who have time to be involved
1783	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Using % improvement to compare instead

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1784	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Transparency for monetary rewards
1785	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Sitting down with municipalities with clear systems of how to record recycling
1786	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Open access for the public, accessing data for school or community research. See the numbers, so much power in data
1787	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We've mostly been speaking about individuals but also want to think about events, theres lots of single use items. Some will get recycled but lots will go to land waste
1788	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If could include sustainability and recycling as criteria for grants and relationships with funders/access to more funds
1789	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Easier to make larger scale impact on events. In stadiums for example or city of vancouver events
1790	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	This seems like the first step but the targeting step is the first thing that takes place
1791	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	It's inconsistent across municipalities so this action should be high priority. Long terms goal is that it's streamlined across municipalities
1792	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	If all plastics were recyclable, people wouldn't be as confused
1793	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	All agree it's high priority - it needs to get done closer to beginning of plan being implemented. The first step in knowing how to fix a problem is knowing the problem
1794	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Most people don't bother to look up what can be recycled
1795	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People already involved in events like this focus group already have an interest
1796	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To make it easier, research should be in places where there's a lot of people. If people are on their way to something it's hard to get people to stay and talk - will people respond differently if they know they're not selling anything or trying to sign up with anything?
1797	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are problems with how businesses handle recycling, like at McDonalds things all end up in one bin
1798	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Metro Van handles landfills but municipalities decide how waste is collected - there are differences in how they build laneways - some have crews, some have trucks with claws. Some lanes aren't long enough for a truck so they have to do manual collection
1799	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Technically all waste is under provincial control - technically Recycle BC handles all recycling - they come out to municipalities and say how to take care of it, but they subcontract it out to waste management and collection services
1800	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Each private contractor has its own way of collecting, but I'm pretty sure it all goes into the same facility
1801	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Many (every?) municipalities do a waste audit - so they go into garbage cans/bins, look at what items go into the bins and are they being sorted correctly - what type of waste is ending up in the garbage, and look granularly at what could have been recycled
1802	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	That data could be a starting point to determine what's often sorted incorrectly. The foundation is there
1803	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Biodegradable things and "compostable" things are actually garbage which is frustrating
1804	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	I know there are four streams existing - single family, multi family, industrial like businesses and restaurants, construction and demolition; Industrial has the lowest rate. Target was 40% but they barely met it
1805	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Ocean Ambassadors, a non-profit, had an initiative where you could get them to reach out to businesses to get them to reduce their waste or recycle properly - try to work with businesses to make things more green
1806	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Can we recycle plastic-lined aluminum apple sauce lids?
1807	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Do people recycle differently based on context? Ex. If they live in one city and work in another, how do people recycle at home vs at work? There are differences in access to recycling bins/signage
1808	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Sometimes there's not many recycling options even if there are bins. I know soft plastics are recyclable - is someone taking those to a depot?

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1809	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What could the format look like? What's Metro Van's capacity? Enough budget? Market research costs money
1810	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What's the scope/timeframe of the plan if they're looking into these results?
1811	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	This action seems like a "bandaid solution". When are they going to review this and make recycling more streamlined across Metro Van?
1812	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Richmond doesn't seem to have a lot of people using public programs. Do people from different groups or demographics go to the library?
1813	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Need multiple strategies to target different groups - all age groups, people in different building types - what if you're in a neighbourhood not a strata or building? Could someone come with or instead of a garbage/recycling truck to talk to people?
1814	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	City websites are confusing to follow - lots of policy and text - where does it go? What is the story?
1815	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How does this integrate with the other actions? Would it all happen at the same time?
1816	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Fundamentally - Metro Van is responsible for the waste - if that's the case, why are things so fragmented?
1817	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	This is supposed to be "Metro Vancouver" but within it different municipalities have different rules - if that's disjointed, then how will the new plan change things? Similar to transit - how bus stops are designed is different in different municipalities
1818	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What's already happening in the region? There's a lot of tasks and a lot of links between them
1819	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	We spend a long time trying to figure out what goes where but why are we doing that if it's all going into one place anyway?
1820	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is this work that needs to be done? Is it already getting done? Is it Metro Van that should be responsible for this?
1821	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Dot survey (ex. "Which items do you find most difficult to recycle?") would be easy, simple, and quick
1822	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There was a program, zoning or public park or something, and at a public library in burnaby they had an open 'suggestion box' you could put your thoughts in. Consider public consultations where you're not in a rush and can quickly give your input and continue on your way - good way to get to lots of the public
1823	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	People live in a building they recycle in the building - maybe it would be more useful to approach a strata to find out what they're doing as opposed to individuals
1824	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	People picking up recycling are specific that if it's not properly sorted they'll leave it behind
1825	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Burnaby seems to be one of the most strict - cracks down in terms of enforcement - they have people there that can answer your questions
1826	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Whoever's in charge of handing out those letters - talking to bylaw officers or working at the recycling depots that get asked the most questions - they could be a good resource. They know what people try to do
1827	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Talk to the sanitation workers that collect the trash and leave the letters
1828	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It'd be nice if we could know where things were going. Like those impact bracelets where you can scan it and follow a turtle
1829	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If people knew where materials were going and not just the landfill they'd be encouraged
1830	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We don't know what happens to stuff once taken to the depot
1831	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Food Forests should be in the plan to increase circular economy with composting and growing your own food
1832	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Limited visibility of what options are being looked into. Would like to see more
1833	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	5th tier: more clarity on what is meant by resources for alternatives to fossil fuels (like metals recycling for solar panels??) - this would also help to engage industry leaders.
1834	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Need to be more transparent with recycling practices, need to set more strict regulations for bad recycling but also incentives for good recycling. show incentives with things that the city can offer, like grants for sustainable events / events promoting sustainability
1835	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	I would be interested in learning about the other actions that were created and why the 3 actions we went over today, were chosen.
1836	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	These are great actions but I do think they need to be more detailed in the actions. For example, how are they going to go about these actions. How are they going to be accountable towards these actions?
1837	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Next Steps	None of us knew the plan update was happening
1838	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Next Steps	People don't know even though they're actively involved in trying to recycle
1839	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Next Steps	Terracycle - the founder has a book talking about post-consumer recycled materials and the future of recycling
1840	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Next Steps	It'd be good to get updates about how the plan is coming along and what actions were chosen as highest priority
1841	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Next Steps	I don't think there's a way to sign up for updates but there should be. You shouldn't be making people search for the information - if they're interested it should be sent to them "do the work for them"
1842	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	If every equity-deserving group is only providing feedback on a few uncoordinated actions, how does this impact the waste management plan in the long-term? What changes are possible/expected?
1843	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What are you supposed to do with broken glass?
1844	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		What is considered compostable is a key policy piece to work on

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1845	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consistent regulation for recycled material is important
1846	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Concern that the administration cost would result in a need to increase taxes.
1847	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		This could have the biggest impact if done correctly without increasing cost for government and business.
1848	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Prefer incentives instead of regulations.
1849	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		If we want to put in regulations, we need to make sure they allow the industry to make money, or a least not lose money.
1850	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Concerns about the impact of regulation on the cost of housing.
1851	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Suggestion that it would better to increase the cost of C&D disposal to encourage diversion of construction and demolition waste.
1852	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Eliminate food waste would be positive
1853	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need to make sure there are no liability implications with respect to donating food.
1854	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Making it a requirement to donate food could help.
1855	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need to paint a picture of what this looks like as it is unclear what this means.
1856	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		The implementation of regulation is key. The approach needs to keep the cost for government and business down.
1857	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Comment that the practicality is difficult – how do you gather the data to then get a scorecard for people?
1858	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Hard to do on a personal level where it's the most beneficial. Easy to get data collectively but that's not as effective.
1859	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Good idea but not sure how many people would show up.
1860	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should go to schools – especially upper high school to show them what to do. Grade 10-12.
1861	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Hard to tell a 30-year-old what to recycle. Start them young.
1862	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Make it more targeted – not general but more targeted like schools.
1863	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Could create AI strategies for answering questions firsthand instead of hiring people to do this.
1864	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Must be intuitive. We don't have to use people / do in -person. Use other methods.
1865	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		We can have this action, but it shouldn't be in person.
1866	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Important for strata's to know what they're supposed to be doing.
1867	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Low support for this action.
1868	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		It only works if there is somewhere to recycle these materials
1869	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		If there's a market for it, I'm 100% for this.
1870	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		We can't create a ban just because we don't think it should go in a landfill – but it needs to be able to go to higher and better use, or it's hazardous in the waste. Don't ban just for the sake of banning it. We need a rationale. Need to include these criteria in the action – i.e. at what point would you introduce a disposal ban (currently the action doesn't specify)
1871	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Also consider whether materials are problematic in landfill or not. Materials that are not as problematic should be lower priority for adding as a ban.
1872	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Add "Continue to" at the front of the action, to say that it's something that is already happening now.
1873	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Good idea but depends on implementation and what those incentives look like.
1874	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		There are limitations in technologies that would assist haulers to participate. For example: cameras – way to scan baled cardboard and plastics to see moisture content, density, etc.
1875	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		I don't need Metro Vancouver to give incentives to me to have a broader list of services to provide to customers. I do that on my own as that is good for business.

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1876	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Who could be against incentives.
1877	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Does the fine actually help to divert waste or does it just increase revenue to Metro Vancouver?
1878	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		It's not going to change behaviour because you have several customers and buildings in one load – it will be impossible to find out where the one clear bag came from.
1879	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		What happens after the fine – do we then remove the recyclable item and divert it?
1880	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		The disposal bans are most effective for small customers who are bringing in their own materials. However, those customers are a large percentage of customers but a small percentage of the waste.
1881	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		What kind of success are third party reuse agencies having? What examples can you point to make it easy to understand the programs and approach.
1882	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need more public education about reuse opportunities.
1883	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Really interesting concept – longer life model (like reusable glass bottles) is desirable.
1884	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Could be tied to ID050 – schools and universities would be a good place to launch pilot programs. Youth might be more enthusiastic about a pilot, passionate sustainability advocates.
1885	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Control is important to ensure a successful program.
1886	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Having one spot with re-use businesses together might help with uptake – communal collection place.
1887	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Has it been successful, is it gaining any traction? Would like to see the metrics about how the existing program has worked.
1888	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Having the opportunity to salvage on site may increase uptake (e.g. success of city-wide garage sale events– community has the opportunity to pick up used items from their neighbours before the city comes to pick it up.)
1889	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Clearer messaging and promotion of the existing reuse days needed.
1890	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Make sure there are easy places to take materials they are no longer using.
1891	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Not clear what it means – need more information.
1892	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Provide examples, how would this actually work?
1893	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		There is a lot of industry greenwashing and this action would help address this.
1894	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Why just coffee cups -- e.g. Tetra Pak and milk containers are missing
1895	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Very difficult to implement.
1896	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		No clear definition of recycling.
1897	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consumers have a difficult time properly grading plastics.
1898	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Lead by example.
1899	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should include concrete and others, don't limit to compost.
1900	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should include supporting regulation for the purpose of incrementally increasing the amount of recycled material, based on a percentage.
1901	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		How effective can Metro Vancouver be with this given the broad market.
1902	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should be more focus on education.
1903	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		This is beyond the scope of Metro Vancouver's responsibility. But should focus on advocacy.
1904	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should focus more on regulation. e.g. a minimum percentage recycled content
1905	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Advocate senior government for supporting regulation.
1906	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Be realistic – Metro Vancouver is only one player.

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1907	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		It's challenging.
1908	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Only worthwhile if there is market demand.
1909	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should focus on alternatives to foam and plastic packing materials instead. e.g. shredded cardboard
1910	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		An inherent problem with EPR programs is that they are too downstream.
1911	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		New industry needs support to catch up to existing established industries.
1912	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need to strengthen definition of recycling.
1913	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Not an issue of government funding, issue of establishing the right priorities. i.e. where money is being spent is the issue
1914	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Need government funding to support the private sector's advertising and promotion of their initiatives. i.e. shift existing government funding to private sector
1915	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Should not rely on government funding.
1916	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		This is a low priority.
1917	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Worthwhile to ensure these materials stay out of municipal solid waste.
1918	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider having more EPR programs in place before this action can exist and be effective in the system
1919	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Accessibility to textile recycling will increase if there are end markets for the materials and EPR programs that help with this
1920	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		This action could include multi-family residents easily by having a recycling champion on each building, or working with property managers to include the encouragement through signage in the building
1921	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		The success of each multi-family building being a champion could build community around being a green conscious building
1922	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		How do we tackle this in single family homes? How could a reward system work for them?
1923	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Combine this action with 135 so it outlines the objective of this action better and the customizable tools to be the way to achieve it
1924	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Could shorten the list of actions by doing this
1925	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Combine this action with 135/136 to bundle the objective of providing clear guidelines and centralizing information sources
1926	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		This feels like a very high-level action, whereas action ID 142/131/135 seem to be the actual actions to take to make this action happen of providing clear, consistent guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled
1927	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider combining into one action that encapsulates the objective (clear and consistent guidelines, and the tangible ways to do that)
1928	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Standardizing materials will make it easier, but does this action mean doing this by collaborating with EPR programs with signage for accepted materials and education?
1929	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider creating a potential working group for EPR program leads and Metro Vancouver to collaborate on to ensure consistency
1930	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Does something like this working group already exist? Is there a working group for the Regional Districts that exists to discuss EPR programs?
1931	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Make this action most effective by having the residents in the building be the ones to educate others on how to use the recycling room correctly
1932	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Added space will be very valuable in the future as more bins are potentially added to some municipalities (i.e. flexible plastics in Vancouver) – will need more room
1933	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Update action to have more clear language around what access requirements mean in this action
1934	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Specify what type of knowledge sharing, or how to best implement knowledge sharing between Metro Vancouver, members, and industry
1935	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Integrate this action with the Waste Wizard if possible, should be easy enough to add these layers of accessibility to the existing Waste Wizard to improve it
1936	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Encourage all existing apps to include accessibility options and multilingual instructions in QR Codes rather than creating a new app which could get lost in how many currently exists
1937	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Change language to specify if it's "which" organizations or "how" organizations are handling materials

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1938	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Would this action call out each organization? Or just in general have a type of material and how it is generally handled in the system?
1939	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Could include “which” and “how” to expand on this action
1940	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		This action is only for very specific audiences like school tours or NGO’s – not as applicable for industry
1941	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Focus more on making the current databases less confusing for the users
1942	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		There is a lot of redundancy and deficiencies in the current databases (Waste Wizard and Recyclepedia)
1943	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Would be best to focus on making ONE app that does it all and has all materials where they go and what happens to them after (lifecycle process)
1944	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Specify what materials this action is referring to (compostable vs. bottles)
1945	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Educate the residents and customers on what efforts are being made to divert materials from landfills
1946	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Currently industry businesses spend a lot of time researching materials and where they go so that they can create communications for their customers to build confidence
1947	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Would be nice for Metro to put this together for industry to use
1948	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consider including items like cooking oil and parmesan cheese (products that come off cruise ships)
1949	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Fibre disposal industry – gets the wrong materials all the time (e.g. raw meat)
1950	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Consumers seem to think it’s just easier to pass on the responsibility to industry rather than doing their own diligence to find out where to properly dispose of materials
1951	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Education could be helpful to reduce the confusion and reduce the mentality that it is easier to just put on the industry to deal with, which ends up being costly for industry
1952	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Don’t include waste collection in these events.
1953	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		“Significantly increase”
1954	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Based on performance metrics.
1955	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Continuous improvement.
1956	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		“Explore” is vague, can this be more specific and actionable.
1957	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Missing actions: household hazardous waste and bulky items pickup days.
1958	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		What does “support” mean? e.g. funding?
1959	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Ineffective.
1960	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry		Too back end, need to focus on upstream.
1961	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Clarity is needed on what wood is considered “unsuitable” for reuse or recycling/composting. Are we only talking about painted or treated materials that cannot be composted?
1962	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	The text on the slide refers to “unsuitable for reuse or recycling” and dimensional lumber could technically be composted. We should clarify the language if we are actually talking about wood that is beyond what can be managed at processing facilities.
1963	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Consideration should be given to how we can build composting capacity.
1964	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	A significant amount of laminate flooring has glue, and that should not be burned because it can become toxic.
1965	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Metro Vancouver has not shared provided sufficient detailed information sufficient to understand the costs of various disposal options.
1966	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	There were a number of ideas that have been identified as considered unadvisable by staff, but it was not discussed with the Industry Advisory Committee. For example: “replace source separation programs with mixed-waste collection and sorting programs” was marked as unadvisable, but we have not seen fulsome information shared with the Industry Advisory Committee comparing mixed waste processing with source separation programs.

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1967	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	The ideas considered unadvisable by staff – this is ideological and irrational, specifically around privatization. There are no activities that cannot be performed privately, and everyone is being told this is not an option to explore, simply because Metro Vancouver exists. The private sector could provide services with appropriate regulation in place.
1968	7-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	IAC - Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee	Waste and Recycling Industry	Questions and Comments	Performance is a subjective measure. The reality is that the private sector can achieve the same performance, particularly with regulation in place that imposes the same rules, and the private sector would assume all associated risks, but Metro Vancouver is not letting this happen. The system would be more robust if run by the private sector compared to the public sector. Metro Vancouver should have considered and researched privately run systems, and not suggest that it is up to committee members who participate on a volunteer basis to provide that information.
1969	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	I don't know about me, but I do wonder about the children. This is a long-term project, we should think of those who are living with the mess. Generally curriculum is not directed municipally, it's a provincial thing, but if Metro Vancouver can introduce and reiterate the importance. No non-reusables in schools.
1970	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	I think this should be a high priority because these programs are essential if we want to reduce waste long-term. Especially younger generations who are not aware. Many youth are opening up small businesses like coffee shops or matcha shops, and are only using single-use plastic not offering re-usable cups.
1971	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	I don't think enough people know about reuse, repair, and refill. But, if we can convince the community centers and the neighbourhood houses to advertise repair, and the reuse events that are going on.
1972	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	If we had a schedule at each community center, so people would know what's going on, that could help.
1973	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	I want to add in, we should do the pop-up recycling so when people are bringing in recycling things we can say, AND, do you see the schedule of repair and reuse that's going on
1974	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	Get them started with the easy stuff - bringing in your plastic bags or batteries, and we naturally educate them on the next level they could go to.
1975	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How could this (content Metro would share) reach you better? Where does the messaging matter most? Any other considerations to add?	Further to (the other person)'s point; anywhere people gather - Churches, sport clubs, the education is consistent, and ever-present.
1976	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High : 5, Medium 1
1977	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Does this mean marketing the best practices? I am in support of it if they're marketing them.
1978	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	The action should be more specific - what does sharing look like, how will it be tangible?
1979	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	It's so difficult to identify the priority on it, there's 200 strategies, and we're only looking at 2 of them. I can't say the priority, I can't answer this poll.
1980	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	It's important to get the information out to the widest range possible. The more people who knew about it, the better. There can never be too much publicity about reuse, refill and repair. How to go about that, I don't quite know.
1981	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	The sharing has to go hand in hand with not thwarting anyone's efforts either. If you learned it, want to do it, but can't figure out how or where. It's frustrating and you won't try again. It's expensive - the advertisements on the sides of buses.
1982	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	There's strong encouragement for this action, although participants ask for more information on what it is being prioritized against.
1983	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Participants want more specificity in the action; where will they be shared? How will reach be measured, how will success be measured?
1984	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	There can never be too much publicity about reuse, refill and repair. Engage with community centres, neighbourhood houses, libraries, businesses to reshare and promote the best practices.
1985	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Try to have consistent messages shared everywhere from sports clubs to churches, etc.
1986	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	They should define what the low hanging fruit are. We assume they've been communicated and dealt with - as you say, we have a really high recycling rate. But, they should pick one thing - say, for the next couple of years - one thing that they think would make the biggest impact on reducing or reusing. They should communicate that. I see things from RecycleBC in my Instagram feed, and elsewhere. I see various things from the City, but not very much from Metro.
1987	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The Refillery closed in my neighbourhood, and I have not been refilling anymore.
1988	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would refill everything honestly, and I used to, but I'm in the same boat as (the previous speaker). NADA closed down, another one that had a refill station closed, the one in Port Moody ended their refill program a week ago. It used to be more accessible, now it's really difficult to find where to refill things. For me, I would do it (refill) if more places were available. I would use it, I really miss it.

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1989	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In terms of repair, the accessibility is where, and how often do they do the Repair Cafes, and how well they advertise to the public?
1990	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A quick thing - typically refill places are your local small business; what I hear from my friends is they mostly go to Costco, especially ones with big families. So they have said - if Costco had that (refill) option, I would use it. So if I have to go to Costco AND the refill place, I don't have the time, it's very inconvenient. So if we could take supermarkets, Costco, big places to set up a station, that would maybe entice people who are already going there.
1991	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	One thing with my Build local Community is I send out a newsletter twice a month with fun things, good news in Vancouver. The most recent one I sent out was the next 3 Repair Cafes.
1992	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think we should be doing Repair Cafes a LOT more frequently. It's only once a year in most of the community places.
1993	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	One of the things I found with pop-up recycling is I do it the same time EVERY week. If you try to do it once a month, people always miss it. So, we've got to be much more accessible that way.
1994	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The other thing is, the refill part, people have to really change to want to be able to do that. If we could recycle the containers more effectively, that would be great. Like single use coffee cups, why doesn't the city have the municipal (recycling) bins for containers on Commercial Dr. where we have all these coffee shops? They're on the West side, but not where we really need it.
1995	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I know many of the stores I have gone to used to have refillery, and they don't know. Safeway used to have bulk foods, and now they package everything in hard plastic.
1996	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Refilling is a great idea but doesn't work that well in practice (due to the health & safety issues).
1997	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Some kind of incentive from the municipality to open businesses like that (refill) is necessary. They create foot traffic and are great for the economics of a neighbourhood; when you refill you're walking by other stores. It makes good sense for the other businesses and services.
1998	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To go back to repair and reuse; I've heard some libraries don't get used much anymore. There may be space there. Could some of our underused libraries accommodate reuse and tool sharing, and hosting of the repair programs? Maybe not large things, but the small things. Facilitator note - in Europe, quite a few of the book libraries also have tool libraries.
1999	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Most people look for convenience and unfortunately, refilling takes an extra effort that not everybody is willing to do
2000	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Before Covid, refill was getting some momentum but people and businesses got scared and there were also regulations to prevent containers from being reused
2001	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It bothers me that every time I finish a pill bottle, nothing is happening with these perfectly reusable pill bottles. Surely they could be sanitized and reused without being melted down, rebuilt, everyday. Facilitator note - Recycling in health is much more complicated.
2002	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Before COVID, my pharmacy would actually take my empty container and refill the pills for me. After COVID they said they can't even touch those.
2003	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's noted that Metro Vancouver's marketing on waste / recycling don't have the same reach that the City of Vancouver or RecycleBC have. Where is Metro already sharing resources, via social media?

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2004	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	COVID health concerns changed the refill landscape. Could Metro collaborate on publicizing the Health advisories that reassure businesses that refill can still be safe and sanitary?
2005	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's reiterated a few times that businesses need to be reassured that they can refill and reuse, from restaurants to pharmacies.
2006	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Small businesses offering refill struggle to stay open. Many have closed in recent years. This makes the behaviour less accessible, even for people who strongly identify with and advocate for refilling.
2007	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Boutique refill / small business refill offerings don't make a dent in the purchasing at bigger box stores, e.g. families who shop at Costco need refill options at Costco.
2008	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	More frequent and more publicity for Repair Cafes. Do one every week, at the same time.
2009	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Can libraries participate in hosting refill / reuse programs?
2010	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	What is MOST important is to communicate what's available. It's really difficult to get that out. But if Metro Vancouver can get this on a webpage, ad directory, all the places you can repair and refill. And everyone else can point to that.
2011	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I say this every time we have this discussion - why are there not more recycling facilities at public meeting places, like the Plaza at Riley Park? Which has a farmer's market every year. NO recycling facilities - so what do they do? They put it in my compost bin. We need to talk to the Parks Board rather than Metro.
2012	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consistency - Metro improving consistency - in public areas, the inconsistency between what's available for recycling at, say, the Sheraton Wall Convention Centre - no organics - whereas at the Canada Place Convention Center there's organics recovery.
2013	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's just the availability, and always - having a consistent message out there.
2014	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Also, coffee shops. It's very upsetting that coffee shops with ceramic mugs give their drink-in customers disposable cups still.
2015	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	You can be sitting inside a coffee shop and more than half the people have the disposable cups in hand instead of the ceramic ones available.
2016	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Advertise Repair Cafes on social media.
2017	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Ceramic mugs should be the default at cafes
2018	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Bylaws mandating coffee shops to use ceramic / reusable as opposed to single use, as default, and things like that. Things with a little more teeth, a bit more action in them.
2019	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The recruitment of one of the local coffee chains, not thinking corporate e.g. Starbucks is international - JJ Bean is still very local, for example. It would be great to see the person taking the order bring out a ceramic mug first, so the customer can say oh no, I want a disposable. But if the ceramic is offered first, they'll (the customer) probably take it if they're staying in.
2020	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's really important to get the City to accept the single-use containers. They do have the blue (Streetscape) bins. They should have them at every block on Commercial Drive.
2021	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	At Continental Coffee at 2nd and Commercial, they had a big garbage bin, and people were just throwing their stuff in there. I talked to them and said, if I have a blue bin here and collect these things, would that be okay with you?
2022	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I've been doing that for months now, and I get hundreds of these things. And that's just me doing it because I can't emotionally see all that stuff going into the landfill.
2023	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The City, gosh darnit, should have single use container bins in all of these places. I tried to do it myself, personally, to set up the bins, and JJ Bean, really thought it was a great idea. But the city said no, there's tripping hazards, what do we do about keeping things clean. They're more interested in not having to worry about it than doing the right thing.
2024	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I'm telling you, it's the waste management that is not yet doing the right stuff. I'm really trying to get the City of Vancouver to work on this, because people love what I've been doing on Commercial Drive.
2025	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There are public meeting places with no recycling bins. How can the region or municipalities work with venues to implement better recycling accessibility? This is named as absolutely necessary in the streetscape.
2026	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consistency is touted as an important strategy; e.g. organics recycling both at businesses and home.
2027	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More advertisement of Repair Cafes is mentioned, in particular on social media.

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2028	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Ceramic coffee mugs should be the default at cafes. Can this be regulated? Can Metro evaluate what makes it difficult for cafes to implement ceramic mugs as the default, and share best practices for how to do it?
2029	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	One participant has a pop-up recycling initiative they've been doing on Commercial Drive to divert coffee cups, and they've collected thousands of cups with fairly nominal but consistent effort. How can Metro Vancouver recognize, incentivize and promote this kind of volunteerism?
2030	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High 5, Medium 2
2031	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I get a lot of experience with the pop up recycling, people say "I'm told this all goes to Asia or is put in the landfill anyway"
2032	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I find that the plastic is turned into pellets they can use for 3D printing. The styrofoam is processed for construction material.
2033	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The batteries, 95% of the elements can be reused, and the batteries are much more valuable than the ore where the original elements come from.
2034	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If we had a list of all these things, how they were used, and what happens, that would help.
2035	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People are frequently willing to LISTEN to what I say, but whether they really believe it? If we were privy to that, and it was very available, "this is what we're doing currently" - and the wonderful thing is technology is improving all the time, so we can do more with these materials
2036	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People are getting more optimistic. I'm really extroverted and am trying to get people into it, but people are feeling the excitement that things are getting better. You can't just listen to the news that says here are all the bad things that are happening.
2037	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Metro Vancouver, carry on with the practice of making people aware of the composition of the materials - of solid goods that Metro Van purchases.
2038	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Here's an example - I really like it when I see labels say "this garment is made out of 30% recycled materials". Metro Vancouver is a purchaser of a LOT of things, at least if Metro Vancouver makes a point of displaying or stating on any large object that it purchases, how much of it is made of recycled material; people will get the message that recycling is worthwhile.
2039	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What if any new home has a new recycling tote, and the recycling tote itself says "this is made out of recycled materials" "your recyclables became this tote"
2040	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Transparency in the destination of recycled products is critical for consumer confidence. It will also help advocates and volunteers who are attempting to shift culture and encourage recycling behaviour.
2041	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There's no point recycling if there's no demand for recycled materials.
2042	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Extend transparency to the use of recycled content too - e.g. share statistics about the use of recycled materials in the region. E.g. if Metro Vancouver has a procurement policy for buying X% recycled, share that, share templates for that kind of procurement policy.
2043	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Consumers want to know how their recycled items are actually used, and that it's actually being put to beneficial use.
2044	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Demonstrate the use of recycled content in purchasing.

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2045	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I CAN respond to this one. The other one was not - this seems to be a much EASIER way to get the message out. It's a GOOD NEWS and educational component. I really want to see this.
2046	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	It's easier to grasp. It's easier to hold. Of course we want to show you where your waste goes, and how it's processed. The first action is more general, more nebulous.
2047	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I think we have to take time to talk about volunteer, pop-up recycling. This is something we can really do effectively. I've got years of experience doing it. I even have a sticker station that I use to entice people to use coloured stickers to vote on different things. Things work out really well, we should be able, as volunteers, to do this. Because it's really simple to do. Especially if we can do it at a location like a community center, or neighbourhood houses. I don't know if we could do it at schools, but schools would be great as well.
2048	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I'd love to communicate with Master Recycler and get this sorted out. I am retired and have lots of time to work on this.
2049	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Greater transparency on the supply chain for recycling - where it goes, how it's processed, where it gets reused, and the use of recycled content - is seen as an important win, and a more tangible benefit than just sharing best practices (the prior action discussed).
2050	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	The participant with the pop-up recycling initiative is retired and interested in collaborating to propagate his model for collecting recyclables in community.
2051	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I thought, and I do see a lot from Recycle BC about what they collect, and they do tell you that a lot of it stays within British Columbia and gets recycled here, so I'm not sure what Metro Vancouver should perhaps be concentrating on the compostables that they collect, and how that gets processed.
2052	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There's very, very few people who read RecycleBC newsletters, or Metro Vancouver newsletters. The messaging has to be more broadly shared.
2053	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I do see RecycleBC all the time in my Instagram feed. Lately they've been talking more about where the things they collect go to. I'm assuming that all the stuff in the blue box, the yellow bag, and the grey box, and they've started collecting soft plastics in certain municipalities and putting them in a pink box.
2054	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	(Facilitator) It seems to be going in all around Metro now.
2055	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	So when you go into London Drugs and take your soft plastics; theoretically this is going to be turned into something useful next time I go to London Drugs, it will be in the chain to become something useful.
2056	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	So, Recycle BC is telling me about that. So, where is Metro? They're involved beyond that, with what goes in the green bin, and where your paper goes.
2057	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's just the green bin and garbage Metro uses.
2058	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Could they put more specific information on the side of the trucks? The garbage trucks, recycling trucks, green bin trucks. Huge area, we see them every week, they could put a lot of information there. It's in a form that could be easily replaced, like stick-on posters.
2059	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Give us up to date information on where it's going. What you've just put in their truck, where it's going.
2060	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	When I think of downtown Vancouver, you see so many of those trucks. They're rolling billboards.
2061	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The new immigrant guides, having personally been on a bus and explained to new immigrants that we don't throw wrappers out. I can do this, because I'm Asian. I can go to Asian people and say "we actually keep our wrappers, and we wait until we get off the bus and go to the garbage can"
2062	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's so handy being a person of colour that way, because I've also approached people who aren't yellow like me, I've gone to brown people, white people who don't seem to speak english. I seem to have that kind of license.
2063	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Maybe Metro Vancouver can hire people to do these kinds of jobs as well.
2064	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	This might be off topic, but can Metro mandate, say, Vancouver did put a 25 cent deposit on non-reusable coffee cups and cold beverage. If Metro did this - can Metro mandate, in addition to your logo, Starbucks or JJ Bean, can you put in 25 words in large type saying "this container can be recycled in British Columbia, just put it in your blue box"
2065	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Going to what the other was saying - people don't believe that recycling actually happens - perhaps you put some link or a QR code to a website that tells you what the recycling process is, for different materials.
2066	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It could save your municipality money and your taxes will go down
2067	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make the people who are using it, contribute somehow to the whole system, beyond making the money on it.
2068	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I missed telling you about REUSE stories. I'm going to do it quickly. I went to my cobbler and asked if I can fix my shoes to give them to charity; the cobbler said no, I think they're on their last legs.
2069	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	But I'd really like to see Metro Vancouver point out our exceptionalism. Because, we are doing well compared to others, and it would be a way of refuting what is often seen by people in the media, that's actually national or international news, or even just not Metro Vancouver, about how badly things are done. Or how deceptive recycling is.
2070	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver is really trying hard, and we're not using deception when we share. We're not shipping to Asia our raw collected plastic water bottles. We're doing good.

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2071	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	So why can't we brag about that? And refute what's not true?
2072	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Celebrate our wins.
2073	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Even CBC knows, bad news is selling news. Good news is not always selling great. All the TV stations and papers are looking to show how things are actually not good, and not going according to what they're supposed to.
2074	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should evaluate and communicate success of the compostable organics that are collected; there's no or little information on that.
2075	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's noted folks have the perspective that the messaging is not accessible to the vast majority of people. What influential media businesses or individuals can Metro partner with to get the word out?
2076	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Suggestion to share on the sides of waste pickup trucks what the destination of the waste / recycling is. They're "rolling billboards".
2077	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Similarly, can businesses be encouraged to include messaging on e.g. the side of branded coffee cups, that this material is recycled in BC?
2078	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Can Metro Vancouver consider hiring people to be community educators, especially for immigrant communities?
2079	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should be promoting how exceptional its recycling system is.
2080	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	In closing, please say a few words not about the two actions only, but how important is the whole engagement? Is it valuable, is it something hopefully can promote a better solid waste management plan and so on?	This is a much more effective event than I thought it was going to be. Thank you very much for doing this.
2081	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	In closing, please say a few words not about the two actions only, but how important is the whole engagement? Is it valuable, is it something hopefully can promote a better solid waste management plan and so on?	Ditto - I got a few things off my chest, and I had nowhere to put them before, so this was a really great opportunity. Thank you so much.
2082	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	In closing, please say a few words not about the two actions only, but how important is the whole engagement? Is it valuable, is it something hopefully can promote a better solid waste management plan and so on?	I'm also very curious what Metro Vancouver is going to conclude about the pilot program for the pink boxes. I understand in West Vancouver there's a curbside flexible plastic collection going on right now. Personally, I hope it works really well for them so that it becomes widespread. I run out of kitchen counter space for cleaning plastic bags. Facilitator - understand downtown and Kitsilano will get the pink box by March. And Recycling Alternative will be collecting it.
2083	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	In closing, please say a few words not about the two actions only, but how important is the whole engagement? Is it valuable, is it something hopefully can promote a better solid waste management plan and so on?	I'm glad Metro Van is doing something. That's encouraging. I'm also waiting for what they're going to propose.
2084	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Next steps	I am feeling really hopeful. I LOVE that Metro Vancouver is trying to do this, and engage with the community. A lot of these topics have been in my mind, and I didn't really know if anybody was doing about these things. This community outreach is great, you letting us know this is something that's a priority for Metro Vancouver, and that our voices are being heard, that's absolutely fantastic.
2085	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Next steps	This session was helpful and I gained a lot of insight and I will spread the survey to my fellow peers as well!
2086	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Does the solid waste management plan relate back to climate action?
2087	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What are people's favourite items to reuse?	Stand up pouches with the zipper. It seems I cannot avoid buying foods that I need and want, ALL in bulk, and I predominantly buy in these stand up zipper pouches. I wash and reuse them. I haven't bought a ziplock bag in about 20 years. I reuse them several times before they go into my flexible plastic recycling.
2088	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What are people's favourite items to reuse?	Plastic bags, because inevitably you end up with them. Ziploc bags as well, we reuse over and over. at least they're not one use.
2089	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What are people's favourite items to reuse?	Tote bags, especially when grocery shopping or going somewhere.
2090	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What are people's favourite items to reuse?	One, plastic bags. I haven't acquired a new plastic bag in years. I reuse the ones I have. Two, clothes. I use them, reuse them, mend them, repurpose them, do new things with them.
2091	8-Oct-25	Focus group #1 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What are people's favourite items to reuse?	Plastic bags; both the disposable kind and the supposed ones you use for years. I've got a whole bunch of them stuffed under the car seat, and in my bike panier. Everywhere I go I have my own bag.
2092	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Would be a medium priority.
2093	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Only great if you shop very local from brands that are available here.

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2094	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Very easy to get a garment, but not so easy to send back to brands.
2095	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The sheer volume of clothes is such a large issue, feasibility might be an issue. Bringing it back to people who know what they're doing (ex. sustainable organizations) would be a good idea.
2096	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Van can have more used clothing bins, which can be given to organizations that can reuse it.
2097	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Putting the onus on the consumer, would encourage extending the lifecycle of clothing from the brand point.
2098	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High priority; Builds the circular economy, not just for fashion, extends to other household items.
2099	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Root cause is policy.
2100	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Would totally support, very high level of importance.
2101	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Having it more centralized through libraries that would force you to think before buying something.
2102	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Had to spend so much in furniture when moving, FB marketplace is iffy and not always reliable, if the city could have "thing borrowing" it would be good, but most right now are inaccessible.
2103	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Vancouver doesn't have the flea market that other big cities have, if the city could provide something like this it would be great.
2104	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This could reduce the mindset of one time use, would be a great implementation and is of high priority.
2105	8-Oct-25	Focus Group #1 Notes (World Textiles Day)	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Policies that make the use of single use packaging expensive, then it can incentivize the business to not purchase these, and instead encourage borrowing.
2106	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	This action is a higher priority if you want engagement with the sectors. Adoption will take some time, but it has to be included in the plan.
2107	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	The priority setting should be based on data – how educated is the industry? Education is always the priority
2108	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Fairly high priority. Industries can become more interested when there is an opportunity to save money.
2109	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	If there is a penalty or cost, businesses are more likely to participate.
2110	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	How will Metro Vancouver share this information? We do not stay tuned to Metro Vancouver to see what is going on and what is changing.
2111	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	We have not heard anything from the City or Metro Vancouver on solid waste, and we manage it all ourselves. Only when we have internal issues do our third-party consultants reach out to us for solutions. We are not actively looking for opportunities.
2112	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It will not be that difficult to implement this action if: oWe use a third-party consultant – Waste Collective. oMetro Vancouver goes to the haulers and negotiates deals on our behalf – recommends for us to take it to farms for example. oSupport and encourage the educational process internally

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2113	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It will be great, but time is a challenge: managers will need to put time into this from their day-to-day work.
2114	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Language barriers: technical language especially- not everyone has the background to understand what this means.
2115	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We have different teams for dealing with different aspects of the business, working with the correct team will be important to the success of this action.
2116	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This action might be more difficult for certain businesses. Cost and time constraints will be a challenge as well as knowledge gaps. This will require training and upfront investment.
2117	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Consistency across different municipalities needs to be there, we cannot expect to manage varied expectations across Metro Vancouver.
2118	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Standardized toolkits that work across municipalities with specific examples to help businesses navigate it properly.
2119	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Recognition program that incentivizes businesses and encourages participation.
2120	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Once these tools are created, the value is the adoption of it. How do you get businesses/people to use it and buy into it?
2121	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Cost will be the deciding factor. If you take these tools and adopt them as a business, will it help you cut costs? People will want to know this.
2122	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Demonstrating the financial benefits of waste reduction will be necessary to engage businesses. This should be considered when designing these tools.
2123	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide resources on what resources are available to help reduce waste.
2124	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Industry associations for each industry can be leaders in this work and can share these tools with hundreds of companies.
2125	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver needs to make the training simple, time efficient, punctual.
2126	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Low in the list because we are already self-motivated
2127	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Low because it does not appear to be a high-benefit action.
2128	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Low – every manufacturer is uniquely built to meet their unique needs and complex supply chains – one-fits-all approach will not work.
2129	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium
2130	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As food manufacturers, we want to reduce as much waste as possible. We are always looking at our logistics and supply chain to ensure we are not wasting anything. This is not a big priority
2131	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	How could an outside representative come in and help us with this action? It is very specific to the manufacturer.
2132	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Every business is trying to cut food waste – the more efficient we are the more profitable the business is.

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2133	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We are trying our best to reduce waste – in terms of Metro Vancouver providing support – education and opportunities to save money through tax credits would be good ways to encourage participation.
2134	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Grants would be helpful to encourage participation and to reduce the burden of the cost of implementing new initiatives or process. Create access to consultants that can come to the manufacturers and offer advice.
2135	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Are there vendors in other parts of the world that we don't know about that we can learn about?
2136	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High – it will encourage businesses to reduce waste.
2137	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High – some businesses (especially small ones) need the incentive.
2138	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High priority - once is coupled with resources and there is an understanding from small businesses.
2139	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High priority
2140	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Good initiative to provide incentive to businesses but depends on how difficult or time consuming the application process is. Will doing the work outweigh the benefits? What are the actions associated with receiving the grant? Will it be too cumbersome for businesses? What are the requirements?
2141	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The grant process needs to be simplified so it does not discourage businesses. Having the options of micro-grants so it can be more inclusive for a variety of businesses.
2142	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This is important but needs to be coupled with tools and resources. Is it most beneficial to target many small businesses or a few large businesses that generate much of the waste?
2143	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Large businesses have more resources to deal with waste which is why they may produce less.
2144	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	This action needs resources. Human voices (phone calls) – who should we contact, refer us to resources or a liaison.
2145	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More transparency on who can apply for what grants. More guidelines are needed.
2146	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority
2147	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium – companies are already self-motivated to do that
2148	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High – important to have the data
2149	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This action is doable but moderately difficult depending on what the requirements are. Many of the businesses might not have the established metrics/standards. Data sensitivity: Some information may not be sharable.
2150	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Waste is quantified because it is a cost. Some individuals in our company feel the pain because they have to complete the measuring and reporting process and it can be arduous and time-consuming.
2151	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is important to consider that measuring and reporting food waste costs money and resources, especially for smaller companies

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2152	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We value what measuring and reporting food waste could bring but it is important to consider that it will be complicated.
2153	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We internally have all the resources to do the metrics and to measure the waste going out and we try to reduce it as a larger company.
2154	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We have created those steps and resources now, but we did not have that initially, so it may be challenging for smaller companies to do this.
2155	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Companies are self-motivated to save money and would probably complete this work for that benefit.
2156	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Important to have this food recovery data. We need to understand the baseline and where businesses are at.
2157	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is the problem of standardizing the reporting, this approach needs to be made consistent. This may be difficult for the sector to implement because we don't know what the reporting requirements will be.
2158	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	How many resources will be necessary to collect the data and complete the reporting? Businesses will need to know this.
2159	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Standard guidelines and metrics are needed so that they are consistent across municipalities
2160	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	BC Food and Beverage Association	Food and Beverage Retailers	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver needs to approach people from the angle that it saves money and brings value long term.
2161	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High because information is the first step because often timelines get applied and not all parties know about it. Better awareness and understanding could lead to wider adoption of these practices. Need an active strategy to inform as many parties as possible and use the language of incentives. A way to communicate with people who have questions. Things like circular economy and reuse could be vague and people can have a range of understanding of what it means so it is important to have someone who can guide through the process.
2162	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Like the idea of incentivizing and using carrot vs. stick approach. Great way to get buy-in
2163	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Making sure the programs are accessible. If no one knows about it, then you will end up with people who are already applying these
2164	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Consistency is very important – if these programs are implemented then make sure that they are consistent across all municipalities
2165	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The community needs to be able to easily implement and do not have to go through a 20-page manual to understand.
2166	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Part of the support needed is accessibility and facilitating the knowledge transfer of implementing circular economy practices in the building industry. Ranges based on people's understanding
2167	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Information sharing as first step (e.g. bulletins). Scan what resources are available about end of life of building materials. Information sharing not just to builder: Buildings are not built just by the builder so there is an emphasis on the need for consistent information sharing with all project partners, including builders, designers, and energy advisors– educate on end of life of the building
2168	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Getting the information to key partners so the whole part is more informed. A good base is having information on a website – education outreach and meeting key partners at their place

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2169	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We have a very active education committee, and we do education throughout the year so I see an opportunity for Metro Vancouver to come and do a session for members to listen to and ask questions which will then be posted on the website. Partner with other associations who are not necessarily in the region but do business in the region
2170	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Remove barriers: One unintended consequence is these programs happen in silo and there ends up being conflict with other regulations. Ensure the requirements do not conflict with other regulations so builders and the constitution
2171	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High priority and important part of the outreach. To get buy-in from builders and partners
2172	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Fairly high priority but also acknowledging that there are another 100 actions that we do not see so easy to say this is a high priority
2173	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We have builders breakfast event that happens ten times a year. We would be happy to partner. Opportunity to co-host events. Work with municipalities as well on free sessions.
2174	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Important to have these as the knowledge translation piece
2175	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The research could be easy to conduct by the waste mgmt company/ the city and data could be easily collected. eg waste stream audit/ resident surveys and feedback
2176	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Success stories: If there are other home form types that have been successfully deconstructed or moved, bring those in. Interested in successful case studies different from SF homes. Where have those materials have been reused
2177	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Bring other parties that have influence on material design
2178	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Our membership is not just builders; we have designers and engineers so bringing Subject matter experts with diverse expertise would be valuable
2179	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Could happen in co-collaboration in with other municipalities (city of Langley does these) – it shows there is harmony and could reach more diverse audiences
2180	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Number 1 priority between the three actions discussed
2181	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	High priority
2182	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is always a good idea to tie in all levels of government so great thing to include. Holistic understanding of everyone knowing what is going on from the top down
2183	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There are a handful of companies that do deconstruction
2184	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It costs money and time. If there was a way to increase that capacity in that sector, that would be great
2185	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It is important to make processes simple and consistent across municipalities to avoid conflicts and encourage builder participation.
2186	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Land: Need to address land use requirements and storage solutions for deconstructed homes, space is a significant challenge in Vancouver. Having Metro Vancouver help find a space to storage reuse materials until they find the next use would help
2187	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Ease of use and accessibility. Affordability is an important aspect to consider
2188	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Could be difficult if properties face logistical challenges, such as space constraints, collection schedules, or additional costs, especially for older buildings and premises
2189	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Staff turnover (in the premises/ properties) may reduce engagement as there may be a lack of awareness about the program when newcomers work at the place

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2190	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Provide tailored onboarding support, clear signage, and training for staff, along with resources like posters, bin labels, and educational guides in the public space of the non-residential properties
2191	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Green bins collection schedules should match business hours, and they should be collected frequently if there are restaurants/ food-related businesses in the properties to prevent hygiene issues.
2192	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Enforcement/ incentives to ensure businesses follow or participate in the green bin programs
2193	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Could be difficult; odours and “yuck factor” can be only reduced but not eliminated
2194	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Even with guidance, residents may feel hesitant to handle food scraps, or they may lack the time, space, or materials to consistently apply recommended practices.
2195	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Household food waste bins or compostable bags should be provided for free, rather than requiring residents to purchase them on their own)
2196	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Compostable liners, odor-absorbing materials, or simple tools for bin cleaning should be provided
2197	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The key is making green bin use feel manageable, safe, and socially reinforced.
2198	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider collaborating with property managers, business associations, and environmental advisors
2199	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Sharing best practices or case studies from successful participants with other building/ property managers to demonstrate feasibility and benefits.
2200	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Increase the frequency of green bin collection.
2201	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The city regularly collects green bins, cleans them, and returns a cleaned bin to residents.
2202	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Offer community demonstrations, workshops, or peer support to normalize bin use.
2203	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	10 participants expressed this is high importance 3 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance 5 participants didn’t answer
2204	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	One of the reasons that this action is important is because textile/clothing is one of the major consumption in our daily lives, so it would be better to have a more proper way to recycle.
2205	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It should be quick and easy to donate, because I already do donate to thrift stores. But the problem comes in for certain things like socks or items that have a stain or tear in it, then it’s good to have a place to collect these.
2206	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Simplicity would also be an issue. Do we have to sort out the material, or can you donate any type of textile?
2207	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easier, I’ve tried taking old clothing to Value Village, but not all items are accepted. Having more textile recycling options would really improve access

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2208	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It depends on what types of textiles are allowed or not allowed. For example, underwear or very personal items may not be acceptable
2209	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It depends on the location of the collection boxes. Metro Vancouver should collaborate with grocery stores to set up more collection points
2210	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If the collection points are convenient, it's easy for me to participate, especially since buying new clothes these days is expensive, so it feels good to donate what can still be used
2211	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	More thrift shops or textile recycling bins in the community or at retailers would make it more convenient to donate.
2212	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If the location has enough recycling boxes and they are easy to access or identify, it would be much easier to participate.
2213	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	It's hard for me to figure out if contact lenses are waste or recycling. They generate a lot of waste, but since they're made of plastic, are they recyclable?
2214	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	If I donate items to certain places, it would be helpful to know what happens afterwards. Do they actually get recycled? I've seen some items being dumped into a big bin.
2215	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is this going to be difficult for the person donating? I.e. Will sorting be required by the person donating, or is it done afterwards?
2216	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is there requirements in terms of what should be recycled or belong to the landfilled (i.e. dishrack)
2217	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	We need more instructions of what should be recycled, or will there be contamination. There's a lot of synthetics in textiles - is this recyclable or will it ruin all the other products?
2218	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We need more access points, especially near public transit.
2219	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Include more collection boxes at locations that are easy to reach, such as SkyTrain or bus stations, residential areas, and inside malls
2220	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Collection box locations should be more visible and accessible, for example, close to SkyTrain stations
2221	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There's a lot of those fire stations (and other public utility spaces), if there are collections at all these public spaces, it would be much easier to access
2222	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Educating consumers like us who actually make the effort to donate or recycle. Provide greater transparency around what happens to donated and recycled goods after collection. (This will help build trust and motivate participation)
2223	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Will there be a system for textiles and other products? I.e. for plastics there is a certain number on the bottle.
2224	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There should be a team of people sorting things out after donations (especially for textiles)
2225	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make sure to have someone to follow up with the collected textiles, such as having a specific department to collect them weekly or bi-weekly. This ensures the textiles are actually recycled instead of being left in the box
2226	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	7 participants expressed this is high importance 3 participants expressed this is medium importance 3 participants expressed this is low importance 5 participants didn't answer
2227	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Note - we see an anomaly where people in the recycling focused session think incentives are not necessary, but many in the other two sessions expressed that point systems or rewards will help encourage more participation and get everyone involved. This might be a self-selection bias.
2228	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Let me just say it in Chinese, I don't think people should be rewarded for bringing things to recycle. This is a civic responsibility. If you do that, it would…) create another can of worms, I think we instead of providing a monetary incentive for people to do that, it would be better to educate people on the importance of recycling
2229	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	If we have a reward system, it's a lot of resources being spent on these resources and it's not needed, it's our responsibility
2230	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Provide incentives for companies to offer education or open sites for recycling (e.g. lower rents or other support)

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2231	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	In Hong Kong, it's very convenient to recycle, but it still takes a lot of education, incentives, and promotion. And even then, participation only increased by a small margin. This suggests it's a long-term change that can't be measured or achieved immediately.
2232	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I like the point reward system in Hong Kong, you earn points based on the weight of your recycled items, and the points can be exchanged for modest rewards, e.g. recycled paper towels and everyone can participate.
2233	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For people who already have high awareness and do recycle, they don't really need the incentive to take action. But for those with lower awareness, rewards can be an effective way to motivate them. For example, giving a small reward for recycling plastic bottles can actually encourage people who wouldn't normally think about recycling to participate. The "stick" part means penalties. For instance, charging fees or applying other punishments for not participating.
2234	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In Hong Kong, there used to be a recycling program called "Green Community." The rewards didn't have to be monetary, for example, you might need to collect 10,000 points just to exchange for a roll of toilet paper. But small incentives could be enough to motivate people to recycle. My mom isn't very environmentally aware, but because of that program, she still participated. Right now in Metro Vancouver, there's already a deposit you can get back when recycling plastic bottles, for me, that's already an incentive. Having an incentive is useful.)
2235	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Maybe somewhat difficult, I don't think I would like to spend time tracking my recycling work.
2236	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there are more facilities near me, it'll be much easier, not everyone is able to drive.
2237	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Maybe make the "reward" more attractive? I'm not motivated to bring a full bag of textiles just to get back a few cents.
2238	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To make things easier, include technology in the recycling boxes. For example, everyone could scan a QR code at the box, and it could weigh the textiles or other items and automatically add points to your account, so people don't have to track their efforts manually.
2239	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In Hong Kong, there are vending machines for recycling plastic bottles. It's much easier and doesn't require as much manual effort.
2240	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Can recycling stations accept all types of recyclables, so people can recycle everything in one place? Sometimes the most frustrating thing is that one site only takes bottles, but not other items. It would be great to have one location where you can do all your recycling at once.)
2241	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	People bring bottles for recycling because there's a deposit. Or i.e. H&M used to give you a small coupon if you bring old clothes in. Could something similar apply to clothing or other products? Or could there be a partnership with companies for this? For example, adding a small upfront fee that can be returned when items are brought back for recycling (so they can be made into new clothing, products, or beauty items)
2242	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Can there be incentives for businesses to promote less packaging or encourage customers to bring in their own containers and packages? Or encourage reuse and recycling?
2243	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Big corporations make so much money shouldn't they be doing a bit more in this area?
2244	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Why is it that some things can't be recycled at IKEA, but can be at London Drugs? A lot of times, people just don't know where they can take things to recycle, so they end up throwing them away.
2245	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Making recycling depots easier to access is key. Right now, they can feel intimidating or inconvenient to visit. Removing these barriers and improving accessibility would make participation much easier.
2246	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	In Burnaby, even though you can get a small refund when you bring recyclables in, the sites aren't very hygienic and often require a deliberate drive to reach. Every time I go, I have to "be brave" it smells bad, and it takes effort just to get a few cents back. Recycling facilities need to be both accessible and clean to encourage people to use them.
2247	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It would be helpful to have a clear standard defining what "recycling well" actually means
2248	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More education
2249	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide a clear catalogue or guide on what can be recycled, designed for children, seniors, and others who may need simpler information
2250	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Many people don't know where to go, there isn't enough public knowledge about where recycling facilities are located

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2251	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More community discussions like this one
2252	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More promotion through posters and advertisements
2253	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Broader dissemination, for example, TV ads, social media, and leaflets to every mailbox, so more people know about new recycling actions
2254	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Encourage companies to use sustainable materials
2255	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Corporations should contribute more to these efforts
2256	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	11 participants expressed this is high importance 0 participants expressed this is medium importance 1 participants expressed this is low importance 6 participants didn't answer
2257	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	In reality, it's quite difficult, recycling needs to be sorted very precisely to be effective. Is having signage enough? Or is it still too complicated?)
2258	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	The system needs to be simplified, if it used clear colour coding, people could easily tell how to sort their waste.)
2259	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it will help, but not much, because there are still quite a lot of items that are hard to categorize, for example, contact lenses or paper straws
2260	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be easy, since the effort comes more from the government rather than the public
2261	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It may be difficult to have all cities adopt a standardized approach (there's a lot of red tape) but if it can be standardized, it will make things easier
2262	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There should be a clear signage standard so that it's easily understood by everyone
2263	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it's easy to let people know, as long as the communication is clear
2264	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I once saw a documentary showing how recycling plants could automatically sort recyclables from non-recyclables that would make things much easier for consumers
2265	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The government could consider developing a mobile app with AI that lets you take a photo to check if an item is recyclable or not
2266	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If the system could use simple colour coding, it might be confusing at first, but once people get used to it, it would be easy to sort by colour.
2267	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In Hong Kong, everyone knows the chant "blue for paper, yellow for cans, brown for plastic bottles," but in Vancouver, the colours for public recycling bins don't match those used at home or in buildings.
2268	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would also help to list the items that cannot go into each bin, for example, using attached images with cross marks on non-recyclable items.
2269	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What is signage standard and customizable tool?
2270	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Isn't this in place already?

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2271	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	So what can Metro Vancouver actually do about this? Aren't these implemented differently in each city?
2272	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	It seems like recycling has to be sorted very specifically, but would clear signage make it easier to tell what goes where?
2273	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	At school, I noticed something interesting. Students often stand in front of the recycling bins for a long time, trying to figure out what goes where. It's good that they're willing to learn, but sometimes, even after looking carefully, they are unable to tell and they still end up throwing everything into the garbage.
2274	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	As consumers, we mostly care about what we should do, not whether it's the city or Metro Vancouver managing it. We just want clear and consistent communication on what actions residents are expected to take
2275	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	9 participants expressed this is high importance 2 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance 7 participants didn't answer
2276	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yes, it would be much easier if people could access the most up-to-date information in one place
2277	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yes, this is a fundamental action to help increase the recycling rate
2278	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there's a centralized app or website, it will be much easier. And people need to know about it.
2279	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It could still be difficult if the information, even when centralized, isn't well publicized
2280	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yes, this is a good action. Currently, there is a Return-It app that I sometimes use to check whether something can be recycled. But sometimes it's not accurate, some private organizations actually help recycle items that the city says cannot be recycled.
2281	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Something like a physical thing to each household like the current ones that tell you when garbage and or recycling is picked up
2282	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Use ads and spend time on promotions, make it a big campaign so people know about it
2283	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Schools should also take on some responsibility to help spread awareness
2284	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The government could set up booths at school open days so adults who are there with their children or grandchildren can also learn. This is the same for universities.
2285	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider using songs or easy-to-remember jingles. Combine colour coding with music to make education more effective.
2286	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Teach children to be "recycle heroes" at home, taking responsibility for sorting recycling for the family. And they can also relay this information and teach their parents)
2287	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	For kids, use circle time to teach with songs or posters so they see it daily and remember it better.
2288	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	8 participants expressed this is high importance 3 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance 6 participants didn't answer
2289	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, the recycling bins at my place already show what can be recycled, but not what cannot be recycled, which sometimes makes me confused.
2290	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easier, as it helps confirm whether something can be recycled, since not everything can be recycled.
2291	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy and very much needed!

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2292	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Ideally, if there were a machine that could scan a product and tell us which bin it should go in, that would be amazing.
2293	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Not everyone can access technology (e.g. QR codes or smartphones), so handwritten notes or clear signs will still be very important.
2294	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Within school systems, it's very important to educate younger students or adolescents to participate and promote healthy recycling habits. Parents might not do it unless they see their kids doing it
2295	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Children can teach their parents
2296	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For seniors, community centres can offer workshops to help educate them
2297	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Workshops can be for everyone
2298	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Include clear images that are easy to understand
2299	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Include different languages or translations, or even non-verbal, easy to understand icons, if possible
2300	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would it be possible to have a label or colour code directly on the product packaging to show whether something is recyclable or not? Or even better, a colour code that clearly indicates which bin it should go into.)
2301	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Suppliers should be encouraged and supported to redesign their labels and packaging to reflect recycling information.)
2302	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide financial support to schools or communities to organize related workshops
2303	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	All replied they are unsure here
2304	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We can't even understand what this action means to comment on it
2305	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Are you talking about strata? If it's about strata, it's about clarity for tenants for resource management
2306	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Please avoid using jargon
2307	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	1 participants expressed this is high importance 5 participants expressed this is medium importance 3 participants expressed this is low importance 9 participants didn't answer
2308	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be easier for the younger generation.
2309	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yes, it would be easy to participate and helpful if there's only one single source of truth

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2310	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be difficult because developing digital tools requires significant funding and can't be perfected within just a year or two.
2311	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy for younger people, but difficult for older people
2312	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Beyond signage (which has printing limitations), integrating smarter devices that can scan items, recognize them and identify where they should go would make things easier.
2313	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Scanning the packaging would make things easier for people who don't read or understand signage.
2314	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This will be difficult for reuse and repair, if it's more of a personal or monetary decision
2315	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Some commented they're not sure how technology or AI could help, to be honest
2316	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	There's a comment that this tool can be in a public space near the collection sites too so people can learn and sort it in the right bins.
2317	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I would be more inclined to have an actual physical space, it's more helpful
2318	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Language accessibility, are they willing to make it more diverse?
2319	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need to consider people who aren't tech-savvy or don't have access to digital devices.
2320	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Scandinavian countries have programs for repair and reuse; maybe this needs to be developed as a municipal or government-led program
2321	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy. With a well-defined/ specific audience in a building, the education can be designed to be clear, precise, and easy to understand.
2322	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to deploy as there are existing channels or community space for visuals/ newsletter delivery/ interactive workshops.
2323	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Who would be responsible for execution? Is participation (e.g. workshops/ online training) mandatory for all families or residents?
2324	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Education content should be concise, appealing, and actionable
2325	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The building/ strata/ property managers should help with promotion and materials distribution in an encouraging environment.
2326	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficult, backyard composting can produce unpleasant odours and attract pests such as insects, rodents, or even snakes, which many people might find hard to accept
2327	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Very difficult because residents would be concerned about space, odor, pests, or the complexity of maintaining compost systems.
2328	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Limited access to materials like bins, worms, or instructional resources could also pose barriers.

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2329	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are more multi-family residences now, and even single-family houses have fewer backyards than in the past.
2330	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If green bin programs are still running, which are easier to participate in, why would I even compost at home?
2331	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I'm personally very scared of worms, so nothing would help.
2332	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Sharing success stories to normalize and celebrate backyard composting and worm bin practices.
2333	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Partnering with community gardens, schools, or local retailers, offering incentives such as compost bin discounts or free workshops
2334	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Moderately easy to participate if the materials are practical, concise, and available online
2335	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Straightforward instructions in the materials would help the businesses understand exactly what actions they need to take, reduce confusion, and increase the likelihood of successful implementation.
2336	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Clear summaries, visual guides, and examples that show how waste management practices apply to real operations.
2337	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Educational resources should be specific to the industry/ business, rather than general guidelines
2338	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Flexible learning formats/ materials would help, eg toolkits/ videos/ printed materials/ webinars
2339	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy as there are non-profits that already have expertise in community engagement and waste education.
2340	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Can leverage their experience in community outreach, ready-made programs, volunteer support, and credibility
2341	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Direct engagement/ two-way interaction is more effective for residents to participate in recycling than just delivering materials for them to study, as you have someone onsite to help sorting if they have immediate questions.
2342	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Ensure non-profits have sufficient capacity to handle these additional collaborations, so the programs can be sustainable.
2343	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Funding support, training, and standardized practice across different non-profits would be essential for the success.
2344	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to participate because guidance on reducing waste—such as using reusable tableware, planning portions, or setting up recycling and compost stations—can be implemented directly by hosts and can have a tangible impact on waste reduction.
2345	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	During large events, several large recycling bins should be placed beside garbage bins
2346	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Specific examples or scenarios, eg how much food to prepare, can be given to illustrate how the guidelines apply in real situations, making the instructions more relatable and easier to follow.

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2347	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Educational resources alone are not enough. Providing hardware or facility support at the venue can help actually reduce waste—for example, hosting parties at a building's amenities with cutlery provided.
2348	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Don't even know there are environmental advisors… so improving awareness and access to these advisors would be helpful
2349	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A bit difficult because the messaging might feel superficial or inauthentic. Not everyone resonates with or interprets the same message in the same way.
2350	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Managing collaborations with artists and ensuring consistent messaging across platforms could also be challenging.
2351	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Artists and influencers should be involved from the start in shaping the tone and visuals so that messages feel genuine.
2352	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	They should have the flexibility to create their own messages rather than being given rigid scripts.
2353	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Art installations in public space and social media campaigns could amplify the impact—making recycling visible, fun, and community-driven while reinforcing authenticity and motivation.
2354	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, it would help everyone correct the common mistakes they've been making in waste sorting
2355	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Other mechanism. We can help facilitate and educate, but to what degree should municipalities be involved in enforcing this – we are less sure about that . If we're going to do anything, it should be education
2356	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy because focusing education on high-confusion materials can directly improve sorting accuracy and reduce contamination in recycling and compost streams.
2357	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Simple, visual guides with photos or icons showing correct disposal for each confusing item would already help a lot.
2358	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Depends if the gamification system is complex or not.
2359	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Incorporating elements like quizzes, challenges, points, badges, or friendly competitions can make learning about recycling and waste reduction fun and motivating, encouraging ongoing participation.
2360	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Might not seem attractive to adults
2361	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There might be risks that some participants may focus more on rewards than the underlying learning, reducing long-term behavioral change.
2362	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, I can bring my children along to visit, learn together, and deepen our understanding
2363	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy because tours provide a tangible, engaging way to understand the recycling process and connect individual actions to community-wide impacts.

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2365	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Arrange school trips so that each school can visit together)
2366	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Do it in smaller groups for active engagement as large group sizes may reduce the personal impact of the experience
2367	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Flexible tour hours/ multiple trips to accommodate different people's schedule
2368	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Virtual tour options for those unable to attend in person.
2369	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Partnering with schools, community groups, and local media to promote tours
2370	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Integrate interactive elements for engagement
2371	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Share highlights on social media to extend the educational impact beyond those physically attending
2372	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to participate as residents only need to engage with educational resources such as videos, infographics, tours, or online tools to understand the journey of their waste.
2373	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Worth to do it because demonstrating where waste goes—from collection to sorting, processing, and final disposal or recycling—can build trust in the system, reduce confusion, and motivate proper waste management behaviors.
2374	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Ensure information is presented in a clear format so residences can contextualize the information on how it relates to their everyday actions, i.e. connecting what they do at home with what happens at processing facilities.
2375	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Important to dispatch information at appropriate touchpoints where residents of different age groups could access at all times
2376	11-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Recycling focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Integrating these resources into schools, community workshops, building newsletters, and social media
2377	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	1 participants expressed this is high importance 5 participants expressed this is medium importance 9 participants expressed this is low importance 4 participants didn't answer
2378	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, but if experts are needed to provide consultations, wouldn't the cost be too high?)
2379	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy. This is already being done at zero waste centres. I can bring items there and ask the staff whether they can be recycled. However, that mainly applies to recycling. When it comes to waste reduction, in-person efforts aren't very cost-effective unless they take place at events with large attendance. It might be more practical to do this through repair cafés or other community events
2380	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be easy for me to participate since I'm interested in learning directly from experts. However, I wonder if maintaining regular expert sessions could be costly in the long term

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2381	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Face-to-face communication takes up too many resources and doesn't reach a large enough audience. Often, when we want to look for information ourselves, we prefer to find it in places we already visit regularly like supermarkets, libraries, or community centres, as other participants mentioned. If these materials were available in those everyday spaces, people could easily access them, which would spread the message much more effectively. Compared to constantly sending people to talk in person, this approach would be far more efficient and cost-effective)
2382	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It might also not be very practical, as not everyone would be able to attend. Sometimes questions come up in daily life, and it doesn't feel helpful to "save them up" for a later session with a professional
2383	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be hard for me to participate because in-person meetings require people to dedicate time, so the challenge is how to motivate them to join sessions with experts. This is the hardest part, as many people may not have the intention to participate, it's a very passive way to educate people
2384	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Educational tools for recycling might not be effective when people's awareness of recycling is low or when they don't see the need to recycle
2385	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If it's a face-to-face session, it usually attracts people who are already really passionate about environmental issues and already very engaged. But for regular people, I don't think it's necessary to talk directly with experts. For me, as a newcomer, if I had to meet experts in person, I probably wouldn't even know what to ask. Most of my questions are quite basic and could easily be answered in a leaflet. Ideally, the information should be something we can access anytime, for example, when I'm sorting waste or cleaning my home, I can quickly check what's covered. For most people, talking to experts feels intimidating, and they might also think, "this doesn't really concern me, so why should I learn about it?")
2386	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Not difficult if time and venue is convenient .
2387	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	No time, it's hard to reflect deeply or keep track on our own. Education needs to be reviewed and reinforced repeatedly.
2388	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It could be simpler and more direct like handing out flyers. When I first arrived, I remember only receiving one or two pamphlets about where and what to recycle. I think this is the most straightforward and effective way to reach people in their homes. It was only after getting that flyer that I realized some bottles could be recycled and taken to deposit centres, meaning not all bottles had to be sorted again for recycling. For people living in smaller homes, this makes things much easier.
2389	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there's an education forum with an expert like this one with about 20 participants, it can only reach those 20 people, not a whole apartment building of 200 residents or a community of thousands. Simple methods work best, like distributing flyers or putting up billboards in supermarkets or other high-traffic areas.
2390	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I think combining in-person education with online resources, such as videos, infographics, and multilingual guides, would make this action more sustainable. No need for experts!
2391	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	In Hong Kong, we don't necessarily have experts teaching people how to recycle, but there are usually staff at recycling stations who explain the process when people drop off their items. Learning through that kind of direct, on-site guidance feels much more practical and achievable)
2392	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	We don't always need to rely on experts. Once local residents and children are educated, they can pass that knowledge on to others in the community. Community education through schools and neighbourhood networks is much more effective and meaningful
2393	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	That's a great suggestion, but how can it actually be done?
2394	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is it actually feasible to have someone stationed on-site to answer questions?
2395	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider the human resources required and explore how some of this work could be replaced or supplemented with online resources
2396	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	An online platform or Facebook focus group would be better, peer-to-peer education is often more effective
2397	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Record expert talks or information sessions as videos and promote them through social media
2398	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Physical promotion, such as advertisements in public spaces, would also be more practical and far-reaching
2399	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consolidate the various recycling and waste reduction websites in BC into one central platform, and advertise it so more people know about it

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2400	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	9 participants expressed this is high importance 5 participants expressed this is medium importance 1 participants expressed this is low importance 4 participants didn't answer
2401	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	if we don't know what format the education activities will take, it's hard to tell whether they'll be easy to join or not)
2402	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should not be too difficult if the education tools are practical
2403	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy for me as I already try to sort and reduce waste at home. However, it may be challenging when living in a multi-family building where waste rooms are shared and not everyone follows the same system. It depends on how the education is delivered and the level of detail provided.
2404	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The action talks about "education tools," but it's not clear how the tools for multi-family residents would differ from those for single-family residents.
2405	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It might be quite hard for me to participate since I don't live in a multi-family residential area, there might be less motivation for me to take part
2406	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Recycling locations in Vancouver are not easy to find, and promotion or public awareness is not common
2407	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to participate in general, but it's not convenient to dispose of large pieces of furniture.
2408	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's hard for some participants who don't always feel comfortable or have the freedom to practice sustainable practices
2409	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Waste reduction can help more newcomers learn that many things can actually be recycled, and where to recycle them, as well as include that information on product packaging.)
2410	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There hasn't been much promotion about what can be recycled. The resources exist, but people don't know about them, and it hasn't been well promoted
2411	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Better to have a clear goal for residents to participate in, so everyone can work toward something together.
2412	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy-to-use mobile apps could show where to find bottle return collection points in each area
2413	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should be promoted and supported by strata councils.
2414	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Perhaps collaborate with NGOs to make participation more accessible for the community

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2415	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Provide “carrots”, incentives or recognition for strata councils that achieve good results.
2416	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think accessibility to recycling tools could be improved. For example, in North Vancouver, paper recycling must go in yellow bags, but they’re not easy to find or replace, and can easily blow away on windy days. Some residents give up recycling because it’s inconvenient. Maybe Metro Vancouver could consider providing better access or alternatives to these bags
2417	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	it’s a bit difficult to evaluate Action ID104 or the following measures, because it’s not yet clear which specific types of waste Metro Vancouver is prioritizing for reduction. The plan doesn’t specify the target reduction amount, or what tools or policies will be used to achieve it. Without that information, it’s hard for participants to assess whether applying these measures at the household level would be easy or difficult. For example, take beverage containers: you pay a deposit when you buy them and get it back when you return them. That policy has a fairly high recycling rate. But when evaluating whether it works at home: how much space would it take up? How often would collection happen? With that kind of context, it’s easier for us to understand the intent of the policy is and what support or resources might be needed if penalties were introduced for non-compliance, and then tell the government whether it’s easy to participate or not. That said, it’s understandable that across Metro Vancouver, waste data collection and reporting methods may differ between municipalities and might not be completely transparent. This data quality directly affects how goals and measures are set, thus affecting how businesses and residents can align their efforts to meet those targets and policies. With clearer direction and shared data, it would be much easier to have informed discussions about the overall strategy.
2418	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you’d like to add to the conversation on this action?	The key is these education tools have to be able to reach the target audience
2419	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you’d like to add to the conversation on this action?	I’ve been living here for a few years now, and my understanding of waste reduction is cutting down on things that either can’t be recycled or that we don’t realize can be recycled. For example, a few weeks ago I went to Home Depot and noticed they had boxes for recycling light bulbs, and London Drugs has bins for recycling batteries. For me, it’s only by chance that I came across these recycling stations, otherwise I’d probably just throw the light bulbs in the garbage. I wouldn’t go out of my way to save them up and wait a long time just to recycle one bulb. So I hope there can be more recycling locations, or better information for newcomers, so people know that a lot of things here can actually be recycled.
2420	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you’d like to add to the conversation on this action?	The rest of the things that can’t be collected or recycled aren’t really within our control as residents. In terms of reuse, we can try to use things like wooden chopsticks a few more times, but in the end, they still end up being thrown away.)
2421	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you’d like to add to the conversation on this action?	Actually, Canada already has tools like this. I found a website with a Google Map showing that even water filter cartridges can be recycled, but no one promotes these tools. And are people really using them? You have to go on a desktop, scroll slowly, and study the map. It has no icons or clear labels. Canada already has the resources and platforms, but they’re not being promoted. The site’s traffic is low, the SEO is poor, and as a result, very few people know about it. There hasn’t been any visible promotion and the information is hard to find.
2422	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What exactly does “expanding educational tools” mean? I’d like to understand a bit more about the format, since that would affect how much space it takes up and what type of activities or materials would be involved
2423	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would it be in the form of town halls, leaflets, or activities promoted by local councillors?
2424	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is there a goal or target?
2425	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Should we consider providing clear, multilingual educational materials or a website?
2426	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver could collaborate with large businesses, such as Home Depot or London Drugs, to distribute recycling bags (e.g. yellow bags) or share recycling information
2427	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider launching alternative and more sustainable options for recycling bags, such as replacing plastic bags with reusable recycling boxes
2428	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need clarity on the time and format. For example, will sessions be held after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, and are they in-person or online? How long is each session, and do participants need to join regularly?
2429	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	5 participants expressed this is high importance 4 participants expressed this is medium importance 5 participants expressed this is low importance 5 participants didn’t answer
2430	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think this could help encourage people to reuse. Sometimes we see something as waste or useless, but someone else might need it, for example, packaging materials from online shopping. For buyers, it’s a one-time use and then thrown away, but sellers or people who are moving need boxes all the time. If there’s a place where people can donate like-new packaging materials and others can pick them up, that would be great.
2431	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy for me to participate, I’m already part of Buy Nothing groups, tool libraries, little free libraries, and community fridges

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2432	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there's clear information, for example, about rental or lending programs, and if it's run as a city-based system, it would be easy to participate. The first step is knowing where to find this information.
2433	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Personally, I don't really support the direction of item rentals. One major difficulty is, who decides what items are available for rent, and where these items should be placed? Like others mentioned, the sites are very scattered. From my own experience, I once tried to rent a sewing machine and found that while the service existed, my nearby community centre didn't offer it. I had to drive 10 or 20 kilometres to another community centre just to rent it. So is this really a reasonable direction to take? And how much resource would it require to make it work?)
2434	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In Metro Vancouver, there are many different ethnic and cultural groups. If this program spans across the entire region, how can we ensure that the items remain clean? Everyone's definition of "clean" is different. If something becomes damaged or dirty, it might not be repairable. Depending on culture or religion, people care a lot about whether a household has pets or certain items. With so much cultural and religious diversity, some items might not be shareable because of taboos or sensitivities. If Metro Vancouver implements a sharing program on such a large scale, could that cause issues? Would these cultural differences be overlooked? Maybe this should be managed by communities rather than a centralized government system, so it can better reflect different regional and religious needs. Some people are sensitive or allergic to pet hair or odours — if furniture comes from a home with pets, it may not be suitable for others. Furniture might also absorb smells or become dirty, so how can we ensure cleanliness and safety for the next user?
2435	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For small items that can be borrowed from convenient places like libraries or community centres, it shouldn't be difficult.
2436	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Everything's scattered and unorganized right now, so it's hard to find information. There should be a centralized source or platform to make it easier to access.
2437	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	It's not something Metro Vancouver needs to run directly. There are already enough community groups doing this, such as Buy Nothing groups, tool libraries, and second-hand stores. Metro Vancouver's role should be to promote these existing groups and encourage more communities to start similar initiatives.
2438	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Nope, how can we get the reused items? Are they clean? How do we apply?
2439	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	I live in Surrey, and it's a big city that covers a large area. Renting items might be difficult — will they be clean? What if they break? It would be hard to keep renting items out if they're not clean or have things like pet fur on them.
2440	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would it be easier if there were collaborations with community groups, churches, or religious organizations?
2441	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	For reusable packaging, is it really clean?
2442	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Even if these kinds of reuse or rental services exist, most ordinary people don't know that the government is already doing them. For example, there's a reuse and repair event happening in Richmond next week, but how many people actually know the city is organizing that? Personally, I only found out because a friend told me about it and asked if I wanted to go. If you don't have friends who are aware of these things, you'd probably never find out; there aren't really any channels reaching the general public. If we're serious about promotion, maybe it should be like what someone mentioned earlier, advertise in supermarkets or public spaces so more people can see it, instead of expecting people to search for the information themselves. Not everyone cares deeply about environmental issues, and most people won't go out of their way to look for this kind of information.)
2443	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Ease of access and how long would the rental period be?
2444	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide businesses with incentives to encourage reuse. For example, there's a paint reuse program, but when I asked at participating locations, they said they don't actually save the paint for reuse, probably because there's no incentive for them to do so.
2445	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider how to ensure rented items are clean and safe to use, there could be issues with hygiene or allergies.
2446	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	4 participants expressed this is high importance 7 participants expressed this is medium importance 4 participants expressed this is low importance 4 participants didn't answer

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2447	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	it's difficult because food safety is such an important issue. I volunteer at my church's soup kitchen, and we do receive food donations and those are fine because they're properly checked and clean. There are already models like this in the community, but scaling them up is challenging, especially when it comes to safety. It's not just about hygiene; you also need to consider different religions: for example, Hindu and Muslim dietary restrictions, and food allergies are another major concern. If food preparation or distribution accidentally mixes in allergens like nuts, it could be dangerous. Programs like this can only really run safely if they're handled by soup kitchens or restaurants with proper operations and food safety protocols. When food comes from too many different sources, or you don't know exactly where it's from, there are a lot of operational risks.)
2448	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, as long as I know about it
2449	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If it's just the database, it should be easy to build, the key is being careful with how food items are categorized
2450	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If the model focuses on existing organizations or churches, and consolidates data so they can directly apply to food suppliers, it would work much better. These organizations already have experience and are more professional. That would be more effective than letting the general public or multiple sources join in, which could make things messy and disorganized.)
2451	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think when it comes to food recovery, people are often worried about allergy concerns. But for furniture or appliance recycling, that's actually a really good idea. Some people — like newcomers — may not have the financial means to buy furniture or appliances when they first arrive. I remember spending a long time searching online for second-hand furniture, recycling programs, or families who could help, but it was very hard to find centralized information. If there were a platform or database showing which areas or organizations offer furniture or appliance recycling, it would really help ease the burden and provide practical support for these families.)
2452	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If it's mainly targeting people who are already participating, then having a dataset would be helpful.
2453	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We also need to consider hygiene issues, religious concerns, and the need for Halal food
2454	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	This feels like part of the idea of waste reduction at the source. At my workplace, there's a lot of food waste, but often we can't reuse it because of hygiene concerns. You can't really serve the same food to others again, whether you're charging or not. There are some existing platforms, like Too Good To Go, that help resell untouched leftover food, but food safety is still a big issue: it's too high-risk. If someone gets sick, even a small organization could be sued and face serious consequences.)
2455	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Encourage restaurants to plan their daily production more carefully so they don't prepare too much and create unnecessary waste)
2456	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	The database should be combined with information on reduce and recycling, so there is one centralized database where people can search for information on everything: reduce, reuse, recycle, repair (repair cafe schedules and repair information).
2457	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	The government should encourage restaurants to share the leftover ingredients to employees or donate to food bank, because there will be lots of food waste from the commercial kitchens, to increase their intention to reduce food waste and encourage them to share the left over ingredients/food to people in need will be essential
2458	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	One area where reuse is badly needed to reduce waste is the construction (demolition) industry, too many reusable material are being thrown out as general garbage. It would be very helpful if there is a way to connect people looking for materials to reuse with the demolition contractors.
2459	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is this mainly focused on food recovery?
2460	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	My understanding is that this isn't just about food, but also about recycling organizations, like furniture recycling. Did I understand that correctly?
2461	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Making the data searchable online or through a mobile app, with clear categories such as refill stations, repair cafés, and food recovery locations, would make participation much easier
2462	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's also important to consider food allergies, as there could be risks of cross-contamination
2463	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	11 participants expressed this is high importance 2 participants expressed this is medium importance 1 participants expressed this is low importance 5 participants didn't answer

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2464	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It depends on how the information is shared
2465	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It depends on the type of items, it's easier for small, easy-to-carry items that have low hygiene risks
2466	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think this idea is quite good because it can extend the lifespan of items since some only need minor repairs to be reused. But I can imagine one major challenge being logistics. For example, if I have a sofa that just needs a small fix, I don't have a way to transport such a large item to the repair location. How would I get it there? If there's logistical support for that part, the idea would be much more feasible. Without it, it might be difficult to implement.)
2467	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	From my own experience, this kind of thing can work through Facebook community groups. If everyone's in the same neighbourhood, like Marpole, it's easier to move a sofa or find someone nearby to help. But if it's far like moving something across Vancouver, it becomes a real challenge. So for this kind of initiative, it depends on the scale and whether there's a way to build local, community-led networks to make it work. When people know each other in their own area, there's more trust and comfort. But if it's too spread out or you don't know who the other person is, many people will hesitate. Even when I've tried to give away items before, people would ask very detailed questions before they felt safe. I think this is one of the cultural or even religious barriers that we need to think about how to address)
2468	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Regularly organize environmental activities and use softer approaches to promote and educate - for example, hosting environmental-themed fairs or arranging visits to Metro Vancouver's recycling systems and facilities)
2469	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Consider the size of reusable items, transportation and handling might need to be planned.
2470	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there's support for transporting items or bringing them to repair or reuse locations, it would make participation much easier
2471	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would also be easier for me to participate if I'm aware of the program
2472	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I ran a few reuse workshops at elementary schools, asking students to bring their own items like plastic bottles or paper rolls, and showed them creative ways to turn those materials into something new to extend their use. But I often wonder: after teaching them these methods, will they actually continue doing it at home? When they have recyclable items later on, will they think about how to reuse them instead of just throwing it straight into the recycling bin? That's why I think it's important to consider changing and making it a lasting mindset.
2473	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Community groups already organize "Repair Days" to help residents fix small electrical items and household goods. These existing networks have strong community connections and could make reuse and repair activities more accessible and practical for everyone.
2474	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	More repair cafés and a wider range of repair categories are needed. Workshops at repair cafés could also be offered to teach people how to repair different types of items
2475	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is this part actually referring to furniture or appliance recycling?
2476	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	I want to ask about recycling bins. We often see recycling bins everywhere, and usually we sort our waste and throw it into the right bin. But how much of what goes in is actually recycled? I've been to some markets where, when I tried to sort my waste, a staff member told me, "It doesn't matter which bin you use, it's the same" That made me wonder if we are really achieving what we're trying to do? Even though these bins are set up, are many companies or organizations ignoring their purpose just for convenience?
2477	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver already has a website on how to repair and alterations, this should be expanded to include more categories. They should also encourage people to share this website.
2478	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	2 participants expressed this is high importance 10 participants expressed this is medium importance 2 participants expressed this is low importance 5 participants didn't answer
2479	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Buy Nothing groups can be too restrictive, some neighbourhoods have long waitlists to join, and group size limits mean fewer people see the items, so they're less likely to be picked up. People should be encouraged to start their own item-sharing groups modeled after Buy Nothing groups but with fewer restrictions

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2480	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If each district had its own test point that's accessible and low-barrier like Oh Yes, It's Free Market, it would make it much easier for people to take part.
2481	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Small, easy-to-carry items with low hygiene risk are okay
2482	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Aalready mentioned earlier that this could be more of a community-led initiative rather than a government-run one
2483	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I've visited several community fridges, and many were either discontinued or in a very messy state. It becomes a problem when these spaces turn into dumping sites
2484	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What is a buy-nothing group?
2485	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider religion and allergy issues when promoting reuse and sharing programs.
2486	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Some condo residents already have informal sharing areas in their lobbies where people leave items they no longer need. This shows there's real community interest in reuse. Metro Vancouver could help formalize and promote these "mini reuse stations" by providing clear guidelines for safety, hygiene, and cleanliness
2487	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	11 participants expressed this is high importance 1 participants expressed this is medium importance 1 participants expressed this is low importance 6 participants didn't answer
2488	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think this is great because it's easier to teach children new ideas than adults. Back in Hong Kong, we had mascots, cute characters that would visit schools or communities and they even had songs and jingles, like "don't waste food" or "don't be wasteful." Kids remembered them after hearing them just a few times. Here, even though there are mascots like the Return-It one, people don't really know what they do. They don't have much personality or story, people just see them as mascots and that's it. So I think if the existing mascots were given more character or a story, with a clear role or message, it would be much more effective than just sending people to keep repeating "recycle, reuse, reduce." The way it's done now feels too much like a classroom lecture. People hear it, but it doesn't sink in.
2489	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's very important to teach children to think before buying anything
2490	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should not be too difficult if the message is tailored to the target audience.
2491	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Reduce and reuse should be integrated into school life.
2492	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would it be easier to have these educational booths/ engagement at community events/ fairs/ festivals?
2493	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider how to encourage people, especially children, to truly put these practices into action in their daily lives
2494	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	0 participants expressed this is high importance 2 participants expressed this is medium importance 9 participants expressed this is low importance 8 participants didn't answer
2495	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are already many reuse, refill, and waste reduction programs happening in the community, but what we really need to look at is regulation and accountability. For example, if small organizations or businesses receive funding to run these programs and then expand them, are they actually achieving real results in the end? Are they truly creating impact, or just taking the funding without meaningful outcomes? This part needs clearer oversight.)
2496	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Every time there's a grant like this, there should be some form of oversight. But it raises the question, is it really worthwhile to allocate resources this way? First, you're spending money to issue the grant; then you also have to spend more resources reviewing and monitoring whether people are doing things properly. That becomes a double cost of resources. So is this really the best approach? I'm a bit skeptical.
2497	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The grant is targeted at small businesses, so it's difficult for consumers to participate.

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2498	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Rather than offering grants upfront, it may be more effective to provide incentives or rewards ("carrots") to businesses that have demonstrably increased reuse, refill, or waste reduction
2499	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Regarding the establishment of this small business funding program, I think the first step is to clearly define which type of waste the government aims to target. There needs to be a clear direction first, and then funding programs should be designed around that specific waste stream.For example, Vancouver already has several reuse initiatives focused on reducing single-use tableware. If there are clear goals and a roadmap outlining how to scale these initiatives, such programs can be very meaningful. But if funding is just scattered here and there without a unified objective without specifying which waste stream or solution it addresses, it easily leads to problems like weak oversight, unclear impact, and poor cost-effectiveness. So I think before allocating funds, it's crucial to carefully assess whether this investment is truly worthwhile.
2500	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	The challenge is how to check whether they're actually creating ongoing impact. Should there be regular reporting to show their results?)
2501	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	If resources are being put into a grant and resources are put into enforcement, is this a good direction?
2502	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is relying on economic incentives a truly sustainable way to encourage reuse in the long term?
2503	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It would help if the grant process were simple and accessible, with multilingual support and practical examples showing how other small businesses have successfully reduced waste
2504	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, coz the NGO may share the same culture, ppl willing to use/ join
2505	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, centralize everything on one website so people can quickly see where to recycle)
2506	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Making more promotion online on FB/ IG/ TikTok…etc
2507	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Social media promotion is important to increase visibility and let more people see recycling information in one place. It helps centralize information whether it's about personal practices or about where recycling locations are. information can be more accessible to everyone
2508	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make sure the information is up to date.
2509	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Need to limit the scope to something washable and not too personal
2510	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should be OK if suitable items are clearly defined
2511	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	it needs to be easy and convenient to drop things off)
2512	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Lack of space, how can we store the things? Is it clean?
2513	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Ensure sufficient collection points at convenient locations
2514	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In multi-unit buildings, there could be regular donation days where people can leave reusable items for others to take, and whatever remains can then be sent to thrift stores)
2515	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	People are already dropping off donations at the various thrift stores, maybe there should be leaflets or other form of information to tell people where the nearest thrift stores are.

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2516	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Metro Vancouver should work with certified donation partners to ensure bins are safe, clean, and regularly maintained. It's also important to design secure containers that prevent theft or people from climbing inside—since there have been past safety incidents with donation boxes in some cities. Clear labeling and education on acceptable donation items would also help.
2517	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The main difficulty would be storage space and cleanliness. In multi-family buildings, there's often no extra room for donation bins, and residents may worry about hygiene or pests. A clear schedule for pickup and regular cleaning would help.
2518	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I really like the idea of community repair workshops. Many people here enjoy DIY, and repair services are expensive. So if local libraries or community centres could host repair cafés, it would encourage reuse and community connection.
2519	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should be OK if locations are convenient
2520	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy, many cities already have repair cafes that rotate around different neighbourhoods. There should be more of these cafes and the items that can be repaired should be expanded.
2521	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	More time slots allocated for "popular" repair categories
2522	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Expand repair cafes, provide opportunities for people to observe and learn, encourage people to volunteer to repair items and pass their knowledge in their own communities.
2523	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Probably easy for me to participate, because I think there are actually a lot of people who are interested in preventing waste, they just don't know how to do it
2524	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy if message is clear and tailored for target audience
2525	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Relatively easy, as the focus is on sharing practical, low-cost strategies that residents can implement in their daily lives
2526	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Deliver these materials through accessible channels
2527	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Visible motivation, reminders, or reinforcement can help change habits
2528	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Providing short, visually engaging materials, tips tailored to different household types, and examples of real-life applications.
2529	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Providing ongoing reinforcement through newsletters or community events to keep waste prevention top of mind.
2530	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would like to remind Vancouver City had a bring your own cup movement, but it didn't work well
2531	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficult for shops with high foot traffic. Imagine if the bubble tea shops or coffee shops are already busy enough/ overcapacity, it wouldn't be a practical solution because BYOC would further slow down their operations
2532	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficult to define "fun new elements" because these could be very subjective. co-developed messaging might not resonate with diverse communities

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2533	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy for those who already have the habit to bring their own cups
2534	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Offer discounts for bringing your own cup or utensils to encourage people to use reusable items
2535	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	There is so much waste in food courts and restaurant take out orders when the containers and utensils are all single use items. There needs to be promotions and incentives for people to bring their containers/utensils.
2536	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Besides repair workshops, I think creative upcycling workshops could be great too — for example, inviting local artists or designers to teach people how to turn old materials into something useful or beautiful. It's educational, fun, and promotes sustainability.
2537	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide more incentives for businesses to promote bringing their own cups/containers/utensils.
2538	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to participate if the programs are accessible, culturally sensitive, and tailored to the knowledge level of newcomers.
2539	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficult for tourists due to different cultures/ practices. They might not pay attention to these programs or protocols when they are on holiday mood
2540	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Create recycling pamphlets in different languages and distribute them at entry points or places where newcomers often go, such as Service Canada offices)
2541	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Delivered through channels that newcomers and tourists regularly access.
2542	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Regarding the ID78/ question later on about tourists or travellers, it's difficult for them to know how to sort or dispose of waste. Even we ourselves aren't always sure, since each city has different recycling standards. Without a unified system, visitors have no idea how to handle it)
2543	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	When I first arrived in Vancouver, I didn't know that the deposit charged on drink containers could be refunded at Return-It, I only found out later through a friend)
2544	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	More signage at the source of potential wastes, e.g. signage at grocery check outs that plastic bags used in packaging can be recycled.
2545	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's a bit difficult, what kind of recognition or incentive would encourage businesses to take part?)
2546	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Should not be too difficult if targeted probably
2547	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Recognition programs can motivate businesses to adopt or expand reuse, refill, and repair practices by providing public acknowledgment, enhancing their reputation, and showcasing their sustainability leadership.
2548	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If the program requires an application/ admin/ selection process, it shouldn't be time-consuming, unclear, or requires extensive documentation, as this may disincentivize businesses from participating
2549	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Develop a simple matrix for recognition so it's easy to understand. The criteria should also be widely communicated.
2550	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Don't think this is needed. It may be more effective to provide incentives for businesses to have these initiatives.
2551	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Celebrate winners through multiple channels, including social media, local news, and at industry events, to maximize visibility and encourage broader adoption of waste reduction practices.

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2552	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Reduce & Reuse focus session	Hong Kong Cultural Society	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Promoting the program widely through local business associations, chambers of commerce, and media
2553	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	1 participants expressed this is high importance 7 participants expressed this is medium importance 1 participants expressed this is low importance 0 participants didn't answer
2554	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's difficult to recycle, reduce, or reuse when it isn't easily accessible.
2555	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There also doesn't seem to be a strong initiative encouraging people to go out, listen, or learn about these topics.
2556	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Some organizers of large-scale events outsource to waste management companies, so hosting sharing sessions within the waste management industry could be helpful
2557	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It might also be difficult if event organizers or companies don't share or prioritize environmental protection values
2558	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	From the perspective of an organizer who don't host events very often, I don't have much motivation or initiative to attend sessions where environmental groups share their stories. To engage people like me, maybe those stories or resources could be shared publicly or online, for example, similar to how Hong Kong's Environmental Protection Department promotes waste reduction, or through short videos that teach companies and event organizers practical ways to reduce waste. That kind of approach would be easier to take in and more engaging. But if I have to set aside time to join a separate session or attend a large 40–70 person event just to listen to a talk, honestly, my motivation would be quite low.
2559	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	My concern is mainly about the location of the deposit sites and how the process works. Are these sites convenient? Will there be vehicles doing scheduled pick-ups? For event organizers, it's difficult because they still need to pay to dispose of waste properly. That makes it hard to sort things effectively, especially since many organizations don't have funding, don't know how to handle it, or simply don't have a vehicle. Most events aim to be simple and accessible, but if organizers have to drive somewhere just to manage waste, it doesn't really make sense
2560	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	From what I can see, does this seems more suitable for larger companies? For smaller event organizers like us who just run simple activities, our environmental impact isn't that significant. It's difficult to justify going out of our way just to recycle a small amount of materials
2561	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Waste collection currently adds costs for event organizers
2562	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Providing case studies, real-life examples, or practical scenarios would help organizers better understand how to take effective actions for waste prevention
2563	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	6 participants expressed this is high importance 2 participants expressed this is medium importance 1 participants expressed this is low importance 0 participants didn't answer
2564	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think education is a very effective way to promote change. In the past, I organized small groups and, as an environmental volunteer, taught children how Hong Kong's recycling system works. Back then, I even took them to visit Hong Kong's only paper recycling factory to see how it operates. We learned that you have to peel off and separate tape before paper can actually be recycled.
2565	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	But now when I recycle here, I often wonder how the system works because I don't know what happens to the materials after collection. I also don't fully understand why we have to separate "hard plastic" and "soft plastic," or why sorting rules differ across locations, it's a bit confusing.If I understood the recycling process and sorting system better, I'd feel more motivated to do it. Education doesn't have to rely only on adults, teaching children and the next generation can make it easier to spread awareness and build habits.)
2566	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Education is a great way to promote environmental action, involve children and introduce how the recycling system works.)
2567	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Even adults are curious about how it operates here, but promoting education through the next generation would be more effective in raising awareness.)

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2568	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Relatively easy because field trips, hands-on activities, and interactive modules make learning tangible and engaging for students, which can increase understanding and retention of circular economy principles.
2569	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Providing materials that align with existing curricula and age-appropriate content will help teachers incorporate activities smoothly.
2570	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I think site visits let people see things firsthand, it feels more tangible, and learning by doing is a much more effective approach.)
2571	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Collaboration or partnership referral with local recycling facilities, innovation hubs, or environmental organizations would support participation
2572	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	9 participants expressed this is high importance 0 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance
2573	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Have a more centralized platform that shares where food scraps or nearly expired food can be collected from. This would be especially helpful for event organizers or community groups to gather food for community use or redistribution.
2574	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	How do we deal with sorting?
2575	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I volunteer at soup kitchens and sometimes go to food banks to pick up food. But I've found it a bit disorganized, the types of food aren't always consistent or available every time, and sorting isn't always done properly.
2576	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If food banks often have a lot of surplus food, maybe there could be community kitchens, like in Hong Kong, that use those leftovers to prepare meals. Otherwise, all that extra food could just end up being another form of waste. I also wonder if something like a food coupon system could work here, so people in need could use them to get food.)
2577	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are already many non-profit organizations doing food recovery work, selling surplus food at lower prices to people in need, for example, the NGO "Quest," where I volunteer, is one of them. But the main problem is that there isn't a centralized organization to organize and consolidate this information. When people in need want to find these places, they often don't know where to look. Many don't have cars, so if there were several fixed locations, like a few sites across different areas, it would make things much more accessible. Right now, everything is too scattered and uncoordinated. People have to search on their own, and it's very confusing and fragmented, leaving many unsure where to start.)
2578	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I agree with this, because I've noticed that applying for services varies across different regions. Some clients get stuck in the process and basically can't access the services they need. Each area has different application forms and requires different IDs or documents, and sometimes the requirements aren't clear. The whole process isn't very user-friendly, which makes people feel awkward and even give up on applying. On the other hand, I've also heard feedback that in some places, people can just line up to get services. So it's important to recognize that there are many difficulties and barriers in these processes, and to listen to clients' real experiences to understand where the problems are.)
2579	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I work in a restaurant, and at the industry level, there's really a lack of channels for handling surplus food. Sometimes we have leftovers that are still perfectly edible, maybe they just can't be kept for another day or two — but we have no way to make good use of them, so we just throw them away. It would be much better if there were a way to donate them to people in need, but we don't have that kind of channel, nor do we know how to do it. Also, if the process is too complicated for restaurants, most will just choose to throw the food out. There's really no system or incentive that encourages food donation right now.)
2580	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More standardization is needed, different organizations or regions have different rules about what items are accepted, shared, or given, which makes participation confusing.
2581	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I know people who work in restaurants, and I hear them say almost every day that they have to throw away a lot of food because it can't all be eaten or kept. It's really upsetting to hear. But I also understand why they have major concerns. If they donate leftover food and someone gets sick or has an allergic reaction, the restaurant could be held responsible. So if a food redistribution program is to be implemented, the government needs to address this issue. There should be clear guidance for restaurants, for example, labelling allergens like gluten, explaining what's in the food, and setting out how to handle and store it safely. There also needs to be clear rules on liability: who's responsible if someone gets sick after eating it? This liability concern is probably what restaurants worry about most, and it needs to be resolved before they'll feel comfortable participating.
2582	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	3 participants expressed this is high importance 5 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance 0 participants didn't answer

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2583	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It could be difficult due to logistical challenges, such as sourcing reusable items, managing washing and storage, and ensuring food safety during recovery efforts.
2584	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think there are already many reusable container or shopping bag programs on the market, for example, T&T Supermarket has its own reusable bags. But I don't think these programs are that effective anymore, because the use of non-woven "eco bags" has become so widespread that people treat them like regular plastic bags, using them once and throwing them away. In fact, producing non-woven bags might even use more plastic than regular ones.)
2585	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Also, from my experience working in restaurants, when customers order takeout, if they don't bring a bag, restaurants often think, "It's easier if I just give them a plastic bag so I can pack it properly." But that convenience adds to the same problem: the overuse of plastic bags.)
2586	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's difficult for restaurants to use customer-supplied bags for takeout because of hygiene concerns.
2587	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A "bag reuse program" could help, allowing people to borrow a bag if they forget theirs, instead of buying another reusable one.
2588	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Post-pandemic hygiene is still a major concern, and it's not easy for restaurants to reuse or accept customer-brought food ware safely.
2589	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If customers bring their own bags or containers, we're not sure whether we'd be held responsible if something went wrong after we put the food in. Some of their containers might not even be clean to begin with, so there are hygiene and liability concerns. Because of that, many restaurants may not prefer or feel comfortable accepting customer-supplied containers, it's mainly about safety and responsibility.
2590	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver could support the creation of organizations or programs that let event organizers and restaurants borrow reusable food ware, with simple collection and cleaning services.
2591	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's hard for organizers to prepare large amounts of reusable ware on their own, and renting them adds extra costs, this is why many end up using single-use or recyclable options.
2592	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	When I used to dine out in China, some restaurants didn't want to wash dishes themselves, so there were rental companies that provided full sets of tableware, they'd place them in front of you and collect them after you finished eating. It was really convenient and made reuse easy. I wonder if that kind of model could work here.)
2593	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having a centralized program or organization that provides reusable ware and manages logistics would help. Food courts could be a good starting point for such a program.
2594	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide clear operational guidelines, build partnerships with reusable ware suppliers, and improve access to food recovery networks.
2595	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	2 participants expressed this is high importance 5 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance 2 participants didn't answer
2596	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's good if it's actually getting retailers to talk with waste reduction organizers to create solutions
2597	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It depends, experience is largely correlated with the "cost" and accessibility to consumers.
2598	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What we discussed earlier about food courts also applies here. If environmental or waste reduction organizations could collaborate with retailers and food courts to discuss ways to reduce single-use tableware, that would be a great direction.Right now, people are quite reactive, they just use whatever is available. But if there were proactive measures, like offering a small discount (say $1) for bringing your own container, it would really encourage people to stop using disposable ware and bring their own instead.So I think this is an area where waste reduction groups could engage with retailers to explore collaboration and make progress together.)
2599	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Policies and measures need to be genuinely effective, otherwise, they may lead to unintended side effects, like what happened with reusable bags. It's important to evaluate whether these actions truly reduce waste or simply shift the problem elsewhere.

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2600	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Could be difficult if the retailers are not grounded in shared goals or if if stakeholders have differing priorities
2601	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Provinces have different limitations, constraints, or cultural practices so developing measures in national level might not be practical
2602	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Start with regional or provincial pilot programs before scaling up to the national level, especially when there are still many uncertainties. This allows for testing, learning, and adjusting policies to ensure effectiveness before wider implementation.
2603	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	There's another example from Hong Kong where in some places, people can refill their water bottles for free. I think if we could partner with certain companies or retail locations here to set up water refill stations, people could easily refill when they pass by, for example, at sports stores. It's not just about promoting sustainability, but also about improving the overall customer experience in those spaces.
2604	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Do you mean getting retailers involved to help customers reduce waste?
2605	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I've been thinking that for people like me: newcomers with limited income, no car, and who are more cost-conscious, the experience really depends on both price and accessibility. Things like how many recycling points there are, how convenient they are to reach, and whether there are extra costs associated with being environmentally friendly all matter. Sometimes sustainability ends up being more expensive, for example, having to pay a few dollars for a non-woven reusable bag. For people watching their budgets, those small costs can add up and discourage participation.)
2606	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The government is the same, for example, in Vancouver, there's a bylaw requiring businesses to charge customers for bags. If they don't, it's actually illegal. The rule even specifies that the bags must be durable enough for around 100 reuses, and those usually cost about a dollar. But even when you charge for the bag, it's not clear what happens afterward, where those bags go or how they're used. On the other hand, if you don't charge, the business is breaking the law. So it feels less like a genuine environmental effort and more like a regulation to follow. These bags aren't cheap either, so for consumers, it ends up making "being eco-friendly" feel like an extra cost. For restaurants, it's also hard to avoid raising prices when switching to "eco" materials or utensils.Maybe there's another approach,like in Hong Kong, where some restaurants such as Café de Coral charge one or two dollars for a reusable cutlery set that customers can take away and use again. Could something like that work here?
2607	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's important to engage corporations and retailers to integrate these initiatives, making them readily and commercially available for consumers to participate in.
2608	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Establish clear communication channels, pilot programs, and shared success metrics among partners to ensure the solutions are practical and meet real community needs.
2609	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	0 participants expressed this is high importance 3 participants expressed this is medium importance 4 participants expressed this is low importance 2 participants didn't answer
2610	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If it's at the initial evaluation stage, participation would be easy since it mainly involves consultations and analysis. However, moving from concept to implementation would be much more difficult due to real-world challenges, such as finding suitable locations with steady foot traffic and coordinating among diverse tenants with different business models and priorities
2611	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A recycling depot open day could follow a similar concept, combining repair services with education on recycling and sorting. However, it might be missing the "buy" or exchange component that encourages reuse and circular participation.
2612	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Repairing household appliances is more important, it's something we don't see very often in Vancouver)
2613	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I really agree with this idea of exchanging skill sets, but I'm not sure how people can actually connect with each other.)
2614	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Don't know how to connect these people in the community?

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2615	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Provide solutions for transportation, storage, and other logistical challenges related to item movement
2616	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Start with a small-scale pilot or pop-up version to test community interest and operational logistics before committing to a long-term reuse mall or permanent facility
2617	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	There is a market for this, but even value village/ thrift needs to overprice things to be operationally sustainable.
2618	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I have a small idea: in the past, there was a "time voucher" program in Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Besides recycling old items, it also encouraged people to support each other through their talents. For example, if my sewing machine breaks and I don't know how to fix it, maybe someone else does. And if I know how to unclog drains, I can help them in return. These kinds of programs let people exchange their skills and help each other, making the system more sustainable. I think it's a really good idea, maybe something like this could be done here too.
2619	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Can you explain what a "reuse mall" is? Is it like a buy-nothing?
2620	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Offer incentives for the public to buy second-hand products in the "reuse mall" — ensuring prices remain reasonable and not overpriced.
2621	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It's also important to evaluate public perception of the idea, since long-term success depends on strong community interest and ongoing participation.
2622	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Some of my friends often need to find furniture urgently, like second-hand pieces, so I think there's definitely a market and a need for it. But the current second-hand market isn't ideal,Facebook Marketplace doesn't always work well, Little Star isn't cheap, and even Fellow is expensive. The biggest problem is transportation. If I want to sell a sofa, I still need to find someone to help move it out, which costs a lot. Same with cabinets, how do you move them, how do you find people to help? So if we really want to promote reuse, we need to think carefully about storage and logistics.
2623	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	0 participants expressed this is high importance 3 participants expressed this is medium importance 4 participants expressed this is low importance 2 participants didn't answer
2624	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If you talk about the initial evaluation stage, it would be easy because it's mainly consultations and analysis. However, coordination among municipalities, vendors, and washing facilities may be complex. It will also be difficult if data on current waste streams, usage patterns, and logistics are limited.
2625	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's hard to see this being feasible, is it meant to be a service, a system that organizations must follow, or just a set of guidelines? If it's only guidelines, it will be very difficult to implement effectively.
2626	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It's really difficult, it would be especially hard for businesses. I can't imagine how they could coordinate and manage all of this.
2627	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If it's a one-time event where all the reusable food is given to participants to use and then collected afterward for washing, this kind of system might actually be feasible.
2628	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Reallocate resources to evaluate the feasibility of other actions
2629	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	I'm not really sure what kind of system this is)
2630	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Isn't this hard for national food chains to adopt?
2631	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	This is a bit confusing, isn't there a lot of different rules for each municipality?
2632	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Engage subject matter experts and key stakeholders including local governments, food vendors, and businesses managing washing and storage to co-design practical models and share data.
2633	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Conduct case studies from other cities or countries that have implemented similar systems to guide design and build confidence in long-term sustainability
2634	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to participate, scaling up and expanding reuse drop-off locations builds on existing infrastructure and habits around visiting recycling and waste centres.

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2635	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think the current recycling stations are too far away and hard to access, you basically need a car to get there. For regular people without cars, it's very difficult. Metro Vancouver could expand access by partnering with supermarkets or big retail stores like Walmart or Superstore to add collection points, that would make it much easier.)
2636	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Locations needs to be more convenient/ higher traffic area
2637	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	5 participants expressed this is high importance 1 participants expressed this is medium importance 0 participants expressed this is low importance 3 participants didn't answer
2638	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Are there any recycling facilities at SkyTrain stations right now? It would actually be great if recycling points could be set up inside the stations.)
2639	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	I'm wondering why we don't have something like Hong Kong's "Green Community" system, where people can take items to recycle, earn points, and redeem rewards. That model seems very effective,why don't we have something like that here?
2640	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Why aren't there any recycling measures at transportation hubs, like SkyTrain stations or bus stops?
2641	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make depots more accessible and standardized. Partner with supermarkets/ mall/ high traffic areas like transit
2642	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide support for non-profit recycling organisations to secure accessible locations at affordable cost
2643	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I think the recycling depots here are in pretty poor condition — they often smell bad because many people don't rinse their recyclables properly. The odour makes it unpleasant and discourages people from going. On top of that, not every depot accepts all types of materials. Some only take bottles, while others require you to go elsewhere for electronics. It's extremely inconvenient and not user-friendly, so many people just give up on recycling altogether.
2644	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficult. Each event is different, so it's hard to develop a one-size-fits-all approach. Costs, storage, and staff training could also pose barriers. Focusing on educating organizers to assess and prepare the right amount of food to reduce food waste is more important than finding solutions to resolve and redistribute food surplus.
2645	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Provide toolkits, templates, and contact lists for food recovery organizations, reusable ware vendors, and waste management support.
2646	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Training sessions or workshops for event staff could also improve compliance
2647	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Subsidized program or funding support to offset the increased costs of waste prevention.
2648	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	How much of a priority is this to you?	4 participants expressed this is high importance 2 participants expressed this is medium importance 3 participants expressed this is low importance 0 participants didn't answer
2649	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A lot of money and resources are spent on research, but it's unclear how those findings are actually applied to policy or put into action. Honestly, I don't even really know what kind of research they're doing. I think instead of spending so much time on studies, more effort should go into public promotion and outreach. The problem isn't always that people don't know, sometimes it's that they can't do it, haven't done it yet, or simply don't know where to find the information or how to access it easily.)
2650	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Think this question is too general because it doesn't clearly specify what kinds of barriers it's referring to. So when people were responding, they didn't really know what to talk about. The main issue is that the question itself is too broad and doesn't define what kind of barriers it means.)
2651	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This action is too general because it's just researching the barriers, but not actually solving the barriers?
2652	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easy to participate if there is an established network. Collaboration with the provincial government, industry, academia, and community groups can pool expertise, funding, and networks, making research and solution development more efficient and impactful.

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2653	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Ensure the priorities among stakeholders are aligned and bureaucratic processes do not slow decision-making
2654	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I think it's important to consider the cost factor, using recycled or reusable materials often increases expenses. If retailers end up bearing much higher costs, it can really discourage them from participating. So there needs to be a balance.
2655	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I don't understand why things are so different everywhere. For example, even something as simple as whether compostable bags are accepted varies between cities, and it's really confusing.
2656	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Are they trying to find partners to help uncover or understand the challenges faced by field services, fairs, or event organizers? Is that what this is actually about?
2657	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	Questions and Comments	Is it talking about products that are made from recycled and upcycled materials? What exactly does that mean does it actually turn into things like sneakers or other kinds of products?
2658	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Establishing formal partnership agreements, defined project scopes, and regular coordination meetings.
2659	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Creating working groups focused on specific barriers so different discussions/ R&D can happen simultaneously
2660	13-Oct-25	Focus group notes - Community leaders and organizers focus		General public	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Crowdsourcing ideas from schools and communities
2661	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Placing more green bins in the garbage room
2662	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Workshop in my seniors buiding in many languages; locked garbage so drive-by's don;t dump
2663	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Dates for recycling boxes emptied
2664	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We already have it
2665	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	One shared bin
2666	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Composting
2667	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Our building provides free compostable bags, which is great!
2668	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	A building compost bin -- but who would maintain it?
2669	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More green bins and free at home green bins
2670	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	To give us a compost bin
2671	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Force my landlord to get us a compost bin. Make it mandatory.
2672	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Frequently pick up to prevent rodents and pests
2673	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Easily accessed composting bins
2674	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Better and easier ways to dispose of it
2675	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It should be as easy as flushing the toilet
2676	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Yes,specified bins colors.
2677	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Our area for food waste is disgusting. Too small. Not kept clean. I would like to see landlord to do better, and all tenants to receive a better kind of container for disposal of food stuffs, as the current green ones are horrible bug saturated bins. I get hundreds of fruit flies each day. I still have an outbreak of fruit flies and my bin has been empty for a week! They won't leave!
2678	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It is already very easy
2679	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Asking for more green bins for the building
2680	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Share with neighbour
2681	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Community composting locations/drop off.

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2682	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Yes away from a McDonalds. Our bldg is rat infested because of them!
2683	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Publications posted at buildings on how to avoid the "never wash food waste bins, get maggots"
2684	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Good signage to post with directions and postive impact
2685	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Have an actual bin and pickup at all apartment buildings, mine does not have food waste or green waste pickup
2686	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Garbage chutes in the buildings for food waste
2687	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Bags to store food waste in that can go in compost
2688	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Apartment too small to store food waste
2689	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	On-site composting.
2690	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Our organic bin works well I think.
2691	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	My apartment building has good compost. Similar to recycling, I'd like to know more about what is and isn't accepted, and for there to be more information broadly available about the importance of composting vs. throwing food scraps in the garbage.
2692	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We have containers for regular recyclables but no place to take out furniture and appliances and they clutter our garage entry & corridors
2693	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Not really we have a pretty decent system here.
2694	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We have a compost
2695	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Soup! COMMUNITY KITCHENS :::one single kitchen for the entire CO-OPERATIVE OR HOTEL OR LOW INCOME HOUSING FLOOR! Swimming lessons; tickets to pools: saves water!!!
2696	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Home composting Bins
2697	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Signs we can post. Accurate signs on the containers.
2698	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Make it more organized.
2699	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More different kinds of recycling
2700	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Provide personal size compost bags for the bins kept under the sink. Have a day that someone will collect tor accompany seniors in particular to recycling room. It is in the best and many do not feel safe to go alone
2701	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Just buy less
2702	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Looking for ideas for other residents who don't know how to recycle
2703	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Somehow getting the message to the younger residents (20;s) in the building
2704	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Meal plans
2705	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More info about cleaning out containers. Compost bins are good. pizza boxes?
2706	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Our bin fills up quite quickly.
2707	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Sharing unwanted/unused produce
2708	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	Do you have ideas about how to make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We already have worm composting.
2709	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More garbage and recycling bins on streets
2710	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	No, my apartment building recycling is sufficient
2711	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	There should be a recycling fee/deposit baked into the price of items to incentivize. And a higher "non recyclable" fee baked into the price of non recyclable items, to incentivize reducing waste.

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2712	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	My landlord refuses to get a compost bin, but everyone in the apartment building wants one.
2713	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I live in a building where a lot of people don't care about how they recycle so, when I take my recycling out to dispose of it in the designated bins with my stuff separated accordingly, I wonder how much stuff actually gets recycled because it's usually just a big mess in the recycling bins. For the most part, there's plastic bags and non-recycleables that people throw into the food waste/scraps bin, and it's really frustrating because I don't believe that it's actually made into compost by the city.
2714	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I loathe the yellow paper bags - they constantly get stolen and I've had to pay to replace them and it really sucks. There needs to be a better way - even just having people stick all their collapsed cardboard into a box instead of a bag. Or have a separate smaller bin.
2715	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Residential apartments need City's financial funds /grants, spaces , big bins , volunteers helpers from city to grow food plants at patios based on the soil composted from food waste daily .
2716	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	It'd be nice if we actually recycled some plastic locally. What we have is a farce.
2717	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Places open late or on weekends
2718	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I wish food would not be sold in plastic.
2719	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I wanted to check more than 3 in the above question.
2720	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I recycle cloths and household items to second hand or thrift store but as I am getting older it is more difficult to take thing there
2721	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Cardboard gets wet : how can we prevent this?
2722	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More educational workshop in different languages
2723	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Recycling bins in public that accept more materials
2724	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING PLEASE!!!!!
2725	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Pick up points for construction and renovation debris
2726	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Th recycling depot I take my bottles to stopped having bins where we could drop off batteries, lightbulbs etc. Somehow they are no longer accessible? Seems quite strange. They mentioned something about “going to the other side” but there were no directions or instructions.
2727	16-Oct-25	In-person facilitated survey - open end responses	Food Stash Foundation	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Recycling is not the solution; changing to what other countries, are already doing - compostable packaging or NO packaging all all, is the solution.
2728	16-Oct-25	Focus group - post session evaluation	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Time is of the essence and while I appreciate the continued effort to update/improve SWM plans (every 5 years I think it is), I believe it's imperative to implement some real regulations that are going to address our waste problem swiftly. And this needs to be coupled with enforcement obviously.
2729						It seems too often that municipalities have bylaws in place but don't commit to enforcing them....so nothing changes, and they don't collect $ to pay for/offset the cost of enforcement.
2730						As we discover and assess other opportunities and best practices around waste management, we could move away from enforcement and towards these softer approaches.
2731	16-Oct-25	Focus group - post session evaluation	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Perhaps the rethinking piece could be include mindset messaging that says, "preventing waste means stopping excess; sharing excess "
2732	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High 8/8
2733	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What is Metro’s communication strategy around this? Sometimes we get some little flyers ‘this is how you recycle’, and I find some greenwashing information on it. What will the information look like- something we can actually use? E.g. use the reusable mugs, because even if you think you can recycle the cups, they have a plastic liner
2734	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Refill - my focus on corporate plastic waste reduction - after years of researching refill options in offices, I’ve been hitting a wall. I can’t find suppliers, hence why I'm going to try to start a company on my own with that issue.
2735	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If you’ve noticed, a lot of the refill shops have been closing after COVID, or during COVID, so I find it harder to refill for our whole household unless I really take the time to go to places further away. How will they communicate that? Will there be actual actionable items - like MORE information on where can you refill, actually? Are there QR codes that will immediately give you a map of refill shops in the Vancouver area? Something EASY - people don’t like to do hard things

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2737	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	So, refusing and reusing more efforts, rather than just making people feel okay about recycling.
2738	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I'd like to see the principle of the 15 minute city brought in. I'd like, within a 15 minute walk or transit of my home or workplace, to have these amenities available - for reuse, repair, refill.
2739	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I'd also like to see TEAMS that are SPONSORED by Metro Vancouver.
2740	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Part of the engagement process is looking for volunteers to organize an event. That's the hard bit. But if we had the package so Metro Vancouver sponsored a team of enthusiastic "Zero Waste Technologists" to zoom into your workplace, school, church, community center, and what the volunteers at the center do is just the venue and some kind of lure, like a free donut if you bring your own reusable mug - something like that could work for engagement.
2741	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There's a lot of negativity out in the world, and if these events could be associated with something fun and festive; people show up and feel good after they leave, I think that's a big help.
2742	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What the other said, it's REALLY hard to refill right now, and reuse and repair - even in North Van, I have to drive about 20 minutes to get to my Zero Waste center.
2743	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Make it easier for people; a 15 minute city - Metro is already embracing that
2744	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Just HAVE containers that, like in a food court, have containers that are clearly marked where you can put items.
2745	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As far as getting the message out; the message would be defined by how well the practice is.
2746	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	When people were talking about refilling - back in the day, it meant your milkman came and refilled your milk, and your cheese. Maybe, the possibility - people have gotten used to their groceries delivered, and their takeout food, and those prepackaged meals like Chef's Plate - it might be cool if the city or region started cultivating the practice of getting things refilled through door service.
2747	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A lot of things people have embraced that were old school ideas that were back in our daily practices
2748	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Also - thinking about youth, who have embraced and 'verbed' it, calling reuse 'thrifting' - a lot of people in the under 30 age group are really fired up about reusing clothing, thrifting. So, leveraging the thrifting movement to create an opportunity to have the youth not drinking coffee beverages in disposable cups. Everyday, I see a parade at 3:30/4 o clock of iced coffee. Just to make that correlation that reuse is across the board - why not have your coffee in a cup. I'd pick something specific, drilling in on the youth generation possibility here.
2749	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would say no, the demographic would be more inclined to learn things at school, make it cool, be part of the crowd that is not using a plastic cup to have your coffee. Understand it's not really recyclable when you drink coffee from a plastic-lined cup.
2750	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	They're really about the influencing culture, and the younger generation would influence the older generation who is actually used to drinking out of reusable / china cups.

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2752	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Living 10 years in Vancouver I didn't even know that. As an energy mentor with a company in the past; I communicate with many organizations like BC Hydro, Fortis BC, CleanBC, even educating someone about recycling, saving energy, saving money
2753	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I find it really, some point that we can work on the immigrants, because they don't have so much knowledge on exactly how they can compost, recycle or the other initiatives
2754	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would be happy if I can share my experience, and if there's any opportunity to share and bring lots of my experience and ideas for Metro Vancouver.
2755	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There are MANY Persians or other immigrant groups who don't know any concept about recycling and reusing
2756	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	That would definitely be her interest, if she had any chance to give her any connection, the best person for assistance.
2757	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The majority of my fellow citizens throw things in black containers that go into landfills; even conscious and wonderful friends. So, how to reverse that is the most challenging - we're obviously failing to a large extent.
2758	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I actually think we've got the best system, with all its flaws, aren't we further ahead than anywhere else in Canada? And is there any jurisdiction that's more ahead in recycling than BC?
2759	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The Reuse Revolution is the next goal, the next step in everything that Vancouver's already doing in the Reuse, Sharewares - people reusing containers from small companies. This is them going out ahead, and Metro is obviously trying to do their part, so advertising in ANY way, in ANY mode is going to show people that there's something BEYOND recycling.
2760	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	A lot of people are not happy, they think recycling is a waste of time, so advertising REUSE and getting that message across is a good idea.
2761	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	How can they get the message across? The Return It cartoons that I thought were highly effective, where Metro has hired ad companies who are experts at targeting different groups, whether they're immigrants or old fogies with white hair, or they're young people who only go on Instagram. I think it's up to them to decide which are the groups that are most important to focus on, and an Ad agency would then be able to most effectively target which combinations of media would be the most effective.
2762	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	It's quite vague, what they're proposing, so I have no idea if sharing best practices is going to BE effective or mean anything.
2763	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Can I ask maybe - how can I find out about how much every business gets charged for the waste they produce? I'm asking because one of my pitches for selling up the refill station for offices would be to make a point that right now, business XYZ has to pay X amount of money to have those plastic bottles taken away every month. So yes, case studies about the savings cost.
2764	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Also - stickers everywhere if reuse is welcome. But also, can coffee shops put stickers on their doors saying 'bring your own cup' or 'we appreciate you bringing your own cup!' if you see that sticker in your face every time you open the door! It seems like such a simple little fix. They pay for that disposal to take away anyway! I want to start a sticker business now, for shops to put up these signs.
2765	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	I want to think about examples that are working now… and there are many other municipalities in Metro Van, thinking about the reusable bag initiative, the scenario where we've started switching to reusable bags - there are a LOT of people who've been affected by that, especially in Vancouver,because we had a bylaw first,t and eventually the province
2766	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Is there a way for Metro to leverage that experience that we collectively went through as the reusable bag being the example - it's a reusable item, it was uncomfortable at first, but when we changed our habits, now most of us are getting used to it, we don't complain that there's no plastic bags for garbage
2767	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	What are the positive outcomes of that? Has there been less pollution found? Is it cleaning up the landfill a little bit? Is there less pollution in the water?

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2768	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	When we THINK about reuse - you guys have already DONE it with the reusable bag, already gotten on board, willingly or begrudgingly, but it seems to be working pretty well. So that shift in mentality;
2769	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	We have tons of visitors/tourists all the time. Can we share something of our mindset, our intentionality around how we use things and reduce waste, with visitors?
2770	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I'm all into participating in reuse, I do as much as I can. I'm having a bit of trouble dissecting this question.
2771	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Seeing more readily available opportunities in everyday living; so, more restaurants and grocery stores ADVOCATING or having SYSTEMS IN PLACE that allow for reuse. Like bringing my own containers to take food away from a grocery store, or a restaurant.
2772	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	For me, I do it anyway, so I don't think Metro Vancouver sharing best practices will help me - but certainly for the larger population, I think tHEY'RE the ones that need to know.
2773	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	For example, if I bring my own containers to a restaurant or bakery to go - the staff and employers thank me for doing that, but it's them wanting to take the initiative to do that, and then on the other side, the customer base needs to know that there's a space for them to have those options.
2774	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	You see signs like "Safe place fo rLGBT community" - it's okay to be , something similar like "It's okay to bring your own container, at the deli, the restaurant, etc" They value this, they're supporting me doing this. If I do it, someone next in line sees me doing it and it catches on like that. But it's about KNOWING that it's even an opportunity. As an easy first step, so long as businesses are in support of it and are set up to wash tongs that touch containers, etc.
2775	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Number one, it's not clear to retail shops, butchers, and bakers that it's OK to refill people's personal containers. It's been inconsistent reception where I've been, until people recognize me because I'm a frequent visitor.
2776	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Also, the other speaker reminded me why I joined SPEC, which was about being a multi - family dweller. Here's something I'd wished for and now I think may be possible - the City of Vancouver has told developers that there is a regulation that there has to be a certain number of bicycle spots.
2777	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Now, why can't Metro Vancouver specify to developers that there needs to be a dedicated - not a GARBAGE room - call it something else? Maybe a "resource recycling and sharing room" = bit a specific building amenity with standards, maybe invite the interior design group of BC to say something, or the architectural institute to say something
2778	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Our kitchens have to have counters at a certain height, why can't the recycling room have a countertop at a certain height, with a wash basin, so you can wash your hands after? An inviting room which maybe becomes recognized in some buildings as a gathering space
2779	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I know some buildings where there's a lot of single people, people love to go out and do their laundry because they meet other people in the building
2780	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Why can't we elevate the whole experience of separating our recyclables into something like that
2781	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	One idea - I frequently hear from staff at food service places that "Oh, they can't accept a reusable container because of the HEALTH requirements"
2782	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I often then say, well, what health requirement are you talking about? And they don't really know but they just are under the impression. Maybe it's a leftover from COVID.
2783	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	My suggestion here, for Metro Vancouver to make a FORMAL request to the Vancouver Coastal Health, to rewrite the entire health requirements not from a point of view of let's - it seems its entirely written from a point of view of saving human lives - which obviously is admirable, but the fallout, and unintended consequences of that, is that our environment that supports the air and water and the things we need to live, are being seriously damaged because of the health department.
2784	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	So, I would request of them that we need them to rewrite the health requirements so that the environment flourishes, and the humans flourish. This will be very difficult for them to think. They have to do some research.
2785	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Adding to the prior point - Prov BC does have protocols in place for resto's to accept reusable containers....it does exist...but to Brian's point, restaurant's don't A. follow it, B. know about it C. don't set themselves up to be successful at it.
2786	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Share best practices not just for residents and communities, but for businesses. The businesses will make it a norm through their own systems display.
2787	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High 7, Medium 1
2788	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I guess it would be easy for the transparency. I'm struggling a little bit with the question, too, because, not that anyone cares - a lot of people don't realize that a lot of the plastic gets shipped, who knows where, so if they find out that the plastic gets shipped elsewhere, like the USA, and goes who knows where, they may not recycle as much. It would be better if we fixed the system!
2789	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	My first thought was, it's easy to share and be transparent- but if people find out it's not magically going off somewhere and becoming something lovely, that might be a disincentive. People will throw their hands up if they don't trust. I bought plums in a paper container, which was great. But i bought gatorade in a plastic bottle that was packaged in paper. Maybe there will be a big kerfluffle and a change, if people disagree with recycled items going abroad.
2790	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To be honest, I don't consider myself stupid but I struggle with the questions, too. And I usually get things. So I find the questions difficult, the way they're worded.

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2792	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This would be most useful only if it also emphasized the REUSE and REDUCe as solutions to the problems, not just finding more local recycling markets.
2793	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For me I think it's easier if we're talking about recycling as in composting. I'd love to see an event at the peak of growing season in Metro Vancouver, July-August, a week dedicated to some kind of visible sign that says "local compost used here" This is of course assuming that the organic composting is successful enough to be resold or redistributed as a fertilizer.
2794	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Let's say to my gardeners - your leftovers are growing my containers. To communicate that some good things are happening
2795	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As someone who volunteers for public outreach, I have found it really challenging to defend recycling sometimes, because I don't have the whole story.
2796	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For example, the only company that I know of locally that reprocesses is Merlin, and even so, I don't know exactly where they are, I've never been there, I haven't attended any workshops that explain what happens to Merlins' processed products, so it is a barrier for me.
2797	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Referencing the other speaker - I find what they were saying, dead on - people just put it in a black container
2798	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The other issue is; how ARE things being reprocessed? How many things ARE redone and recycled properly? It's an informational gap that is HUGE, I think.
2799	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	When you recycle plastic - DOES It get recycled, does it really become something else, another plastic? All that information, I'd love to see.
2800	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Sharing information has pros and cons; it's best if things are being done right, more locally, and really turning into something new.
2801	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Definitely I agree; transparency is the best way forward for honesty of the customer and who produces waste
2802	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Honestly, as you mention it; the best way is transparency with REAL data and the exact, real information that you share - at least, on the website or on social media or whatever
2803	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	So, when you make people educated with REAL data, it definitely affects their minds, and they change their thoughts. This is real, this is the concern, this is the wildfire every year - so something exactly; this is the reason behind that. If we show them the real results of recycling, based on real exact data - definitely it can work for them.
2804	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would recommend knowing information. The bottle depots added a few years ago - where each of these materials are getting recycled, and how. I don't know how many people read them, but for me it does make a difference.
2805	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would highlight Merlin. I think Merlin is a huge, global success story, and to highlight that in BC, most people think that. I've been to Merlin. I think they're a very secretive company, because they're afraid that I'm working for one of their competitors who wants to steal their system, so they've been very strangely unwilling to talk to me. But, I think the facts have come out after; it took them years to finally announce what they were up to

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2806	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	So, to advertise - everyone thinks only 7% of plastics are recycled, because that's some north american average. And the fact RecycleBC is up to 56% and I think the recycling regulation wants them to up that to 75%; isn't that the system.
2807	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To CELEBRATE that WE'RE leading the WORLD in localizing, and plastics are getting recycled here.
2808	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There's a need to know, if you're being transparent, that what we're doing is actually good, and to celebrate where we are succeeding and doing a good job.
2809	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Do you know if there's any indication of how much budget Metro Van is willing, capable and able to put at actually delivering this? There's a lot of IDEA generation, but the more money they have, the more money they're committed to this, the more actions they'll be able to take on?
2810	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Or is it more like, they'll take all the ideas and afford what they can
2811	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Or is it like, it's not an essential enough service that we can't afford it this far.
2812	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I don't feel like it's going to help me because I do it anyway, but I think for the masses, transparency is going to help. I think RecyclEBC is one of the best ERPS out there. I find their website pretty good in terms of telling stories of where things go, telling the REAL story. I'd love to see that amount of information on the other EPR programs. I don't know if they do as good a job as RecycleBC on where their end markets go.
2813	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	That would be a minimum requirement from all EPRS, including the stuff that's collected - RecycleBc is collected at home, but also the stuff you take at the depots, like electronics, styrofoam. Where are the end markets for ALL of the streams that we engage with, not just at home, but also at depots?
2814	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The other thing - I don't know if - if I know where all the end markets are going and how things are recycled- I don't know if that's compelling enough for some people to participate
2815	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	I think it has to be linked to behaviour change. How does it affect THEIR communities, how does it link to their local community? Is it worse off for the community, is money going outside of the community. Is it providing more jobs or not?
2816	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	How is the way we engage with waste and its end destination, related to our personal lives, how is it relating to us locally that would compel us to want to shift our behaviour, knowing the impacts of the data, the implications. Not just how it's getting recycled, but why does it matter?
2817	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	My contribution would be - I wonder, in my world, I feel that we're all like as scouts that go into the future and solve the problems that are coming at us, so when they are presented to the mainstream, we've worked out what does and doesn't work, so the mainstream can adopt them
2818	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	Partly this whole process is that way of trying this out, trying that out, and finding the way that people WILL accept, versus rolling it out in a way that they won't accept
2819	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	But to me, my zero waste world revolves around having a zero waste KIT WITH ME at ALL TIMES when I'm out in public
2820	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	And, to me, the idea of going out in the urban wilderness is the same as going camping. E.g. I'm living on the sunshine coast with grandchildren, and every time we go on the ferry, there's all those recycling bins, and the ferry people tell me they're so contaminated, they have to landfill everything
2821	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	I don't trust any business, any municipality to take care of recycling, so I think it's my responsibility to take it home, always.
2822	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	So if I have a backpack with me, then I've got my zero waste kit and I'm reusing it constantly, and finding out who will take items or reuse them, and if they don't, I just take it home and compost or recycle it at home - so, bingo, actual zero waste.
2823	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	The idea that Metro Vancouver could actually SAVE Money and not put things into recycling containers that are so contaminated. Is it 80% are doing a good job, 20% contaminating, and it ends up =in the landfill?
2824	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	If Metro is able to communicate that idea of Rethinking - what came to me, it would be called - "how to buy the clean future". It would have a logo that was a four leaf clover, and the four leaf clover would have four actions - so, every time you approach a cash terminal, number one - stop - Number 1 RETHINK! Don't approach the cash terminal. Number 2 - REDUCE - don't buy it. Number 3 - REthink it - is this clean and healthy, what I'm about to buy? Just reflect. Number 4 (petal of the clover) - buy the clean future This will just evolve one step at a time, forever, one purchase at a time. You'll find out - oh, this thing broke, maybe I heard there was something not clean about this. Maybe I don't know if it's clean. So maybe I can, can AI, right there in the store, tell us what's not clean, if you ask it?
2825	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	Popularize having a zero waste kit. Explain how to go about reducing waste out in the 'urban wild'. (with regards to sharing best practices)
2826	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Final thoughts	Metro is encouraged to be creative around marketing the new RETHINK value.

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2827	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Very affirmative attitude about the addition of 'Rethink' to the waste prevention hierarchy.
2828	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	The 65% recycling rate from the opening slides - how much of that is actually still being shipped away? How much of that is still incinerated?
2829	16-Oct-25	Focus group #2 notes	Master Recycler Vancouver (MRV) of SPEC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	I don't understand how they got the 65% recycling rate; that sounds very good. When we talk about the recycling that happens on a home by home basis, it seems pretty good, where plastic and paper goes. But I work at the port, and we go into a food court - they have these different containers. To me it's a hodgepodge, no one knows which goes where. I am curious about that percent.
2830	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High 12, Medium 1
2831	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Swaps are easier and need to be prioritised. Not everyone needs to upcycle.
2832	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Barrier to participation as a student not that much, but social barriers. Having it at places where people go often, (cafes, libraries, local thriftstore,), monthly, frequent,
2833	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Subscribe for a ticket - essentially like a classroom so you see the same people again and again.
2834	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Hard to find advertising. Need to promote more. We never know.
2835	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Promote on social media and posters on bills.
2836	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Posters at the library, thrift stores,
2837	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Ads on city website
2838	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Open to families (have child care included, or make it such that children can also participate.
2839	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Is there a budget in place?
2840	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium (only if they are upcycle artists and can do public events. We want to be offline)
2841	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Would be cool to partner with makers and upcycle artists. Way to highlight the local businesses.
2842	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Partner with fashion schools
2843	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There will need to be a range. Not really influencers, but some community artists, that way it can be accessible to community.
2844	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Create the infrastructure first, then do the influencing.
2845	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The city has good options for thrifting, consignment stores,

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2846	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Suggest partnering with neighbourhood communities and centres.
2847	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People are more motivated to
2848	16-Oct-25	Focus Group #2 Notes	Threading Change	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If it's posted as a solution, if artists that can create public activation events to get the community involved?
2849	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High Priority.
2850	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	In your day to day life it may not seem like a high priority with everything else someone has going on, but with awareness and education it is obvious that these actions are of high priority to our community and wellbeing.
2851	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If you are a student it sounds relatively easy to access these programs if it were included in schooling. However, if you are a member of the community, time and cost could be potential barriers.
2852	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Many accommodations could be made, like free barrier to entry, flexible learning options such as online and transportation support.
2853	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	These programs should be open to youth and community members at large for the biggest impact and youth-driven.
2854	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	We need effective waste and recycling systems to function.
2855	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Educating young people is a necessary long-term approach to fostering a circular economy. Through understanding waste systems early, students develop sustainable habits, which then positively influence their families and communities. This foundation is needed to create systemic change, transforming knowledge into a culture.
2856	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	I would be encouraged to see Metro Vancouver connect these education programs to real initiatives, like student challenges, hackathons, or school recycling competitions, that are active and visible learning. Exciting guest speakers and mentorship opportunities could be initiated by partnerships with local sustainability organizations, like non-profits or green tech startups.
2857	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would this only be available to schools or expanded in the community?
2858	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would these programs be limited to certain communities or age groups?
2859	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What ways could these be made accessible as possible?
2860	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would these be youth-led initiatives or a variety of community members?
2861	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How interactive would these events be?
2862	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would these be inclusive and youth-driven events?
2863	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How can these programs be made as accessible as possible, especially for those with disabilities and tight finances?
2864	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	While the youth-driven component is important, I think it is also important to expand these programs to the broader community.
2865	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Codesign programs with students and faculty to ensure learning is based in youth interests and sustainability issues in their communities and everyday life.
2866	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Multilingual support and resources to improve accessibility.
2867	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Volunteer and youth-based events to promote the widest community and youth engagement.
2868	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide leadership opportunities for students and youth to promote waste reduction in their schools and communities.
2869	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Promote the events as ways for youth to support their community, while developing their professional and social skills.
2870	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	It's possible this initiative could encourage a positive culture shift, as local businesses take pride in being sustainable and residents feel empowered to support them. It would be ideal if the program included youth recognition, such as an award for "Youth-Led Circular Initiatives" or a partnership with student entrepreneurs.

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2871	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As a youth, it might be a bit difficult for me to participate directly in a business certification program, since it's more geared toward business owners and organizations. Though, I would still be interested in supporting or engaging with certified businesses. For instance, choosing to shop locally at those businesses or helping promote them through social media and community events.
2872	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Getting the word out is important and doable. Educators could give businesses and communities a learning session about why certification matters. Labels like "green" or "vegan" just do not matter if people do not understand why they are labeled that way. A learning session for businesses would be a great way to spread knowledge.
2873	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It should be somewhat easy to implement if the requirements are clear and attainable for businesses. It could also encourage people to buy local and support their local economy.
2874	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It'll be hard to get this new idea off the ground and really change how our community thinks. For lasting cultural shifts, we absolutely need a long-term plan and starting with young people is needed. If we can integrate these concepts into their daily lives early on, even through school, they'll grow up with them. Don't expect instant results.
2875	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	A certification program can make sustainability more visible, trustworthy and attainable, especially for younger people who want to see real examples of circular business models in their communities. Residents are not directly involved but this certification program plays a crucial role in shaping the local economy and influencing that culture shift.
2876	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Progress would be limited if you do not have business on board in some way. If they are not reducing waste or adopting principles of circular economy, then there will not be a significant impact.
2877	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would businesses and people be incentivized or encouraged to participate?
2878	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What type of programs would be offered?
2879	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What would be required for a business to acquire circular certification? How easy would this be?
2880	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would youth be included in this initiative?
2881	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Are Indigenous perspectives considered and centered?
2882	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would business be supported and mentored?
2883	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would this be promoted?
2884	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would education be incorporated into this program?
2885	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make sure that small and local businesses have the means to participate and are supported through mentorship
2886	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Including educational components for residents and youth would show how local consumption choices can contribute to circularity.
2887	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Celebrating and showcasing certified businesses through community events, sustainability fairs and local markets that welcome youth participation.
2888	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Develop youth-led awareness campaigns, perhaps through schools, volunteer programs, or social media collaborations. This would help to build community pride centered around the certification program.
2889	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	HIGH PRIORITY
2890	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participation might be difficult unless there are clear opportunities promoted in the community. Young people do not often receive this information directly. Social media, school networks or community events would be helpful.
2891	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Accessible communication and flexible ways to get involved, like surveys, pop up booths, or short volunteer opportunities
2892	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	This collaboration with external groups such as schools, non-profits and businesses can help generate that culture shift that we talked about earlier.
2893	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Metro Vancouver should incorporate mentorship programs or innovation challenges. Youth can co-develop projects with local organizations that are rooted in circular economy principles
2894	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Transparency regarding initiatives and progress reports from Metro Vancouver would help public trust and motivation
2895	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would there be penalties for not adhering to circular economy initiatives?
2896	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How could it be marketed and generate interest?
2897	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will Metro Vancouver ensure Youth voices are heard?
2898	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Funding or micro-grants for youth-led projects?
2899	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will success be measured?
2900	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What external groups would be most interested? (schools, libraries, community centres)
2901	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What groups might be more hesitant? (businesses, real estate etc.)
2902	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will these groups be chosen? Open calls to the community?
2903	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Will there be a clear hub for communication where residents can track initiatives?

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2904	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should consider creating youth centered spaces like workshops at schools, libraries, or recreation centres.
2905	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Things like volunteer certificates, community service hours or small incentives (honouriams) to encourage participation
2906	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Collaboration with youth councils, local colleges and universities, environmental and sustainability clubs.
2907	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	HIGH PRIORITY
2908	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participation could be made easier by hosting Indigenous-led community workshops or learning sessions. Offering school credits or volunteer opportunities to students.
2909	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Creation of online sign up or quick, shorter-term projects so youth can fit these in their busy schedules.
2910	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Food and Agriculture presents a massive source of waste. The waste in these sectors must be tackled if we are going to make a meaningful impact in sustainability. There are also many opportunities in the community and as an individual to reduce your food waste. So I feel like this might be one of the easier initiatives to scale up.
2911	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	This program can be done in line with Canada's spirit of reconciliation as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
2912	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	It is important that Indigenous communities are co-creators in this program and not just consulted after. Mutual learning is also important
2913	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	I think most youth love the idea of more hands-on community projects such as shared gardens, food forests and composting hubs
2914	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Where do you go to get resources on community gardens?
2915	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What role would Indigenous people or communities play in this program?
2916	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would youth be encouraged or incentivized to participate?
2917	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would Indigenous, First Nations and Metis members be included in the design of programs?
2918	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would there be clear education components that focus on the cultural significance and sustainability of Indigenous practices?
2919	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would Metro Vancouver ensure Indigenous communities are equal creators in this program?
2920	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would there be more education opportunities to learn about the history and significance of Indigenous agriculture/permaculture practices?
2921	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would Indigenous Youth or youth groups be included in leading and designing the programs?
2922	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Could year-round designated spaces be created for this initiatives?
2923	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would Metro Vancouver make sure that these programs and collaborations are beyond symbolic and encourage partnerships, respect and reciprocity?
2924	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Partnerships with local First Nations, Metis and Indigenous groups would be crucial to the success of this program.
2925	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium Priority
2926	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	An average citizen cannot participate directly. However it could have big impacts on the waste produced by consumers.
2927	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	As a young person concerned about climate change and the environment, a sustainable procurement plan for organizations and businesses is an important shift.
2928	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This might be difficult for direct participation as this action centres organizations and procurement processes
2929	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would Metro Vancouver make this program appeal to businesses and residents?
2930	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How to access these procurement programs?
2931	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How would procurement decisions be made?
2932	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What say would the community have in these decisions?
2933	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will the environmental impact of new procurement processes be evaluated?
2934	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Will there be transparency and reports made public on the progress reducing waste?
2935	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Incentives or recognitions for organizations that use this program?
2936	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Transparency would be crucial to show residents how procurement decisions are made and what they can do to influence them

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2937	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Education campaigns focusing on the environmental impact of various purchases and how sustainable goods improve local economies
2938	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Supporting local and youth-led business that create eco-friendly products that could be included in the procurement network
2939	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Partnering with schools through projects, challenges and advisory committees that can brainstorm new potentials for product design and procurement
2940	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium Priority
2941	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	As this is geared toward businesses, there might be less direct impact. But this could have a significant impact on shifting the culture that we discussed earlier.
2942	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Similar to the previous program, this would be a bit more difficult for average people.
2943	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Youth and community participation in the development of these educational tools could be meaningful.
2944	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Tools should be made accessible as possible. This could include various languages, formats and online sources. Partnerships with schools, universities and youth organizations to promote and develop tools.
2945	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Reducing packaging, reusable options and empowering people to make better purchases would also shift this culture.
2946	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Maybe if the education tools were open and available to the public the benefit might be greater. Such as some online hub or platform as well as town hall style events.
2947	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will Metro Vancouver include youth and the broader community in this program?
2948	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will the tools be made available to everyone to have the most benefit?
2949	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Recognition or certification programs for businesses that use the tools?
2950	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will Metro Vancouver ensure accessibility for all residents? How will low-income and newcomers access this?
2951	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Could businesses partner with local schools and universities to broaden impact? Successful examples of waste reduction could be demonstrated to the community?
2952	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver should see youth as both consumers and creators/entrepreneurs. Many care greatly about the health of our environment and are also creating small businesses and solutions.
2953	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority
2954	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	As highlighted in the Indigenous-led permaculture action, changing our food and agriculture systems can have a massive impact on waste reduction.
2955	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Again this is mainly focused on businesses and organizations. Participation for people might be easier if there were awareness campaigns, food rescues or drives and volunteer events
2956	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there were clear hubs or resources that the public could access, like waste reduction workshops, community kitchens or partnerships with schools. That way I would be more motivated to access these programs
2957	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Community fridges, composting and zero-waste cooking would also help shift culture and habits.
2958	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this ACTION?	Creation and support of food-sharing networks like apps that connect people, stores and non profits to redistribute food.
2959	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will the food industry and grocery stores be supported to reduce food waste? Donate food?
2960	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Would youth or schools be involved in the programs? How so?
2961	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Expansion of community composting and gardens?
2962	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Small grants or recognition for community and youth-led food waste ideas?
2963	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How will progress be tracked and reported?
2964	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Similar to the last action, how will accessibility be ensured for all residents? How will low-income and newcomers access this program?
2965	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	As we talked about, educational campaigns and social media events that focus on food storage, recipe planning and waste reduction in the home and garden

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2966	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Partnerships with schools, youth organizations and local celebrities could have an impact
2967	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Volunteer and internship opportunities offered to youth like food recovery or composting programs.
2968	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	I would appreciate if there were more opportunities to provide feedback.
2969	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Make it easier for residents to understand
2970	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	Engage more with the public, we want to learn more about what is going on
2971	18-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	Bioloop Foundation	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	In-person feedback events would have been a better opportunity for residents to connect and create community
2972	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Buy-nothing groups: hyper-local online communities where members can borrow, receive, give away, or exchange services for free. (ex. Buy Nothing Burnaby South East group on Facebook)
2973	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Shared fridges: a fridge with donated food that's for public use, or fridges in shared housing like dorms or apartments (ex. Collingwood Neighborhood house outdoor fridge)
2974	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Refill at retail: Customers bring in their own packaging such as bottles, glass jars, and containers to fill up and reuse (ex. The Soap Dispensary and Kitchen Staples, who refill bulk hygiene products)
2975	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Packaging reuse systems: Durable containers or packaging that is returned to a business or collection point and are repurposed instead of discarded after single use. (ex. Avalon Dairy, where customers return empty glass bottles, receive a cash deposit, and then the containers are cleaned and refilled with milk)
2976	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Low to medium priority
2977	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The government should promote buy-nothing groups
2978	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	More advertising and communication of when and where sustainability events are happening would be helpful
2979	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What is a buy nothing group?" A concise description of a buy nothing group was offered, but further clarification was needed for one family who had not heard of this before
2980	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Location of events or programs must be central to transit and also have parking
2981	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Support increased sustainability events through commitments like funding and providing the space
2982	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Repair cafes: Free periodic events where you can bring items like small kitchen appliances, clothing, or electronic devices to be fixed by volunteers (ex. Kitsilano Community Centre, Oct 11, 2025)
2983	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Free swap events: Events where people donate portable items that are in working condition and can browse the tables for an item of their choice. (ex. Halloween free swap event, Oct 25 at Renfrew Community Centre)
2984	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Reuse centres: Vancouver tool library, a library that loans various tools for home repair, gardening, and bike maintenance, along with offering affordable workshops that teach you repair skills
2985	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Examples	Community gardens: shared space for people to cultivate fruits and vegetables, which is a good opportunity to support food security, learn about composting practices, decrease food waste as what's grown is being locally consumed, and transform vacant land into productive green spaces (Ex. David Thompson Secondary School greenhouse)
2986	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Low to medium priority
2987	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The government should create better advertisements for repair cafes to make participation easier
2988	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	More government support for community centres and other social hubs was preferred regarding facilitation of regular repair cafe events
2989	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	"What is a repair cafe?" A few Asian participants stated that this was new for them. One family has held on to their fan for 2 years even though it does not work as they don't know what is wrong with it – the fan is in good condition and they can not find affordable, if any, repair businesses that will help fix it
2990	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Community centres can be far away from home, so it would be convenient if more repair cafes or recycling centres are part of local stores as well
2991	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Preference for accessible information on where and how to repair and recycle items like electronic devices or cooking pans
2992	19-Oct-25	Focus group notes	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	A hybrid sign-up and drop-in system for electronic repair cafes would be beneficial, so that the people running the event would be able to get a sense of the questions and problems ahead of time
2993	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Clear and labeled bins/bags for ease of recycling
2994	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I think I recycle fairly well
2995	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More recycling facilities

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2996	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	At the beach - more options to throw garbage. One bin for all is the choice we have at most beaches.
2997	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	If my family was on board.
2998	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Having items be less reliant on plastic and other single use garbage
2999	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Depots close to home
3000	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Access to be able to drop off or have items picked up.
3001	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Ease of knowing where to take it
3002	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Convenience and easy process
3003	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Conveniently located recycling centres
3004	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	One location for multiple types of recycling
3005	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Chickens
3006	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It’s easy in our building
3007	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It's already easy for me
3008	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Family being on board!
3009	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Having something like a Lomi
3010	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Organics roadside pickup (not currently available)
3011	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Drop off locations in the neighbour or pick up at the door
3012	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	I use compost
3013	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Programs to clean green bin/food waste bins
3014	19-Oct-25	Online Survey - Open end responses	NatureKids BC	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Containers
3015	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Mixed (Low to High). Supporters noted SMEs lack the capacity to develop circular models independently. Others saw it as a "nice to do" that could be achieved with smaller campaigns, arguing that other actions are higher priority.
3016	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: An unfunded mandate for municipalities; potential for inconsistent messaging.
3017	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Metro Vancouver must take a leadership role and collaborate with municipalities before engaging external groups; frame circularity in terms of economic benefits made newly viable by technology like AI.
3018	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Oh, boy. I think it's, you know, it can be done. Absolutely. There's room for improvement in terms of, you know, at the Metro Vancouver level. Do I think it's a a priority? No. I think it's a nice to do and I think there's very small wins that can happen that don't need to be a high level strategy. I think there's just little campaigns that can be done that can move some momentum on this.
3019	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I think it's important because if we take a look at where the majority of the focus has been to date, it's really been on single family homes and a little bit on multifamily and where we really need to move the needle is on the enterprises. We also were facing trade tariffs and supply chain disruptions and all kinds of things that the more that we can move to a circular economy and have our businesses understand it and support it and be able to access supplies and be stronger the better for everybody I think and also I think we're going to start to get more creative ideas and we've seen that organizations like Synergy are already helping with this and also I was part of a project team that did it with the District of Squamish. And it's actually like it's going to take time, but it's actually really cool to see the enthusiasm of the local businesses. And getting that business community on board is going to be really key.
3020	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I personally I'm very interested in this right now because I think it goes back to something that was said earlier and that was like does the economics work? And I think we're at such a fascinating point right now with the introduction of AI that while something may not have been economical for the last 10 or 20 years, all of a sudden with AI and the developments we've seen over the last year or two, it has become economical. So I love the I think it's absolutely worth the calories as you said it today to reook at this because it's got a completely different lens and we've we may be at a completely different may have a completely different outcome whether we move forward or not today versus where we were at even a few years ago. So I'm all for it.

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3021	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To me I think I'd hope people would find it to participate for sure and I don't know how easy it would be necessarily but I think with having that guidance from like your chamber of commerce that you have it makes sense like I don't think you'd be able to have a guideline or if you don't do it with a guideline I think people in businesses are going to be confused and I think you're going to have a lot of wrong um like information come out if you don't have a strict or at least a guideline what to do on like participating in a circular economy. So to me I think it's pretty important that you have that backup that provides that guidance for people to be successful.
3022	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, I mean I I do think it's a great idea. Um I for as a starting point I don't think that you know small and medium a lot of enterprises are not equipped and don't have the capacity to put in the time to really figure this stuff out. So I think that's overall I think it's a it's a great idea. Um whether or not you get buy in is is a different issue but at least having you know entities be equipped I think is a good starting point for sure.
3023	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Um well, I think it would be something that I'm assuming that Metro Vancouver would do in collaboration with also uh member municipalities um to sort of get buyin from them. Um and I do think it is very important to provide that practical guidance. I don't think all businesses um they don't have the capacity to work out what it actually means in their context like a circular economy. So I think like practical being with great examples it could be sector based examples um maybe some uh case studies and so on. So I think um I think this one is important.
3024	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, I think absolutely it matters because I know even within the city of Vancouver we are already working on things like this. So we it would be great to get support and to share information. So I think it's ideal um to incorporate the municipalities as well.
3025	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Lack of clarity on which agencies would be involved; potential for limited influence by a regional government.
3026	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Incentivize local processors to create regional end markets; ensure buy-in and a shared understanding of "circular economy" among partner agencies.
3027	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium to High. The action was praised for its potential to create both high-skilled and low-barrier local jobs. A circular economy was viewed as a high priority for local government.
3028	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I think with the goal of reducing what's being landfilled creating spaces for circular economy should be a high priority for local government and waste collection.
3029	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I also said high because you have like I think with ECAVs agencies a lot of times they you know can create like low barrier jobs or help prop up workforce that might be harder to employ and stuff with also the benefit of the reduction in waste.
3030	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Well, we have the Vancouver chapter and we've worked with local governments before for to support reusable systems and institutions to support reusable systems. So I think if there's funding or you know political will to do it then we absolutely can.
3031	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I really like this one to be honest because I think it all comes down to economics unfortunately. I think one of the challenges that I've seen and I'm very new to this industry and working for a pro and understanding how EPR works and all of this. I think what I'm hearing and what I understand is that we have the technology to do full circularity in a lot of instances. What the challenge is is the end market and making sure we have local processors who can actually support it. So yes, the technology exists. Yes, it's possible to recycle things and reimplement these systems, but unfortunately some of these processors don't aren't regional, like we don't have them here. So, you're shipping product to other provinces just to close that loop, which is kind of counterintuitive. So, if we can incentivize more local development in that regard, I think that that's a win and makes the system more resilient.
3032	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, I would say where we're headquartered right now is mostly in the CRD. We're early days out in Vancouver with a new location, but something like this, I think it was really really well said by Participant 2 and if there was an opportunity to that we needed to help connect the dot I think that's exactly why we're here today is to try and and facilitate those those initiatives. So, absolutely I think the initiative if anytime that there's an opportunity to make things more efficient and even if it means it us bending over backwards, I think that's absolutely on the table today.
3033	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Sorry, one more thing. What I love about this is that it kind of hits economic development can hit both sides of kind of the spectrum. The tech, the entrepreneurship, the innovation, the manufacturing expertise that needs to go into that is a high-skilled job or opportunity for high-skilled tech and innovation. But in terms of the people actually working the line and doing the work is a low barrier you know it's job creation for all skill sets and it's a way to get into the industry. And anytime we can make local jobs and have a local industry I think is like a positive especially when it can hit high high caliber skilled trades as well as low barrier jobs as well like it does both.

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3034	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Sure. I think this is definitely a little bit more abstract, I would say, from what's being presented through this this action. So I'd say one from a municipal government perspective, I think it is a kind of regional lead on this and you know it with invitation for municipalities to support and participate when they can, but I do think it is on a more regional level for sure. And then just beyond that, I would say that the economic development agencies, we also have to make sure there's buy-in on that end and buy-in like kind of across the board because if it's one agency that's focused on it and another one isn't, I think that you can create some incongruity with where businesses are willing to go. And then also making sure that they fully understand kind of what we mean by all of this and what a circular economy really looks like and what it means and that staff within these agencies are actually prioritizing it at some level in their business plans and I don't know if we can force that but definitely being very clear about what we think is our priorities and ways that these agencies can action that is needs to be focused.
3035	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: A significant trust deficit based on past Metro Vancouver actions; lack of specificity.
3036	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: This action needs to be made much more specific (e.g., updating zero-waste event guidelines) and must be backed by transparent funding and trust-building measures.
3037	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Low. This action was widely criticized as being too broad, vague, and overlapping with other actions, making it difficult to measure.
3038	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I feel like you're you're looking like I think you have to have a specific initiative you have to look at. Got to be more Yeah. As as in like if if we tell all these collaborators like, 'Yep, we're going to need you to pick one initiative and you're going to go find it and do it.' I feel like you're going to have too many hands everywhere and I feel like you need to focus on one specific initiative that you want to think focus on rather than like a um a whole case of everything at the same time. That's how I'm interpreting that.
3039	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Sure. I think one of the things that happened the last planning goround in 2010 2011 is that Metro Vancouver said it was going to be about zero waste and then they had a plan to build up to six new incinerators. That kind of greenwashing and that kind of um oh disillusionment I think for a lot of the people who were very excited at the beginning of their planning process meant that uh people didn't want to work with Metro Vancouver. So, I think they the elephant in the room is really that they're planning on keeping the incinerator. That is going to take up most of the finances, which means that there's going to be very limited opportunities to do this. And then if you take a look at some of the stuff they've done in the past, which was in all intents and purposes circular economy and zero waste, but like some of the NISP things, um really it was a lot about exchanging materials to burn it. And so that is why I think this is a trust issue now for you on this one. So you they have to rebuild some of the trust to for you to feel that this one needs to be more of a priority.
3040	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think with this coming like just this specific action ID017 um I feel like it's a bit too there's too much overlap with the other two uh and probably many other ones too, but I think because it doesn't really mean that much like it's too broad. I think that also probably will make us all feel like it's less important because the other ones were more like economic development. They were a little bit more specific grasp them a bit better. Um so I think this one I would encourage them to I don't know I just feel like it's probably covered in others. I almost feel like this one is too broad to it needs more.
3041	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I feel like if uh if you're going to sort of like report on progress and then eventually say like yes, we did it. How are you going to say we collaborated? Because I think... How do you measure collaboration on... Yeah. Is that sharing information? Is that just getting everyone in the same room? Is that like you know putting money in in a pot with somebody else? And like it could mean a lot of things to collaborate.
3042	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Unfunded mandate for municipalities; businesses are primarily profit motivated.
3043	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Metro Vancouver must define its role (e.g., as a consultant); create practical, industry-specific toolkits (e.g., for restaurants); frame circularity in terms of bottom-line benefits.
3044	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium. Seen as a more specific version of previous actions. However, the "push" approach to education was questioned.
3045	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It could be difficult to know what our role would be in that particular um idea.
3046	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Uh easy to get involved but difficult to maybe meet the the barriers for what we've considered it successful… education is always difficult to attain as it's always evolving and and changing. So, yeah, I think that that's the bottom line. We could be involved, but would we be able to meet the level we want?
3047	10-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Content should come from Metro Vancouver - bring in subject matter experts

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3048	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I was honestly hoping you wouldn't call on me for this one because it's really uh it's one I almost want to spend a lot of time thinking about. Like on one side, I totally see the value and I want to see that, but I also know like that a lot of businesses, they're going to be focused more so on like the bottom line almost as their first initiative… I'm trying to think of the most successful way forward and it's almost like maybe there's a unique way where you if your mandate was to look at circular solutions but pair that with like a consulting initiative that was translating that to the speak that I think a lot of private businesses are looking for on how how you could circular bringing in a circular economy like that could be helpful to their bottom line like now you're speaking their language and I could see that being like a lot more receptive… but I also know like people who want to make an impact are are very at the forefront of that already. Like I don't know if you need to have someone pushing education if you truly if this is part of your brand and your initiative as a business like I think you're already there educating yourself as like an entrepreneur.
3049	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I find this one is such a mouthful. I had to read it like six times the reading comprehension muscles going… I think to Participant 10's point is that you know you do have your your people who are way in front and and and their whole business model is is structured with this in mind and and that's great to see and I think they need to be celebrated. Absolutely. But I think it is naive to kind of rebuild an a business that's been in business for a long time with one that's been built that way from the start… So if you want to educate those businesses or you want them to start adopting some of those things, I think you really have to design it for someone who's already been in business and already has existing processes and and um you know suppliers and all that kind of stuff. So creating toolboxes that meet um individual businesses where they're at. And then and and by industry, I mean like pick the pick the worst culprits first, right? I mean, all businesses, that seems pretty lofty. Restaurants. Okay, we understand restaurant problems. We understand restaurant waste. Here's here are three things you can do as a restaurant today to help with this, you know, making it really impactful, actionable, specific to you.
3050	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: None identified; strong willingness to collaborate
3051	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Prioritize this action; actively partner with expert organizations that are already leading this work and have ready-made solutions.
3052	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High. This action received nearly unanimous and enthusiastic support from the group. It was seen as a clear, actionable, and high-impact priority.
3053	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah. I mean, my organization is already doing this at all levels with local, regional, provincial, the national government. We're taking part in the global plastics tree to look at hard to recycle plastics for elimination. So, this is something that we're already doing and we really want to continue doing this work... Meeting with Metro Van and the municipalities in Vancouver. And there's so much that can be done following like what's being done in Victoria and Tofino and Ulta with banning single-use plastic water bottles, work to do on coffee cups and lids, banning single-use items for dining in making sure there's reusables for dining in and a long long laundry list of hard to recycle plastics that can be eliminated that have sustainable alternatives. We should absolutely be prioritizing this item.”
3054	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We're already doing that collaboration and it speaks to some of the other points we've talked about like we've worked with regional districts, local governments and chambers all together to make sure that businesses get those educational resources so that they're fully knowledgeable about the changes, their staff can speak about it to visitors, etc.
3055	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Scale of implementation (business-by-business is infeasible); potential administrative burden on businesses
3056	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Develop industry-specific toolkits for waste reduction rather than focusing on reporting mechanisms; work through service providers who already engage with businesses.
3057	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Mixed. Viewed as potentially valuable but also a massive undertaking. The focus on estimating and reporting was seen as less useful than providing tools for actual reduction.
3058	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Oh, so many thoughts on this one. I find both actions really exciting. Uh my first thought on ID 102, it would be incredible to do this. I think It would be challenging and I can speak at that from like working with the Clackwood Alurnie Regional District and Surf Rider and working to develop methods working with local businesses to track the amount of waste they're generating, their recycling contamination, the amount that's going to landfill, compost, etc., and working with them to divert that waste and like to actually reduce it at the source. It's a ton of work, but it's been super successful when we've been able to carry it out consistently and being able to measure that has and like has been huge. So, I think it's going to be hard, but the payoff can be a lot if there's the capacity to do it.
3059	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I'd be really curious to see how they implement this because going from business to business seems like um a really big initiative. I could see them more doing this by like type of business.
3060	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There's a funding if there's lack of funding that that just makes it even harder.

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3061	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I was just thinking I guess I focused in on the word waste reduction… I read it as being that you don't even create things that needs to be recycled. It's higher up in the hierarchy. It's like making sure that we have less single use.
3062	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think if you like look closely at the words they're saying they want to develop tools to ate waste production and that is data driven and data that doesn't currently exist for in a lot of cases. Um so I kind of question the approach there rather than developing methods to reduce waste and sharing that with uh with businesses. They're developing estimation methods on you know essentially how to give yourself a scorecard on how you're doing to reduce waste… And so it requires some reporting and data collection and I I think that's while important and easier for you know us to do at a depot or a landfill weigh everything um can be trickier for businesses can be a big administrative lift and again like I think focusing on just actually how to can we reduce waste… doing it by category where so so restaurants here's a toolkit on waste reduction whether it come is single use or food waste hotels here's a waste reduction kit, you know, on whatever it is. So going by industry and and developing toolkits, I think is more useful than developing, you know, essentially reporting methods.
3063	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: The terms "reuse" and "proven successful" are too vague. Success in one community does not guarantee universal applicability.
3064	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: The plan must clearly define what "proven successful" means and provide specific examples of the types of "reuse" being targeted.
3065	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I think I think it's very relevant in terms of barriers that people are encountering inconsistencies.
3066	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I I think I see consistency as like a key way because it makes it less confusing for people. So if someone moves somewhere and then they see oh this is similar, I know what to do here. It's like it's very helpful for people which then will increase reuse because people will have like a baseline knowledge from somewhere else.
3067	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Medium. The principle of advocating for reuse regulations was supported.
3068	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, this is great. I mean, we need Metro Van to do this, especially when you take a look at the community of Squamish. We had key pieces in our plan that couldn't be implemented because the legislation wasn't there. And especially when the new bylaws came in, when Minister Heyman brought in the single-use bylaw and had basically dictated the pieces in the bylaw to match the large producers, which were the big restaurant chains like Tim Hortons, McDonald's, Starbucks. That meant that local governments had a real struggle to put in progressive legislation and and bylaws. And so absolutely this is very important.
3069	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I do think it's very important. I mean, obviously it depends on what the consistent reuse regulations like what exactly that means but like and where you're implementing it but I think obviously that is a great idea overall. I think one challenge is the whole how to get people on board with it kind of stuff, but I think it's great.
3070	21-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	No, none at all. This is my priority. Most of my efforts are to the public. Regulations, punitive potentially and kind of thing, but this is definitely needed.
3071	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	4 low priority, 1 medium priority
3072	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	2 categories of new buyers, 1 wants new objects, 1 wants convenience, need to make it extremely convenient to buy used
3073	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make it free
3074	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Worried about cost
3075	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make sure fridge is monitored and the food is safe to eat
3076	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make sure who needs access the most gets access
3077	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Promote it online
3078	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Monitoring ensures people that need it can get it
3079	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Put it in a location that people often go
3080	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Try to encourage people to reuse, consumption is too pushy
3081	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	4 high priority, 2 medium priority

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3082	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	4 high priority, 2 medium priority
3083	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Reusing helps foster creativity
3084	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	For clothing drive we had low participation, how can we increase it?
3085	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Spread awareness/education and make announcements
3086	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need to provide education around REUSE and why its important, show examples of how to reuse materials
3087	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	In school teachers can think of projects using reuse items
3088	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	4 low priority, 1 medium priority
3089	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Not as relevant to youth
3090	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Could have indirect impact but not sure exactly how
3091	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	2 high priority
3092	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	How would the network connect the reuse/repair initiatives?
3093	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	What is the purpose of having a network?
3094	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Want more bike repair initiatives
3095	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Sewing/clothing repair important
3096	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Network needs to be well promoted so people can be aware of it
3097	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Would be good to have opportunities for intergenerational learning at repair initiatives
3098	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	2 high priority, 4 medium priority
3099	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need to find a way to encourage people to participate in this
3100	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Donation collection to come to the building for pick up often and during non-working hours
3101	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Offer service to clean the clothing
3102	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Needs to be well managed, consistent and organized
3103	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Concern expressed about how much time this action would take
3104	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	4 high priority
3105	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Have food
3106	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Have honorarium
3107	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If my friends went, I would go
3108	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Can't be far away, can't commute far
3109	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Has to be dispersed across the region but also in many locations
3110	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Have events at same time and same place, consistency
3111	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Support transportation for youth to come
3112	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Earthworks Environmental Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Facilitate pick up so students cant transit without bringing their items for repair (for example: bicycles)

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3113	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	11 medium priority, 1 high priority
3114	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Most students reflected this would be easy
3115	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	12 high priority, 6 medium priority
3116	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Dad in Buy Nothing group, post it to facebook and someone picks it up, seems easy
3117	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Buy nothing connects community
3118	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Shared fridge more difficult or uncomfortable, stewarding fridge could be hard. Who takes care of it? Food waste
3119	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro van could create a low barrier job for someone to steward the fridge
3120	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Buy nothing transportation, how could I do that? Metro Van to coordinate pick ups
3121	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Medium issue, buy nothing means people giving up their items but with this economy people are more likely to want to sell it
3122	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	This requires a culture shift for folks to understand the mutual and collective benefit, rather than just trying to make a buck
3123	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Make buy nothing groups neighbourhood based, Implement more of them in smaller areas. Thinking about 15 minute cities, set up this kind of infrastructure
3124	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	9 medium priority, 4 high priority
3125	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	This is easy because we are already at school, accessible
3126	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	At school we have run some recycling initaitves. Implementing them has been easy, sustaining them is difficult.
3127	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Perhaps Metro Van could fill the gaps regarding sustaining the initiatives. Metro Van can come and pick up the recycling after we have collected it to deliver it to the depot
3128	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Van can provide background support
3129	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Van can provide a knowledge and education campaign, explain importance
3130	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consistency is important. Don’t just do one offs, do this year round for schools
3131	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	14 high priority
3132	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Most students reflected this would be easy because its happening in your home so its very accessible
3133	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Difficult because it needs a facilitator. Perhaps this could be another low barrier job creation? Metro Van to provide facilitator.
3134	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Book libraries are used all the time and people take care of it themselves, they build community
3135	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Easy because most families have a surplus of these things
3136	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Eg. Co-op rec room, converted into a “free store”
3137	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Van could step into the gap by collecting items that get left behind and no one wants
3138	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	10 high priority, 4 medium priority
3139	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Most students reflected this would be easy but also none of the students had attended one before
3140	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	How can we hear about these events?

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3141	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Host them at schools
3142	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Often and consistent
3143	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Launch a good campaign to raise awareness
3144	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More ads
3145	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Online and billboards, rent billboards
3146	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Buses and bus stops
3147	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Stop lights where bikes are waiting
3148	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Offer rides from central locations
3149	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Host them outside of school and work hours
3150	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	15 medium priority, 5 high priority
3151	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Majority of class thought this would be easy to participate in
3152	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	In a later action, it was suggested that the public should have an opportunity to engage in the recycling practice. So if folks could see and experience how textiles are recycled and what they can turn into, that would be interesting and perhaps motivating willingness to donate
3153	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	Is there a public available domain that we can look at to check out the status of the actions?
3154	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Put lots of donation boxes that are easy to access and open 24/7
3155	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Come and pick up the textile donation
3156	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Combine recycling bin to include other items that now we have to recycle separately
3157	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consistent collection times
3158	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	9 medium priority, 2 high priority, 2 low priority
3159	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Majority of class thought this would be easy to participate in especially if they got a reward
3160	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	Reward sounds very vague. What kind of reward? Souvenir or cash?
3161	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Cash reward would be great
3162	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Thinking about the bottle depot, can we have a clothes depot? Bring clothes and get money?
3163	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Provide students with volunteer hours for their university applications
3164	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Give tim hortons gift card as reward
3165	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	17 high priority, 3 medium priority
3166	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Majority of class thought this would be easy
3167	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Trash bins need to have simple graphics on them

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3168	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Products should have color coding on them so we know where they go
3169	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need to have pictures to know where to put the trash
3170	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If we get used to having the pictures, and then some bins don't have pictures, we would feel lost
3171	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	13 medium priority, 1 low priority
3172	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Majority of class thought this would be easy
3173	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	We need to have all of the recycling facilities in the same place
3174	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	Questions about whether this action is referencing Artificial Intelligence tools.
3175	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	Would this digital tool be in the form of an app on our phone? Or would it be a digital stationary tool that we could visit…
3176	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	Will this be like the scanners at Walmart that tell you where the item is in the store?
3177	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	Questions and Comments	If this is AI what will happen with our data?
3178	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Concern about if this action requires a cell phone for use
3179	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Comment that 99.9% of youth have cellphone or access to device, so not a barrier
3180	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need to keep other options and not just rely on digital tool
3181	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Lots of young people are against Artificial Intelligence
3182	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	8 medium priority, 5 low priority, 1 high priority
3183	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Some students said that this depends on how close the tours are, some said this would be difficult, some said they wouldn't want to
3184	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Not much interest about this action
3185	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Mandated by school otherwise students wouldn't go
3186	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need something to entice people, they might like it more than they think
3187	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Have events at the recycling facilities, like art activities or cooking events
3188	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Go to learn, have trivia or competitions at the end of the tour to get a prize
3189	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need activities during tour to engage people, e.g allow people to participate in action of material recovery, show how reproduction looks
3190	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Give university activity marks
3191	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	How much of a priority is this to you?	18 low priority
3192	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Most students identified this action as easy, but quite a few said they would not be interested
3193	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	This action should be combined with action 159, seems like the same thing
3194	21-Oct-25	Focus group notes	Fraser Basin Council - Environmental Science Club	Public (School students)	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	People don't know about the reuse/recycling resources that are available. Facebook marketplace has more impact because it is more popular, metro van should build off the popularity of the systems that already work well

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3195	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority – metrics first: need to figure out compliance first and then can move to workshops. Would be great to do.
3196	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority – Need to know the benchmarks and what the goal/purpose is.
3197	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Agree on the priority medium, and the barriers.
3198	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	As much as priority – waste reduction is higher.
3199	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Priority level is medium – in line with goals. Leadership is putting a lot of pressure on staff to reduce waste but finding the time to commit and help this initiative go further is hard.
3200	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority.
3201	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Priority – quite high for PHSA – planetary health is a high priority for PHSA - happy to support and participate in this.
3202	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium-high priority.
3203	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority – there may be others that are a higher priority than this one.
3204	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority (implied by readiness to trial and coordination needs).
3205	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority (aligned with PHSA challenges).
3206	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium to high priority – reduce waste from the system.
3207	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Workshops are difficult unless there are incentives. oHard to get people involved. oIt is always more difficult when having to consider logistics and finding time and resources. oMaybe start with trial workshops to test for interest and then expand.
3208	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The guidelines are unclear in terms of the requirements for accepting waste at recycling and waste centres
3209	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficult for Fraser Health because it covers a large area and includes working with many different people. There are people interested in this discussion but facilitating and setting them up would take a lot of time

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3210	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To facilitate workshops within the vast geographic area of Vancouver Coastal health, it is important to start with leadership buy-in. VCH has a strong environmental lead and team for when leadership (CEO) buy in is achieved. Until that time, participation will be low.
3211	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	What is the intended outcome with workshops? Is education the end goal or will there then be additional support for health authorities to implement ideas coming out of those workshops? If we have the time and ability to participate, then what are the expected next steps and outcomes?
3212	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	When developing a singular workshop approach, there will be geographical challenges and concerns due to the differences the locations.
3213	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Finding the right time and gathering the right audience will be very difficult due to schedules and level of understanding and interest.
3214	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	For PHSA, it is an easier place to implement it – as it is geographically smaller (Children's, Women's and BC Cancer). We have the luxury of having specialized sites that service the whole province. Workshops are the path of least resistance. There are already different committees across departments, planetary health committee, etc. can host the workshops with the different existing committees and co-develop as well.
3215	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Interior Health; not in the Metro Vancouver region; difficult to hold working groups and workshops because not only is waste nuanced, but health care waste makes it extra nuanced – biomedical, chemical waste, what is or is not accepted. It is important to have dedicated subject matter experts from MV to understand what is actually being disposed of, and to communicate the guidelines and where everything goes.
3216	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Providence Health Care is similar to PHSA: Could more easily trial these workshops due to size. Challenges are in coordination. Different teams need to be involved – leadership, clinical, also PHSA in terms of procurement.
3217	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Leadership buy-in is essential, especially if resources are required to co-develop, facilitate, or run these workshops.
3218	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Workshops are challenging to coordinate; especially time when there are reviews as there are several reviews happening within the health authorities; looking for cost efficiencies.
3219	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Messaging: If you say you need to attend this workshop because you're non-compliant, that will have more effect. There needs to be an incentive – carrot is much harder so maybe a stick.
3220	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Communicate the benchmarks and goals to education. People need to know the end result to understand the information to be able to move towards those goals.
3221	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Leadership buy-in is key.
3222	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	What does the additional support look like? Having support to run a site pilot. Ways to incentivize front line staff; or even ambassadors for these programs.
3223	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	People have different needs and challenges so being able to cater these workshops to each region will be hard but helpful.
3224	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Finding time will be challenging as will gathering the right audience.

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3225	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	May be a good approach for MV to co-develop waste reduction solutions together with the health authorities. MV's subject matter expertise, and potential innovation is needed because one of biggest hurdles is space. We can have different waste streams, but when separating there are many categories that require additional bins and there is no space. If MV could come up with ways to mix certain streams and then segregate later, that would be a huge victory.
3226	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	As discussed in Planetary health meetings – it is important to start with manufacturers to try to reduce waste and packaging from the outset. Less packaging to have to process.
3227	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Member jurisdictions will continue to participate in efforts to promote and educate residents on composting.
3228	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	A lot of medical waste is generated from excess materials and supplies that have expired, so it's good to have procurement involved. Run workshops with these folks to go over cost impacts, and brainstorm sessions to allow everyone the chance to talk and hear different ideas. Metro Vancouver can help by – planning the workshops, expertise on ground, and coming up with action plans including roles and responsibilities.
3229	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	What is meant by 'waste reduction' – is it waste segregation strategies? Should also look at manufacturers and producers, and on the procurement end. Workshops on waste segregation make more sense for this audience. It should be the procurement staff and vendors related to waste reduction and source separation.
3230	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Try a train-the-trainer model to facilitate more local level training/workshops. Request that MV remove biases and past experiences with health authorities – the governance of waste is different now. Now there are dedicated teams in each health authority looking at how to deal with waste. There is an incredible level of reduction happening and pride is being taken in the work that has been done. Health authorities are working together while maintaining autonomy; if issues arise with one health authority, it doesn't reflect negatively on everyone; ability to work together and learn together, with tailored approaches.
3231	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority: getting data will allow us to work on other options.
3232	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Top priority: understanding and standardizing data is essential to drive real change.
3233	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Higher priority: gaining a better understanding of recycling data and having Metro Vancouver consolidate it across vendors is key.
3234	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High priority: developing a robust and verifiable data system is essential for progress.
3235	7-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes	CityHive	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Nothing pops to mind when i think of metro vancouver, unlike city of vancouver
3236	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	One of the biggest hurdles has been that reporting numbers doesn't necessarily reflect the final disposal methods. For example, segregation occurs at healthcare facilities, but if it all goes to the waste-to-energy facility, it negates the good work that was done. Working on the data and the full life cycle of recycling would be important. This feeds back into getting medical waste back into the recycling and waste centres.
3237	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Data is important, but if it doesn't help find solutions, then it's not useful. There is a lack of resources as well as transparency, sometimes data is provided without any explanation.
3238	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is limited space to do effective waste audits. If audits were done, they would need to be led by Metro Vancouver with haulers to find suitable locations. When health authorities are asked to provide recycling data and information, we would need to be mindful of potential penalties as a result of sharing that data.Concern that the data may result in penalties, it should be a learning opportunity rather than resulting in penalties that may set health authorities back.
3239	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is not clear what data received from vendors is important or valid.
3240	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a challenge to understand that data, how is it used, and is it useful?

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3242	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver can support with transparency of where recycling goes. Metro Vancouver can support in these conversations with vendors to ensure materials are recycled, it would help. Targets would be helpful, if there's something Metro Vancouver would like to see to get health care waste back to transfer stations.
3243	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Transparency is needed on what the data is saying. Are health authorities accountable for that data or are the service providers? Who is generating the data, who is generating the recycling information?Health authorities can report on where recycling is going, but our haulers have to report on what happens to it after the process has been completed.
3244	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver has so much data, but there is not much information on these challenging commercial sectors. We need to work together to get this initial data. Support from Metro Vancouver to work with haulers who operate facilities would ensure we're doing everything we can and that they're also meeting their requirements.
3245	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We really need to understand the waste requirements – what's considered ok to go to a Metro Vancouver facility.
3246	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver has one of the most robust data reporting systems, but even then, we have nor been provided a lot of information and resources to collect our data.
3247	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Getting support from Metro Vancouver to work with vendors to get the data and audits would help. It's something we are navigating federally with plastics as well.
3248	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Encouraging acceptance of material from healthcare and understanding the limitations through collaboration with vendors that operate within the region would be valuable.
3249	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The initial areas to focus on include clarity on how diversion is being calculated.We need to know how to compare and equalize the data because different sites are different sizes.
3250	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Don't want to report for the sake of reporting a metric, what should be reported and tracked?
3251	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Diapers make up over 50% of the weight of long-term care sites: can Metro Vancouver help drive a solution if the data is provided?
3252	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	The initial things to focus on are defining what is needed and how to calculate things
3253	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver has a lot of metrics that they look after, but which one of those can drive change? If Metro Vancouver is honest about what numbers are helpful and can drive change, we can work on getting those.
3254	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Can Metro Vancouver work with haulers and contractors? Willing to do audits of recyclables and waste and come back to health authorities with what we're seeing.
3255	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There are budgetary constraints for health authorities to do their own waste composition studies.

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3256	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If Metro Vancouver can get the audits done and then communicate metrics, that would be helpful.Need to really understand the waste data, what is considered bio-waste? There is a lot of myth around hospital waste. What is happening to our black bags?
3257	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Health authorities can benefit from Metro Vancouver being the consolidator of data and bringing various suppliers and vendors, who are supplying piecemeal information, into a more standardized dataset. It would be great to understand how data differs between different types of sites.
3258	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	What happens to recyclables once they leave the facilities: oversight from Metro Vancouver could streamline that process.
3259	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There is a need to create a way to get data back into our hands instead of relying on contractors. Auditing should align with Metro Vancouver's plans.
3260	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having a system in place that explains which bin to throw each item into is the most critical piece.
3261	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Collaborating with Metro Vancouver and haulers to create new robust systems to get the data that we can verify with confidence, would be valuable.
3262	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having a robust system in place to communicate what is disposable and what is recyclable is very important.
3263	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	This is at the top of our priority list to work together.
3264	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	It will take a lot of work, but if it is done right, it can help reduce waste in the long run.
3265	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	This is something we are working on, so it is a good start.
3266	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Something that is already being worked on, so it is a good start. There is an issue with being called "difficult-to-manage materials" because there is already a stigma around medical waste. Reducing our transportation and GHG emissions is important to ensure the safety of the garbage that is going to Metro Vancouver facilities.
3267	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Disposal of garbage close to the site is important: reducing transportation and emissions and having staff available to ensure safety of garbage.
3268	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This panel did not exist five years ago, so we have come a long way in focusing more on how things are handled at sites.
3269	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Hospital waste doesn't need to be lumped in with asbestos and liquid waste. We want to be accepted, and given procedures currently in place at sites, we can get there. Why is hospital waste still being grouped with very risky waste?
3270	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is triggering to see hospital waste being lumped with asbestos. There is a need for an additional term when defining the portion of hospital waste that is dangerous, maybe "bio-hazardous."

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3271	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a lot of work going on in our silos in the background apart from this panel. This is on top of our priority to work together. We are already making strides in this direction.
3272	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is just waste and no different than household waste. Healthcare waste is dirty and not great; we don't have clean garbage.
3273	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We have a whole bunch of stuff that is confusing: biowaste, batteries, and more. We can tell Metro Vancouver where we have challenges, and they can help us come up with solutions on where to put things or how to categorize them. For example, there can sometimes be body parts: what do we do with that?
3274	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If we do our own audits, who do we talk to at Metro Vancouver to make this happen?
3275	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Previously, hospital waste was sent to the waste-to-energy facility due to the risk of contamination. All waste segregation strategies have been strengthened.
3276	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We need to know the guidelines and thresholds to get back into recycling and waste centres.
3277	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Would love more convenient options but need to know what rules we need to follow to get there. It is not our choice to have our recycling sent to waste-to-energy.
3278	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There is a huge bias when it comes to medical waste. There is a lot of work being done by the health authorities. It is difficult to navigate the changes, differences, and guidelines when we don't know what they are.
3279	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yes, hospital waste is "difficult to manage" simply because there are many streams. We are working hard to understand where each stream is going and to provide solutions for each one.
3280	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Now we're stuck at the general garbage component because we've been banned, there is a need to do better, and to be able to go back.
3281	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Each of the previous two actions we discussed today, education and data, will help us get here.
3282	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We all have Planetary Health leads and are working hard to ensure we are doing the right thing.
3283	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This question is odd to respond to because we did not ban ourselves from the waste facilities. We need to know what Metro Vancouver wants us to do to make sure our waste gets accepted at recycling and waste centres
3284	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	To implement this and make it convenient, Metro Vancouver would have to trust our garbage. Assurance that we are doing what we are supposed to be doing
3285	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Taking us out of international waste and asbestos would be good. Our waste is regular waste. It sounds mysterious and hazardous, but it is regular waste.

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3286	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Doing the audits and getting the data will make things a lot easier.
3287	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	MV will take hospital garbage as long as they understand we are doing the hard work — it will alleviate their stress.
3288	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	It is clear from the way this action is structured that there's a lot of fear around this waste.
3289	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There is a lot of fear around our waste, having some examples of where that fear is coming from would be helpful in learning where the stigma comes from and how we can address it. The opportunity to address the fear and provide education would help both sides. Other sectors that have similar waste are not listed here. Take stigma away from our waste. Bias in healthcare waste. Blood and urine go into the garbage in homes as well, but when it comes from hospitals, it gets scary. Education sessions to alleviate fear would be helpful.
3290	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Hospital waste is stigmatized to be worse than it actually is, but we need to be mindful of recent events that have altered this mindset, such as Bill 47. We now have specific groups within health authorities and dedicated staff to educate staff on site. There is now more control within each health authority.
3291	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver needs to do its own education to understand hospital waste and the new organizational structure.
3292	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	There are also lots of products that have warning signs but don't contain any hazards, for example, an IV bag looks like sharps but it's just tubing. It's not hazardous.
3293	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We can work with Metro Vancouver to provide educational resources for their staff and contractors so if they see certain things, they are not alarmed. For example, sharps containers that are broken but don't contain sharps, maybe adding a sticker that denotes they are safe and not containing hazards. It will take a lot of work, but it could have huge impacts in reducing waste produced by healthcare.
3294	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	We produce so much waste, and proper education and collaboration could help reduce it in the long run.
3295	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee	Questions and Comments	How will the strategies recognize the reality of small businesses? i.e. limited space and staffing.
3296	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee	Questions and Comments	Actions could be included in the plan update to help improve circular economy goals for small businesses specifically.
3297	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee	Questions and Comments	Look at the supply side – any leads that businesses entering the circular economy space are innovators?
3298	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee		Invest Vancouver should have list of these, good to share with the municipalities so that they know of current businesses wanting to participate in circular economy
3299	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee		Good to know for municipalities to promote business efforts to advance those technologies/strategies as well as for considering zoning/ permits etc. needed to accommodate circular economy businesses.
3300	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee		Sharing businesses in the circular economy space is an important piece of advancing it, continue to do so.
3301	22-Oct-25	Meeting notes: Feedback on Options Analysis	Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee (IVAC)	Advisory Commiittee		How can the plan attract more global business to the region?
3302	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Support for Metro Vancouver leading advocacy across BC/Canada; smaller regional districts will amplify where possible. Regional districts noted that capacity limitations are barriers to developing their own advocacy materials and circular economy policy work, and that they depend on Metro Vancouver's work.
3303	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Request for definition and examples of circular economy policies.
3304	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Participants highlighted that joint educational workshops could be valuable but may be difficult to coordinate due to differences in local systems.
3305	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		High collaboration potential for developing second hand building material markets, online marketplaces, encouraging use of salvaged materials in renovations, and requirements/incentives to increase reuse.

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3306	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Metro Vancouver region has high influence over material markets, as a lot of diverted material generated in other regional districts ends up in Metro Vancouver
3307	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Interest in central hubs and comment on the willingness of residents/contractors to travel for the most affordable option.
3308	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Can consolidate some actions to reduce overlap (e.g. online marketplace and second-hand building material markets).
3309	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Suggestion to consolidate the two actions about challenging materials and large items (e.g., IDs 116 and 064), because large items are challenging in general.
3310	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		ID118 should also be clearer about whether this item refers to all EPR or just the Recycle BC program.
3311	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Household hazardous waste collection is costly for many regional districts and funding or EPR coverage were raised as potential solutions.
3312	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government		Interest in expanding eligible materials and extending residential EPR to small businesses.
3313	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	Strategic Approaches (Regulatory, Recycling and Waste Centres, Residual Management Options)	Support for using the guiding principles of the Solid Waste Management Plan to help inform future regulation development.
3314	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	Strategic Approaches (Regulatory, Recycling and Waste Centres, Residual Management Options)	Fraser Valley Regional District raised concerns regarding continued operation of the Waste-to-Energy Facility in Burnaby, citing air quality and aging infrastructure; request for language in the plan on phasing out the facility and including of air quality as a technical criterion in the plan. Question about waste-to-energy is a barrier to moving forward on collaborating in other areas.
3315	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	Strategic Approaches (Regulatory, Recycling and Waste Centres, Residual Management Options)	Interest in understanding how residual capacity options will be evaluated in future.
3316	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	Upcoming Engagement and Next Steps	Interest was expressed in continued collaboration opportunities.
3317	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	Upcoming Engagement and Next Steps	Participants requested clarity on how to submit feedback – via email or the online form.
3318	23-Oct-25	Discussion Session: Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Options Analysis	Neighbouring Regional Districts	Local government	Which strategies most align with priorities in your regional district?	Interest in aligning priorities around waste reduction in businesses and institutions, increasing reuse of building materials, advocating for circular economy policies and enhancing extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs. Top priorities included: (2.1) Collaborate with businesses and institutions to reduce waste; (3.2) Increase reuse of used building materials; (1.1) Advocate for circular economy policies; (4.2) Enhance EPR programs.
3319	23-Oct-25	Meeting Summary	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Paul presenting at a SLRD Board meeting: - Paul Henderson provided a presentation at an SLRD Board meeting - They asked questions - Interested in opportunities for collaboration - Questions about disposal - Solid waste is important issue for all of our communities
3320	24-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes (World climate action day)	Threading Change (joined by Environmental Youth Alliance and Reverb)	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think just at the beginning, it might be a little bit difficult to sort of build up like, all of these things that we would be renting from. So, you know, you could have people come and donate, but sort of to, like, create a collection of things where people can rent from, might be a little bit difficult, so to have some sort of government, government help with that, in terms of, like, monetary help or, like, actual in-kind donations, would probably be useful, at least at the beginning, to sort of get it running and off the ground.
3321	24-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes (World climate action day)	Threading Change (joined by Environmental Youth Alliance and Reverb)	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I agree. I think for me, this is a medium one, because I think it's really important that we should be able to have access to things like libraries, like thing libraries. But what I find especially tends to happen where I live is, or, like, in Vancouver, it kind of depends on the neighborhood as well. Like, a lot of neighborhoods will have things like small book libraries, and they get really populated. Like, they tend to be really concentrated. So maybe just kind of introduce the ideas of what lending libraries are, and then once they're kind of understood everywhere, and they're not so, like, popular in one area, that they're more common everywhere, then start to advocate for it more. So it's like a medium one.
3322	24-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes (World climate action day)	Threading Change (joined by Environmental Youth Alliance and Reverb)	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Oh, a tool library! Oh, I love that! You have a whole tool library! I don't know if Vancouver has tool libraries.

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3323	24-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes (World climate action day)	Threading Change (joined by Environmental Youth Alliance and Reverb)	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To have some sort of government help with that, in terms of, like, monetary help or, like, actual in-kind donations, would probably be useful, at least at the beginning, to sort of get it running and off the ground.
3324	24-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes (World climate action day)	Threading Change (joined by Environmental Youth Alliance and Reverb)	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	This is unclear to me: what does this mean?
3325	24-Oct-25	Focus Group Notes (World climate action day)	Threading Change (joined by Environmental Youth Alliance and Reverb)	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Should our local government proactively ask for these programs from the federal and provincial govs, such as rental libraries?
3326	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry		We strongly oppose the use of recovery to include combustion-based or fuel-substitution systems. This strategy risks rebranding destructive processes as beneficial outcomes. In particular, the undefined category of "non-recyclable materials" is deeply problematic. It may include materials that are technically recyclable but were not separated at source, as well as genuinely non-recyclable materials that contain hazardous substances. Without a clear and safe definition, Metro Vancouver risks allowing recyclable materials and toxic composites to be burned under the label of recovery.
3327	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry		Much of what is referred to as "non-recyclable" in current practice includes laminate and composite woods, MDF, engineered wood, and plastics with resins, adhesives, or coatings. These materials often contain formaldehyde, chlorine, and heavy metals. When burned in waste-to-energy facilities or cement kilns, they release harmful pollutants such as dioxins, furans, and fine particulates. Even with emission controls, these pollutants accumulate in ash residues and the surrounding environment, contributing to long-term exposure risks.
3328	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry		The plan should not encourage more effort to identify or process these materials for burning. This diverts resources away from more sustainable solutions, such as prevention, design improvements, and source separation. If materials cannot be recycled or reused safely, the least harmful option is landfilling after biological stabilization. This approach avoids the creation of toxic air emissions and prevents pollution transfer from air to soil.
3329	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry		We support the inclusion of mechanical material recovery and biological stabilization as best practices prior to final disposal. However, these processes should be categorized as disposal, not diversion. Mechanical recovery can capture some materials from residual waste, but the recovered outputs are generally lower quality and limited in market value. Recognizing these facilities as disposal ensures that they do not undermine the importance of source-separated recycling programs.
3330	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry		Biological stabilization, such as composting or anaerobic digestion of residuals, plays an essential role in reducing methane, odour, and leachate formation. By stabilizing waste before landfilling, this practice improves landfill performance and reduces long-term emissions. This should be identified as a disposal best practice rather than a diversion measure. Together, mechanical and biological treatments offer responsible management of residual waste without misrepresenting their role in the waste hierarchy.
3331	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Metro Vancouver has the opportunity to lead with a waste management plan that prioritizes prevention, reuse, and safe residual management over destructive end-of-pipe solutions.
3332	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	To achieve this, the region should clearly distinguish recovery from disposal and remove combustion from the definition of diversion.
3333	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	It should acknowledge that non-recyclable materials often include both recyclable and hazardous materials and should not invest additional resources in defining or processing them for fuel use.
3334	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Effort and investment should focus on preventing waste, improving separation at source, supporting local reuse and recycling infrastructure, and stabilizing remaining materials before landfilling.
3335	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Classify all combustion-based processing, including industrial fuel use, as disposal, not recovery.
3336	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Identify mechanical material recovery and biological stabilization as disposal best practices prior to landfilling.
3337	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Avoid allocating resources to define or develop recovery systems for 'non-recyclable materials.'
3338	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Prioritize prevention, reuse, and landfill stabilization over combustion-based solutions.
3339	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Conclusion and Recommendations	Require continuous emissions monitoring, regular soil testing, and public reporting for all facilities that burn waste-derived materials.

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3340	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	We are deeply concerned that Metro Vancouver staff have recommended rejecting public proposals to phase out or close the Burnaby Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility. The reasons given for rejecting this idea are weak and do not stand up to scrutiny when weighed against the environmental, policy, and social benefits of phasing out incineration.
3341	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Staff have argued that the facility must remain in operation because the region still requires disposal capacity, that costs are comparable to landfilling, and that emissions are within regulatory limits. Each of these points overlooks critical facts.
3342	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	The claim that disposal demand justifies ongoing incineration is a circular argument. High disposal volumes are the result of insufficient waste prevention, reuse, and repair systems. Keeping the incinerator in operation locks the region into a constant need for feedstock rather than motivating investment in programs that would actually reduce waste generation. In other words, the incinerator sustains the very waste problem it is meant to solve.
3343	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	The assertion that costs are comparable to landfilling also fails to consider escalating expenses and external impacts. The facility's operational and maintenance costs continue to rise, and new air pollution control systems will add further costs. In addition, the financial comparison excludes the environmental and public health costs associated with emissions, ash disposal, and cumulative exposure to fine particulates and persistent pollutants. When these factors are considered, the facility is neither cost-effective nor sustainable.
3344	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Finally, the argument that the facility operates within emission limits is not reassuring. Meeting outdated regulatory thresholds does not mean the operation is harmless. The Burnaby facility has required extensions to its air quality limits and is still in the process of implementing new emission control systems. Compliance within interim limits does not address cumulative or long-term effects on air quality, soil contamination, or health outcomes for nearby residents.
3345	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	In contrast, the rationale put forward by those advocating for closure or phase-out is stronger and more aligned with Metro Vancouver's own stated goals. Closing the WTE facility would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate a source of toxic air pollutants, and redirect significant financial and technical resources toward upstream solutions such as reuse, repair, and product redesign. It would also remove the structural dependence on waste generation required to feed the facility, freeing the region to pursue true zero waste outcomes.
3346	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	The staff's recommendation to reject this proposal therefore represents a short-term, risk-averse position that conflicts with Metro Vancouver's long-term sustainability commitments. A transition plan to phase out incineration is not only feasible but necessary. It would allow the region to focus on prevention, material recovery, and landfill stabilization, while avoiding the continued environmental and financial burden of maintaining combustion infrastructure.
3347	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Additional feedback	Closing the Burnaby WTE facility would be a decisive step toward aligning Metro Vancouver's waste management system with its stated goals for climate action, circularity, and community health. The public rationale for keeping the facility open is weak, and the case for closure is far stronger, both in principle and in practice.
3348	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	General Comments on Recovery and Disposal Section	HSR Zero Waste appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan. We support Metro Vancouver's efforts to advance waste reduction and circular economy goals but have serious concerns about how recovery and disposal are currently defined and applied. The plan's treatment of combustion-based processes, industrial fuel use, and undefined categories such as "non-recyclable materials" risks undermining waste prevention, reuse, and recycling. Recovery should not be used to justify destructive disposal practices that release pollutants and discourage better upstream design and source separation.
3349	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Waste-to-Energy and Industrial Fuel Use	HSR Zero Waste opposes any classification of combustion-based activities as recovery, including waste-to-energy operations and the use of waste-derived fuels in cement kilns or pulp mills. Burning waste destroys valuable materials and emits pollutants that must still be managed through ash handling and environmental controls. It also delays progress toward upstream waste prevention, repair, and reuse systems. Treating these processes as recovery undermines the region's circular economy goals.
3350	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Waste-to-Energy and Industrial Fuel Use	Industrial fuel use is particularly concerning because it allows toxic and composite materials, such as treated wood, laminates, and plastics, to enter fuel streams where emissions are less visible to the public. These materials release hazardous pollutants, including heavy metals and persistent organic compounds. If Metro Vancouver permits such practices to continue, it must require continuous emissions monitoring, regular soil testing near participating facilities, and full public disclosure of monitoring results. Transparency and accountability are essential for public trust and environmental protection.
3351	27-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments on Metro Vancouver's Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	HSR Zero Waste	Waste Industry	Waste-to-Energy and Industrial Fuel Use	Waste-to-energy should remain classified as disposal. While it plays a limited role in current waste management, it is not a circular solution and should not be expanded or redefined as recovery. The region's long-term focus should be on reducing residual waste through prevention and material redesign rather than maintaining combustion infrastructure.
3352	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Work with munis/regions – not innovative or difficult; should have been doing this with NZWC, CCRI, UBCM, FCM, Climate Caucus, BC PSC, RCBC, etc. Should already be done with member municipalities.
3353	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Add 'and zero waste' (overall ZW should be brought back into the plan)
3354	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Integrate waste prevention. Change to MV to lead by example in ZW
3355	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Build on the innovation and add 'and zero waste'
3356	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Include ZW education
3357	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Make this easier by partnering with Zero Waste Canada or others who already do this. Push businesses to get certified; don't reinvent the wheel.

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3358	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Circular procurement – very good and much needed
3359	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Textiles still important over a 10-year plan even with success on heavier materials.
3360	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Should be core part of program – working with them for technical guidance should help decrease costs.
3361	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Textiles should also have a separate clear-bag action.
3362	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Strongly disagree that affordability should be used as a way to avoid this action. Should not measure affordability on ability to skip proper costs. Same for convenience -it should be about making the right thing more convenient, not the wrong thing. Should have clear bags as its own action, not with tech.
3363	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Regional harmonization on reuse -Think SUI are important to tackle -not sure if affordability has to be impacted or more that it needs to be considered in how it is implemented.
3364	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Very important.
3365	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Needs direct action to foster reuse, refill, and repair.
3366	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Add on subsequent action - “and then implement if suitable”. This is an example of where the action is not suitable for a ten year plan but is instead the first step of many that could be implemented in a ten year span.
3367	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Think SUI are important to tackle -not sure if affordability has to be impacted or more that it needs to be considered in how it is implemented.
3368	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Add on subsequent action - “and then implement if suitable”. This is another example of where the action is not suitable for a ten year plan but is instead the first step of many that could be implemented in a ten year span.
3369	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Unclear how better data by itself is having any impact so not clear how the rubric was used to evaluate this. It is a good action but more from a foundational level and not because this alone will reduce waste or GHGs or impact affordability. Or perhaps the action is about communicating options for repair but it is not stated this way.
3370	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Important.
3371	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Is this about trying to recycle hard to recycle item or can it be replaced, or the non-recyclable components phased out? If just about plastic lined items, how is this not ranked low under existing scale? If the latter, should be under rethink.
3372	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		This should be under rethink as it is about design.
3373	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		This should not increase costs unless the EPR program is not paying for it (which it should) and this would be a key way to decrease contamination (saving those penalties). So far, costs for Recycle BC are not showing up in consumer costs.
3374	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		MV should develop its own composting infrastructure, in region. MV should start furniture recycling across region MV should offer book recycling across region For all non-EPR non-food/garden materials MV should track data and systems to support transition to EPR
3375	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Key is not to introduce new forms of contamination into existing streams and to ensure it is not a way to EPR programs to offload costs-this is not noted in the factors
3376	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Plus institutions!!!
3377	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Standardized sign tool very good -collaborate with other governments on this and offer decals
3378	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Should factor in human-wildlife issues and develop tools/coaching like the North Shore Recycling Program had before it folded.
3379	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		More on behaviour change and coaching, less on what sounds like brochures, such as involving artists/influencers (rationale for low makes no sense) ID 148 and ID 151 comparison
3380	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Needed.
3381	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		This should be under 6.0 Disposal. Not going to help on most criteria but needed
3382	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		100% disagree with all of these, this is why we did not support the energy recovery part in the hierarchy, but including it in the hierarchy led to a goal and now it has these actions. Please reverse this inclusion in the hierarchy.
3383	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Keep in mind grant funding and private investment is still someone’s money and it is money that does not then get used for other better purposes.
3384	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		This section if it continues to exist should be looking at Material Recovery, Biological Treatment (MRBT) for mixed waste, recovering tires from landfill (saw many on the landfill tour). It should only focus on recovery of Materials, not Energy as it will always waste more energy than if the materials are recovered or ideally managed through any of the higher hierarchy levels.

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3385	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee		Lots of actions about education but should focus on behaviour change through policy, incentives, and reminders.
3386	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	There should be a section for disposal. This should include the following:	There should be a section for disposal. This should include the following: Phase out the incinerator by 2028
3387	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	There should be a section for disposal. This should include the following:	Implement a ban on waste to energy and incineration in the region and for waste coming from the region
3388	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	There should be a section for disposal. This should include the following:	Waste will go to landfill but landfills will be selected based on their ability to meet the best in class environmental criteria (minimizing gas emissions, leachate control, etc.) and social criteria (minimize impact to those nearby, social acceptance by receiving area, etc.)
3389	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	There should be a section for disposal. This should include the following:	Gathering information on what was wasted and critically, why? Good data exists from waste composition studies which could be scaled back to every other year or when systemic changes are enacted to determine the impacts. Instead, start researching the cause of the waste (did not have bins, lack of enforcement, confusion over material, lack of pother options locally, etc.)
3390	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	**Close the Waste- to-Energy Facility**- MV rationale for not including: 1. 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.
3391	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	Cost information is inaccurate -would be cheaper to pursue closing facility. A quick glance at the line items of any year of the Metro Vancouver five year financial plan will show this. Metro Vancouver continues to avoid sharing the cost information related to its budget lines that proves its claim of incineration being cost effective.
3392	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	If the region is as successful as stated, should be able to decrease the waste enough to not require this facility and that should be a goal. It has done this before which is why a new incinerator was not built so it can do it again.
3393	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	2.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, with most parameters less than 10% of limits.
3394	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	What is more accurate to say is that permitted levels of pollution are out of date. MV is not required to test continuously for the most toxic pollutants as is required in Oregon and for some in the EU. The province is requiring MV to hold a public consultation on updating the pollution levels and testing. Health Authorities are required to be part of developing a public health risk assessment.
3395	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	There is a difference between "meeting parameters" and not causing harm to the environment and health
3396	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	Also similar to findings around newer incinerators, there are dioxins in the close vicinity. There needs to be a thorough testing of the actual levels of pollution and work done to eliminate them.
3397	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	I fully support the closure of the incinerator and investment in zero waste actions instead. I am also very concerned that Metro Vancouver has not been more frank with the committee in terms of noting that it is pursuing agreements that can last for up to 50 years and where significant financial penalties could be incurred if the facility does not exist. The most recent one also mentions the possibility of rebuilding the facility, which Metro Vancouver has been indicating they are not considering. Our committee has been in existence since 2022 and yet has not been asked about these important decisions. The process seems to have been designed to have the incinerator locked in before there is any committee decisions or discussion.
3398	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	**Don't send materials to cement kilns and other industries for recovery** -MV rationale for not including: Where a feasible alternative exists, Metro Vancouver aims to manage materials according to the highest applicable level of the waste hierarchy (e.g. recycling before recovery). Recovering energy and resources from non-recyclable materials is preferable to disposal according to Metro Vancouver's waste hierarchy, which is consistent with the provincial and federal hierarchies.
3399	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	This is not consistent with the ZW hierarchy.
3400	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	These facilities are nowhere near the level of pollution control and testing of a provincially regulated facility.
3401	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	As noted for some recover actions, this further incents bad design, bad systems and does not decrease waste.
3402	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	The guidelines for SWMPs clearly state that the federal and provincial hierarchies do not need to be followed -communities can choose stronger ones, in fact leading jurisdictions have.
3403	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	Metro Van to date does not seem to be actively seeking better (reduce/reuse/recycle) options for these materials.
3404	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas considered unadvisable	Agree that closing the landfill, adding new incineration (WTE) capacity and privatizing the collection /sorting systems, and single stream collection are all bad ideas. Extending the life of landfills as long as possible through waste reduction is recommended. MV should make it explicit in the SWMP that no new waste incineration or WTE facilities will be allowed.
3405	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas for other sections	Engaging with First Nations is a needed step but there should also be co-planning for any waste that may be collected on First Nation reserves that enters the MV waste system, as well as collaboration on tools/educations, etc. that could benefit multiple communities. Also recognizing the many First Nation members that are living in MV (off reserve).

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3406	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas for other sections	Wildlife attractant management should be a part of the management plan. Recycle bins and garbage bins should be wildlife resistant like having locks on them. •This should be part of the SWMP as well as the debris plan -there are lots of bear issues across the region, but also litter with crows, coyotes, raccoons.
3407	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas for other sections	Looking at partnerships with fellow regional districts to see how we might be able to work together. For example: dealing with drywall together, addressing wood waste in an economic development plan (Like King County has looked at for highest and best use of wood -i.e. not burning).
3408	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas for other sections	Adopt the ZW hierarchy as the guide and encourage others to do so as well. This is still a necessary step and the failure to do this is resulting in these subsequent problems
3409	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	Ideas for other sections	Items now grouped under the development of recycling and waste centre strategic approaches - should be a strategy in the plan, like the others and then be clear on what will be done and what is goal - Same for regulatory strategies
3410	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	There are many good actions included but the rubric seems to have been somewhat arbitrarily designed and applied. In addition, the actions do not seem to be laid out in a way that shows a comprehensive and strategic look at addressing the different types and sources of waste. Further, the last plan was meant to be a five year plan at the time of creation and this one as a ten year plan seems to be lacking a ten year lens with phases of actions, and ambitions of scale.
3411	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	Finally the inclusion and ongoing support of incineration and energy recovery means the plan is doomed to failure due to inadequate support of zero waste strategies and competing priorities.
3412	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	Affordability -this should be edited from evaluating if it increases costs (even if those are fines for poor separation) to if it increases costs for those who can afford it the least
3413	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	Circularity/Zero Waste -add in Zero Waste as defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance (especially important as the term circular economy is now getting misused more often). It should be defined using the Ellen MacArthur Foundation definition.
3414	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	Waste reduction -is about reducing materials getting discarded, not disposed. Need to decrease compost and recycling as well, also good to target materials that are larger components of the waste but if not looking enough at reduction, may see others creep up (household hygiene for example)
3415	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	Environmental Stewardship -need to make Toxicity its own line as this is going to be playing a bigger role going forward as we learn the harms of toxic materials and as the biodiversity crisis increases.
3416	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	GHGs should be all scopes not just 1 and 2, should not be net of GHG compared to fossil fuel burning but actuals, also needs to look at increased emissions from burning materials.
3417	27-Oct-25	Email Submission from PTAC member Re: MV Options and Rubric Comments	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory Committee	N/A	Looking only at high volume materials is problematic as this is a 10 yr plan and everything is small when broken into chunks- the question should be: will it move the needle and does it move another piece of the pie out of disposal.
3418	3-Oct-25	Small group dicussion summary notes: Strategies and Actions	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Not setting ambition high enough or recognizing systems change that is needed. Need to be stronger than just advocating and have a bigger vision and ambition.
3419	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Develop and implement a circular economic policy framework that addresses all three elements of the circular economy as defined by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to replace the Solid Waste Management Plan.
3420	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Reframe all regional solid waste policies and programs in terms of circular economy principles and concepts.
3421	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Require that all regional and regionally-funded projects have material diversion targets with reporting that clearly identifies end fates.
3422	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Require that all regional procurement policies prioritize use of reclaimed materials, including minimum reuse requirements.
3423	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Modifying ID009 to specify the exact policies that Metro Vancouver will integrate, including: oAllocation of underutilized regional lands for waste diversion programs oReuse requirements in new regional construction or regionally-funded construction oIntroducing bans on importing materials into the region that do not have a recycling option.
3424	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		We support a number of concrete actions under section 1.2 (Support the transition to a more circular regional economy through waste prevention), such as ID088 (develop circular certification programs for business) and ID042.
3425	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		However, most actions fall short of what is required to achieve this desired transition. Accordingly, Metro Vancouver should outline clear and impactful actions, not just support, to transition to a circular regional economy, such as:

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3426	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Allocating $X millions to developing and scaling circular initiatives over 5 years.
3427	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Establishing programs in partnership with industry associations and educational institutions to foster awareness about the circular economy amongst, students, SMEs and other community stakeholders.
3428	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		We submit that Metro Vancouver's SWMP include a select number of bold and tangible actions directed at systems-level change towards a more circular economy; each action accompanied by SMART targets.
3429	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		It is not possible to comment on all the actions detailed in the list provided by Metro Vancouver. The following is a reframing of a select number of actions under some of the pollution prevention hierarchy categories for illustrative purposes. We submit that the entire list of actions needs to be reconsidered with reference to the principles stated above. In addition, we endorse the comments made by Jamie Kaminski with HSR Zero Waste and Sue Maxwell of Zero Waste BC.
3430	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		While we appreciate the process that Metro Vancouver has followed to receive input on action items and frame the feedback received in the context of the evolved prevention hierarchy, it is our view that the action items fall short generally in several ways.
3431	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		The actions detailed are limited concepts that do not address the system-level changes that are required to move towards a circular economy.
3432	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Actions need to focus on re-engineering existing systems and infrastructure, driving behaviour change and shifting capital to scaling circular economic activities.
3433	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		As part of a 10-year plan for managing solid waste in the region, the actions lack SMART targets and outcomes to define the desired outcomes of the region's material management strategy.
3434	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		Without clear outcomes there is no accountability for attaining circular objectives.
3435	28-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Comments Regarding Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan Potential Strategies and Actions	Light House Sustainable Building Centre	Non-Profit		All actions continue to use waste terminology focused on tailpipe solutions and language that devalues materials -- waste prevention and waste reduction -- rather than circular economic terms that highlight the inherent value of material resources, including reducing use of virgin materials and treating excess and salvaged materials as a resource.
3436	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	High. Identified as positive and celebrated by external groups (e.g., First Nations Recycling Initiative). Easy for municipal staff to participate, especially when modeling existing best practices like repair cafes and libraries of things. Easy at face value for private recyclers. Great action, but difficult to execute.
3437	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Difficulty stimulating circular economy due to limitations in the Local Government Act regarding funding support. A big disconnect exists between written plans and implementation in Metro Vancouver First Nations communities that outsource waste management to haulers. Private recyclers struggle with achieving a profitable transaction; lack of necessary profit hinders participation. Initiatives often sit on the periphery and must be normalized across all sectors. Lack of public awareness regarding the recycling operations of external groups
3438	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Metro Van needs to invest resources in education within First Nations communities. Needs a province-wide approach and collaboration across regional districts. Local governments need to explore creative approaches (funding, land, space, or convening roles) to provide support without directly funding the private sector.
3439	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Metro Van should provide guidance for consistent literature and promotion/education across all municipalities. Must help private organizations find ways to manage profitable transactions. Need openness to emerging technologies despite challenges with performance guarantees.

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3440	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Well I think it's really great that this has been identified as potentially an action. One of the things that I notice, and first of all I don't speak for the First Nations communities, I'll let you know what I've seen. I've been in a few of the communities that are located within Metrovan and most of those communities are outsourcing their waste management to either a service provider or to a private hauler. They don't have their their own individual public works. So there's a barrier being set up right there because there's space between their own efforts to recycle and remove materials to engage in a meaningful way with a larger body. All they're doing is engaging with a contractor or a hauler. So, I would say that the collaboration piece, the education piece is critical. I did a cleanup earlier this year with a First Nation within this area and the volume of material that could have been recycled, reused, repurposed was unbelievable. I don't blame the community, but there's a big disconnect between what we write in these beautiful solid waste management plans and the ability to actually implement the things that are in those beautiful plans. So, you know, there really needs to be resources who are willing to invest time in these communities to do education and more.
3441	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Support it for sure. I mean, we'd like to see something similar in a future iteration of our own solid waste management plan. What we struggle with as local government is how to stimulate a circular economy with the limitations of the local government act and what we can do in terms of funding support. And so kind of who these external groups are, which I know for the purposes of the plan it's not so explicit at this stage, but if this action goes forward and is brought to life, I think at the very least a province-wide kind of circular economy action plan. That province-wide approach and collaboration across regional districts would build both advocacy and potential funding models for this work together. Definitely support that and looking for the creative ways in which we do have funding available that we just can't give to the private sector and so the creative approaches there, whether it be funding or land or space or a convening role, right? And how we could and other regional districts could participate in a similar way for sure.
3442	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, I think it's going to be, I want to say it's going to be easy, but it's going to be obviously some challenges associated with it. We do a pop-up event at the city here in our works four times a year. So I know with our solid waste master plan, we've already talked about kind of modeling what some other communities do with their repair cafes and their library of things. I think those are great ideas that we're going to try to incorporate with our pop-up events that we do. Our residents are super happy ever since we lost our depot that we do something to help support them with our depot-only recyclables. So, I think we could tie in our circular economy initiatives into our pop-up events. So, for us, yeah, I'm looking forward to it.
3443	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah. I think just having the same wording, same, you know, I want the same literature out there for all the municipalities at Metro Vancouver. I kind of want them to sort of lead how they want us to promote things, you know. I want the same practices throughout all the municipalities for the literature and the promotion and education that they could kind of guide us with.
3444	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	At face value I think it looks easy. We have been looking for opportunities to just do outreach and do events promoting obviously both the company and circular economy. The question is could we get the participation and would it sell? Because people are always going to be having reservations about costs, but you need a profitable transaction. So, that's what would make this one easier. And that's what we haven't figured out just yet.
3445	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Well, that can happen two ways. If it's government support, because right now we're getting government support, or if it's not funded and the potential clients have to pay for the service themselves. You know, can we sell the idea or more, can we point out why that would benefit them?
3446	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, with being part of a national recycling operation, the one thing we struggle with is the fact that nobody knows that. People think of the thrift store or the mission side. They don't understand that we have this, well, one of the leaders in Canada for national recycling operations, and that our goal in 2026 is really to look at retailers, liquidators, other thrift stores, consignments, everything to see if, just to put the word out about salvaging. Salvaging their surplus in order for them to then not have to put it into a landfill. Because when they can't get liquidators to buy it, which we're not doing, they just think, well, it's too much to donate to a store, so let's put it into a landfill. So for us it really does go back to communication highlighting and trying to build a model within our own organization that gets people understanding the national recycling operations of the thrift side of things.
3447	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Oh, yeah. My role is to deal with all of Western Canada, and I work with most of the municipalities in the Lower Mainland. So, yes, absolutely.
3448	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I definitely support it. As another participant alluded to earlier, we've really been struggling with ourselves trying to get a circular economy going and needing that economic development piece to feed into it. I guess just as a reflection, I'm curious what the difference is between these two and if this one isn't actually part of the 'identify' from the previous action. Like doing all this work would that not identify where circular economy initiatives can occur and then implementing is giving those resources to do it?
3449	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, I think it's going to be not an easy task, but it's a necessary task that needs to be done. And I think once Metro Van collaborates with planning departments to get this ball rolling, I think we need to do it. I think we need to look at the business circular economy model and make sure that it comes to fruition.
3450	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think the one thing that stands out for me in this action is just the focus on education. And I kind of feel like education should be there to support policy or programs or funding opportunities, right? I don't think we're going to get where we need to be with just education alone. So personally I'd rather kind of see that education piece supporting something a bit stronger.

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3452	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Something that comes to mind here is whether municipalities are keen to invest in emerging technologies. Some circular business models involve integrating new technologies and there can be some challenges around wanting to see five, 10 years of performance guarantees. But if we're moving into new spaces and new diversion targets, just an openness to new ideas in that space, I think is really important.
3453	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I agree. We're certainly looking at opportunities. We do all kinds of interesting things in terms of separating materials, construction, demolition, waste, all kinds of things in different jurisdictions. There's two main hurdles that I see. One is just straight price. Often a linear economy is the cheapest thing to pay for. And then the other is logistics around sorting on site, having multiple bins at the back of businesses. Tight business entertainment districts and these kinds of interesting vibrant parts of the city often don't have a lot of space for more bins and more logistics around waste. And so we're here to collaborate where it makes sense to get the collections to make sense. And one thing we've seen a circular innovation council piloting is getting businesses together to try to get all the businesses in an area to do organics recycling to make the logistics more cost-effective. I think there's a model there in terms of bringing stakeholders together in a particular area. And I think when there is a regulatory framework that levels the playing field for all businesses, that can also clear that cost hurdle to kind of level it.
3454	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Concern that industry may not be willing to participate due to focus on dollars/capitalism, even when benefits exist. Logistics are difficult in dense urban areas where space is limited for multiple bins. The linear economy is often the cheapest option, creating a price hurdle. There is overlap between this action and other action items. Education alone is insufficient and must support stronger policy or programs.
3455	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Metro Van needs to approach the economic development arm of First Nations communities, rather than public works, to engage on business models. Implementing a regulatory framework that levels the playing field for all businesses can help clear the cost hurdle. Finding and disseminating industry best practices is crucial.
3456	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Split between Low, Medium, and High. Generally considered an important and necessary task.
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3458	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I definitely support it. As another participant alluded to earlier, we've really been struggling with ourselves trying to get a circular economy going and needing that economic development piece to feed into it. I guess just as a reflection, I'm curious what the difference is between these two and if this one isn't actually part of the 'identify' from the previous action. Like doing all this work would that not identify where circular economy initiatives can occur and then implementing is giving those resources to do it?
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3463	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I agree. We're certainly looking at opportunities. We do all kinds of interesting things in terms of separating materials, construction, demolition, waste, all kinds of things in different jurisdictions. There's two main hurdles that I see. One is just straight price. Often a linear economy is the cheapest thing to pay for. And then the other is logistics around sorting on site, having multiple bins at the back of businesses. Tight business entertainment districts and these kinds of interesting vibrant parts of the city often don't have a lot of space for more bins and more logistics around waste. And so we're here to collaborate where it makes sense to get the collections to make sense. And one thing we've seen a circular innovation council piloting is getting businesses together to try to get all the businesses in an area to do organics recycling to make the logistics more cost-effective. I think there's a model there in terms of bringing stakeholders together in a particular area. And I think when there is a regulatory framework that levels the playing field for all businesses, that can also clear that cost hurdle to kind of level it.

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3464	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Participation is challenging for organizations focused on thrift where materials are already unpackaged. Industry participation is often "touchier" than non-profits. The hard part of waste reduction comes from the design side of packaging.
3465	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Need to look beyond packaging waste and include construction plastic waste. Consider introducing stronger regulatory language (e.g., "regulate") instead of just "collaborate". Focus should include reducing virgin plastics flowing into the system. The initiative should highlight reuse initiatives, such as the deconstruction and reuse of building materials.
3466	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Split between Low, Medium, and High. High Support when focusing on high-value and hard-to-recycle commodities benefits their material recovery facilities (MERFs). Supports helping packaging designers reduce quantity and bias toward highly recyclable materials.
3467	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it's relatively easy for us to get on board for that. I think when we think about single stream recycling and trying to sort different recyclable commodities, the more high value commodities there are in that stream, the better that is. For us, a little bit different in the EPR scheme in BC probably, but generally material recovery benefits from easy to recycle, consistent material streams. So, I think that is a reasonable action to pursue.
3468	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This is a bit more challenging, I would say, for us just given the style of our work being in thrift, being in the fact that everything we receive is already unpackaged. It's not to say that our distribution and recycling centers located across Canada don't receive some of that, but it's a fraction of the work that we do, right? So, for me personally, speaking on behalf of our organization and what we're doing, this to me is important, but it it's not very reflective of what we're doing.
3469	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To make this a little bit more difficult, I'm thinking about the word ‘virgin plastics’ because if we hit up recycled plastics, we're now hitting the reuse, recycle in a way that we're not doing when we use the word virgin plastics. So, if Metro Vancouver really wanted to make an impact on the volume of plastic, maybe they would want to reduce the amount of virgin plastics flowing into the system. Now, how you control that, what you do with that, I don't have that answer, but I just want to introduce that. Virgin plastics is a real thing.
3470	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Well, that's what we do a lot of right now anyway. We're working with a lot of waste reduction organizations, some nonprofits. So, we can get on board of that, sure. Implementation... you know, we reach out to people. The nonprofits are a lot easier and the waste reduction organizations. Businesses are a bit touchier.
3471	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, I mean, I think we do some outreach in this space. We've talked a lot with our organizations that are producing packaging about black plastics being hard to sort and I think there was a move away from black plastics, which is an example I think of hard to recycle plastic just by color, not even by material. And so I think we're happy to participate from that perspective and helping the designers of packaging of materials that are going to be used to reduce the quantity potentially and bias towards highly recyclable packaging types that work well in the material recovery facilities that we operate. So it's a little bit easier for us because this one tends to make our business more effective and can create costs and challenges for the packaging manufacturers. So we're happy to participate and engage, but I think the hard part comes from the design side.
3472	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would love to see like the word ‘regulate’ in there or something. Just stronger actions, you know.
3473	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Regulations or bylaws are ineffective if there is no enforcement to change behavior (e.g., fines, tickets, or incentives are needed). Finding the balance between eliminating single-use items and recognizing scenarios where single-use items may still be necessary (e.g., forgetting a reusable bag).
3474	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Must create community infrastructure (e.g., central washing stations) to support broader reuse. The term "regionally harmonized approach" must be clearly defined and compatible with all districts, including those outside of Metro Van.
3475	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High. This is the natural next step and the best way to reduce single-use items. The harmonized approach is supportable, though one participant noted the need for finding a balance. Priority Rating: High.
3476	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I just think, I mean it's the next step, right? It's the best way to reduce single-use items is go to reuse.
3477	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I think it's part of the guideline for protecting single-use plastic. So, not just following the provincial, but saying that we need to update this to make sure that we do that, but also make the bylaws inclusive and harmonized.
3478	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I think there is a role for single-use items. And so I'm completely supportive of biasing towards reuse. And I think there's lots of places that that's great. I think there are examples where you do need something. You forgot to bring your bag and there's no bags anywhere at the stores. Makes people crazy. But so I don't know. This is one I think I've heard from other people. I'm not sure how you do this. And this is one where I think it's a great objective to move towards reuse but there are challenges with eliminating single use completely and so I just would want to find that balance and I think it's challenging.

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3479	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	It's supportable absolutely because I'd say our region is in a similar position right now where we've got the provincial regulations. We have one municipality that is halfway implemented with the single-use item reduction bylaw. The natural next step is how do we scale that and have that approach be harmonized if successful, and it has been successful so far. And then what community infrastructure would support broader reuse across the community. So to another participant's earlier point, switching from single use at events to reusables, what a central washing station looks like, for one example. So I appreciate that that's where Metro Vancouver is at as well and looking for, maybe reading between the lines, their role here in creating a kind of reuse-ready environment across their region but recognizing the regulations that are already in play.
3480	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	I was kind of thinking along the same lines of, if you create bylaws or you create regulations, you need to be able to enforce those or people are really not going to change their behavior. You know, let's be honest, Vancouver's had an organics bylaw in place for a long time. And in my building, I still go downstairs and see people putting organics in the garbage and you're like, what are you doing? You can't do that. But there's no shock that comes if you try to put things in the wrong place. But if it did, like a parking ticket, you only park in the wrong place once and I don't pay and I got a $75 fine. Trust me, you just changed my behavior. I think you definitely need to be able to enforce whatever you do. Or don't do it.
3481	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Significant challenge in determining how to measure the impact of everyday actions and implement the reporting mechanism. Some private organizations may be hesitant to share data due to concerns about trust and privacy regarding sales/pipelines. Risk of information being used for "recycle shaming". Harder to implement the same kind of impact in First Nations communities.
3482	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: The methodology must be explained before participation can be assured. Need to establish standardized methods for estimation to ensure a level playing field. Findings should be reported quarterly to inform businesses about seasonal waste reduction and make the data meaningful. Focus on specific streams or sectors as an achievable starting point. Metro Van should host a specific roundtable for First Nations business leaders to secure unified buy-in.
3483	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	Split between Low, Medium, and High. High Support (if feasible): If successful, this action item could make a huge difference and "move the dial". Gathering statistics and data is invaluable for creating a pathway and measuring progress. Useful for motivating people to do the right thing and comparing performance against peers.
3484	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think it's great to have methods so that it's a level playing field so everyone's reporting in the same way. I think we want to be careful how much work we try and do to get this perfect. I think if everyone is making the estimates in the same way, it's helpful in comparing to your peers and making a report back per Metro Van standards for how we're doing at our business.
3485	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, it sounds great. I'm a little bit baffled on how they might... how is definitely a big question mark. Because absolutely if you can measure it and then provide the feedback, that's where you're going to get some movement. But yeah, I'm I guess skeptical on how one would communicate back to all the businesses how they're doing.”
3486	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Yeah, this is huge. This is kind of like the elephant. I think people, if you're going to collaborate with the businesses, they're going to need to understand the methods that you're going to use because there's going to be internal systems on their end that they're going to have to implement so that something can be reported back. And so this is a big one. I mean certainly I do think it's important. It's just I think that there there needs to be some more understanding as to how they would do this.
3487	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I think as with anything, some will see it as valuable, others will see it as recycle shaming or whatever. But I think it's hard to know where we need to go if we don't know where we're at. And so the gathering of statistics and data is invaluable in creating a pathway for a direction. And you know we can look back five years from now and say look where we were, look where we're at. Look at the progress that's been made, rather than right now we're just sort of saying, well we think we're heading in the right direction but do we know for sure? It's also a way to motivate people to do the right thing.
3488	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I was just kind of following up I guess on my previous thoughts and maybe I'm too literal, but I wonder if it's more kind of just rejigging that the last bit, ‘back to businesses how they are doing.’ It just gives no reference point to how they are doing against what. So if we're collecting all this data and methods to estimate and then we're saying how they're doing from their starting point compared to others, a waste stream, it just... I don't know.
3489	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	And so to answer that question about support, I want to support something that I could see a successful path forward for, and I know a lot of other people have shaken their heads about the logistics of this. So it's almost, for me, my initial read on this action is it's so broad. And so if it was stream-specific as a starting point or sector-specific... it's like comparing to what? Bite off a small piece to kind of test that model of what we're measuring against in an achievable sector or for an achievable specific waste stream. It would be more supportable and we'd be looking to learn from that process if it was smaller and more contained than this broad ‘all businesses, all things.
3490	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Barriers: Ambiguity regarding who Metro Van is advocating to (e.g., federal or provincial regulators). The clause "once they're proven successful at the community level" may be unnecessary since proof of concept already exists.
3491	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Dicussion summary	Recommendations: Define the specific advocacy target (e.g., who regulates the right-to-repair legislation). Although supporting the action, some suggested editing to remove the once they're proven successful clause, though others argued proof is necessary for political support. Need to manage risk and consider how adopting reuse affects hauling logistics and business models.
3492	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High. This action is the exact nature of the work done by the Salvation Army (reduce, recycle, reuse, salvaging). High support, especially as consistency ensures easier compliance for the public. Advocacy is important, as government mandates demand for products. Priority Rating (Collective):Split between Low, Medium, and High.

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3493	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I would definitely support it. I feel like we could get rid of ‘once they're proven successful at the community level.’ I feel like there is a proof of concept out there and functioning. So, and I guess who are they advocating to, or why aren't they putting in regulations themselves?”
3494	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	I don't think I have anything to add to the edits. That's exactly it. Where the last one was so non-specific around business measurement and report back, this one feels like it's responding to something very specific, whether or not that's repair cafes or whatever, and needlessly so. Especially with an advocacy role, if that's the action word here, I don't... and ‘to who,’ I think is a really important question too that you raise, of who really kind of regulates the right to repair legislation that would be necessary. But this one has almost too much specificity.
3495	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Reuse. I mean, we often think of that in terms of beverage containers and things like that. But I just spent six hours in a workshop about building material reuse in New York State. They are trying to reach consensus about a set of policy and legislative proposals that promote and incentivize and otherwise regulate the deconstruction and reuse of building materials. So I'll offer that as a comment here as something that I know that Metro Vancouver has hosted some sessions around earlier this year, and that certainly should be highlighted as an initiative for the plan.
3496	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Totally on board with this. I mean, for us, the easiest way to sell your product is to have the government mandate demand for it. So, we're completely on board of the idea. Would it need to be proven successful at the community level? I think so before you could advocate the government to do it. Just because you got to remember you're dealing with politicians and they have multiple stakeholders and their primary objective is getting reelected. So, you know, it's that's the reality. So, I'm all for it, but it would have to be proven.
3497	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	To provide university students with a website listing circular economy companies, so thatduring their studies and after graduation, they can connect their research with industryopportunities and potential employment. This initiative aims to support the long-termprofessional development of the industry.
3498	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	There were too many strategies to discuss and many of them were overlapping significantly.
3499	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	It seemed like some of the priorities overlapped; wording could have been sharpened to be more specific so that 'overlap' was mitigated.
3500	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	One improvement aspect that I have not seen as an option is for Metro Vancouver to show leadership and commit to source separation and recycling at all facilities (not just MV offices but all sites) and for corporate procurement and internal processes to consider circular opportunities (sharing of assets between departments etc).
3501	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	To specify which sector will be responsible for each part of the plan, or which sector will provide support in the action plan or its implementation.
3502	29-Oct-25	Focus Group Insights and Transcripts	Coast Waste Management Association	Public members-at-large	Additional feedback	There was no opportunity to discuss disposal options
3503	29-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Feedback on Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	District of West Vancouver	Local government		Overall supportive of proposed actions, including municipal actions.
3504	29-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Feedback on Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	District of West Vancouver	Local government		Appreciate flexibility for municipal decision making in municipal and other actions, as municipal direct support will be subject to budget constraints, staffing and enforcement capacity. (Recognize with gratitude how MV took municipal feedback from June 26 REAC-SW workshop to polish these.)
3505	29-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Feedback on Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	District of West Vancouver	Local government		In a list format, some actions seem quite similar on first read (similar actions under each of sections of the waste reduction hierarchy, or similar actions in more than one goal area). I imagine snazzy graphic design will help better distinguish these in a final version.
3506	29-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Feedback on Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	District of West Vancouver	Local government		No significant concerns. Some areas will require some sussing out of what the municipal role is, but that's not a reason to exclude these from a 10-year plan.
3507	29-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Feedback on Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	District of West Vancouver	Local government		No concerns with this idea, but it seems quite similar and related to ID013. I do understand these are slightly different focus (circular economy vs low waste built environment). It may be worthwhile to place ID013 adjacent to ID042 in a final version (I did a double take when reviewing to figure how why evaluate gaps came after working to fill them)
3508	29-Oct-25	Email Submission Re: Feedback on Potential Strategies and Actions Being Considered	District of West Vancouver	Local government		When appropriate, align with the policy framework in the Home Demolition Waste Prevention Municipal Action Plan (2025) of the Building Relocation and Deconstruction Association of BC. For example, Policy 5: Municipal Building Removal Procurement Standards and Policy 6: Adopt Standard Definition of 'Deconstruction'.
3509	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Medium: participant thinks this action has potential to reduce waste into the future given that they see a lot of waste produced by businesses,
3510	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Participant mentioned that while it’s not something they interact with daily, giving businesses to tools to lead by example may allow the participant the opportunity to participate in more waste reduction initiatives at the places they already shop
3511	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Low as solid waste management is not something that the participant thinks about that much, but participant thinks it would be valuable to consider more if opportunities arise
3512	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be fairly easy for the participant to participate if the initiatives are visible, well-defined, and well-integrated into everyday transactions at the businesses and institutions they frequent

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3513	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant gave example of discounts for initial participation, staff that can explain how the process works if the participant has questions
3514	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Training or workplace resources could help employees understand how to manage waste correctly and communicate to customers, as participant has had experiences where staff do not understand the process or motivation behind special programs
3515	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If the business clearly explains how their waste reduction program works and it is convenient for the participant to take part, then they do not see why they would not participate
3516	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Consistency across businesses would also help right now, as every store seems to have a slightly different system or strategy to reduce waste (e.g. different waste sorting, different labels, different reuse options), which can get confusing
3517	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Education for businesses and consumers, sharing what has worked, and clear guidance could make participation easier
3518	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If there was a model business/consumer to help participant learn the correct behaviours it could also help make them more popular and promote consistent waste-reduction messaging/efforts across Metro Van
3519	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If actions were hosted at participant's community library, it would be very easy to participate (e.g. in repair and borrowing initiatives)
3520	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It is difficult to find the personal time in participant's schedule to accommodate things like these actions unless there is something specific that the participant needs to borrow
3521	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What businesses would be taking on these actions? Businesses that I already frequent?
3522	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Where would these actions be hosted?
3523	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What kind of reuse and borrowing items would be made available?
3524	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant suggested that Metro Vancouver could create a directory or recognition program highlighting local businesses leading in waste reduction that would allow them to access vetted businesses more easily
3525	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Publicly celebrating business' efforts would help customers identify and support sustainable options.
3526	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Providing consistent signs in-store and ads online or on social media could also help businesses standardize the messaging on waste reduction to all Metro Van customers
3527	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If these stations were accessible in the participant's community (Cloverdale) without needing a car
3528	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant suggested that initiatives such as buy-nothing groups or shared fridges may be abused or underused in this community
3529	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant would feel supported if the rules and regulations were clearly stated so that the participant knows how long they can borrow a specific item
3530	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	If there were multiple sessions available for repair or swapping so that the participant could attend (in the case that the participant couldn't accommodate one specific date in their schedule)
3531	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant noted that they would be most interested in borrowing and reusing items such as lawn care, tools, cleaning equipment that they would only realistically need once a year and would not want to buy
3532	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Repair meet ups with an expert would also be valuable, especially for small electronics like lamps or alarm clocks, etc.
3533	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant has participated before in sewing workshops, which has helped them save a few clothing items
3534	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant mentioned that greater reuse/refill system support at events, schools, and bigger social gatherings would be valuable as the effort to clean and return items would be easier
3535	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having more events and opportunities in general and doing things to market reuse/refill/repair to their local community
3536	29-Oct-25	Interview #1 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Having flyers at recreational centres or local libraries could help spread the word as well as posting on social media
3537	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	High: Participant believes there is not enough support for the efforts that are already established

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3538	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Giving these opportunities more of a platform to reach people who are not actively thinking about sustainable practices is important
3539	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Medium: Participant suggested there are initiatives out there that currently exist and potentially an alignment for Metro Van to assist with these initiatives instead of arranging a brand new action
3540	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be easy
3541	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant is a small business owner and would be ecstatic to have such information available to them
3542	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Difficulty often comes from access
3543	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Access to what measures are included in the education tools and whether the resources have accessible language options are also important factors
3544	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	People pay attention to business practices and if businesses are transparent about their sustainability practices, participant thinks that it would give consumer more motivation to purchase
3545	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	By transparency, participants clarified that they mean having a page on the business' website or highlight on their social media page that is dedicated to their sustainable practices
3546	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Businesses appreciate the direction because it is easy to not have sustainability practices at the forefront of their mind
3547	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant said that they think sustainability practices are often the sacrifice when it comes to running a business, so having an educational tool available is important
3548	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Bringing the awareness sooner rather than later helps to build practices early and makes a huge difference in maintaining sustainability over time
3549	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant is inspired when other small business owners share their sustainability practices, as it makes them think about what they should be implementing and what they should have available to their customers
3550	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As a consumer, the participant tries to be conscious of who they are purchasing from, but sometimes convenience may take priority
3551	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	This is not always the case, and mostly the participant wants to ensure that they are purchasing from businesses with these tools available to them and who show they care about the environment
3552	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The ease of a reuse, refill, repair initiative would depend on the distance of the initiative
3553	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As an example, if a furniture reuse location was far away from the participant's home, they would be less likely to participate

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3554	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant's reluctance to participate in these initiatives may also be based on perceived cleanliness of the reusable items
3555	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In the case of furniture reuse, the participant would be worried about concerns such as bed bugs
3556	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Close proximity or organizing the initiative in a way where it is brought to the participant's home would make it easier to participate
3557	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would also be valuable to know how such items were accepted and maintained to address cleanliness concerns
3558	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant would be particularly interested in rentals of items and community reuse options
3559	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant mentioned that they had previously seen an initiative where the library was offering fishing poles for rent, however, the information provided by the library about how to participate was confusing to navigate
3560	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Buy nothing groups may also be a great option that isn't limited by the location of the participant's home
3561	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Participant uses the VarageSale app to help with waste reduction
3562	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	App gives people the option to sell or giveaway their items to other people in their communities. There is a vetting process prior to ensure you are a part of that community
3563	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	This helps with access because those who are looking to participate in waste reduction are nearby so transit efforts are not wasted
3564	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Consider involving more small business owners in the Solid Waste Management Plan update
3565	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Small business owners are passionate and often the participant finds are more mindful of contributing to sustainability practices
3566	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What actions are businesses currently taking that Metro Van can uplift?
3567	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	How far away from my neighbourhood would the initiatives take place?
3568	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What kind of information could Metro Van provide to ease participation?
3569	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Van should consider giving a platform to those who are actively pursuing the increase in sustainability practices and are increasing consumer awareness of what other options are available
3570	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	That way, these businesses are more apparent to consumers, and can offer a model for other business owners
3571	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Consider making information as accessible as possible
3572	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participants should not have to investigate or depend on outside sources for information about how something works, the logic and purpose behind it, its usefulness and impact, etc.
3573	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Smaller communities and neighbourhoods have been trying to introduce these initiatives for a while and there are apps that will categorize you based on location for participation
3574	29-Oct-25	Interview #2 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Metro Vancouver can help by amplifying these resources or creating their own resources where people can access this information and opportunity based on location
3575	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Food waste in the supply chain as number 1 – one of the most contextual ones in hospitality and tourism – it has one of highest potential.
3576	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	We have been working with the City of Vancouver through the circular food innovation lab, and it has been very interesting, particularly related to preventing food waste because we are working upstream. It is important to right size the way the sales are designed and the amount of food prepared for an event when thinking about the food sector, to understand the specifics of your event – it is an art and a science.

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3577	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	In the past, hotels shared back door/alleyway with another hotel– it was suggested to add a shared waste and recycling bin but received major pushback– there is an education piece that is missing. oThere is liability in restaurants giving away food that is still edible but not sellable oThe owner carries a great risk – you don't want to have a line-up in your back door for people experiencing homelessness who would take the food
3578	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The regional campaigns don't have the effect that they mean to have. There is a big benefit in having local campaigns. Having a local approach to the campaign has a big impact, households need to be targeted directly. oIn terms of food services and food waste, some parts have more waste than others (food waste near a mall vs. a small street), suggested to move in the direction of local campaigns based on people's behavior in those locations. oThis would have a bigger impact than a blanket campaign
3579	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium priority
3580	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high?	Medium high priority
3581	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Approaching businesses to promote the idea of improving recycling, often receives push back because there is no incentive for them to change the status quo. Convincing the business to change the recycling habits is challenging therefore a grant program would make it easier to convince them to change the way the manage their waste. oCash grants are a good carrot to change behavior oCurrently there is no incentive to convince businesses to change their behaviour. oIncentives would not change everything but would push businesses a little bit. oBurnaby had a program – community grant (small amount) for people to organize events and required filling out a form to identify how the funds would be spent – easy and straightforward process.
3582	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	With small-medium size businesses, the process of grant application needs to be streamlined, and businesses should be given a degree of autonomy. oIt could allow spending in areas where it works for them particularly in tourism. There can be a cognitive overload with a blue-sky grant. oHaving a set of options or suggestions on how one can apply that is linked to a specific outcome would be helpful so businesses don't have the challenge of deciding themselves.
3583	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Reducing the load of finding the contractors or business partners and service providers would be helpful because getting a quote and finding them is very challenging for small businesses. Anything that can help streamline that process can be helpful. In the design of the program, it would be helpful to have a program design coach who can help the business if they need to put out a request for proposal so they can have support - these are major barriers for small and medium-sized businesses.
3584	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Question about diversion rate: what is the stickiest/most challenging part as far as moving the needle?
3585	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan to your sector? Low, medium, high	Education itself is important but putting the responsibility on the tourists is not ideal.
3586	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The ownership should not be on tourists, visitors or clients to do this.
3587	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Build better signage, make it clear and easy for them to know this and dispose of items. Teaching kids/residents is important but there is no reason to focus on tourists.
3588	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	The consumer is not the one that needs the education, but it is the systems that needs the education and customers will be the beneficiary.
3589	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It will be important to communicate the success. If a visitor understands that Vancouver has success, then it will subconsciously make the tourists change behaviors. The important thing is to create norms around waste reduction and communicate the norms to the visitors. For the businesses, breaking down the guidance by influence helps (people understand where they have influence and where they can make a difference. i.e., general manager vs. employees).
3590	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Litter reduction - There are some co-benefits when it comes to tourism. Creating a welcoming place that feels safe. Vancouver's Neighbourhood cleanup program has been a success since 1995 and might be a great model to build on.

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3591	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	It could become a high priority if there is a model along with a financial benefit that could go with it.
3592	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	High and very much needed
3593	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	How much of a priority is it to you to include this action in the draft solid waste management plan? Low, medium, high?	A good first step when looking at other pieces.
3594	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	High rise residential buildings have a quite comprehensive system that the City demands and with the exception of people who don't follow rules generally, it is quite efficient. - But for hotels, there are no systems like this that hotels can use efficiently - It is better to come up with a model and take it to businesses instead of having conversations to develop the solution together - It is better to demonstrate the benefits than building the approach without known benefits - Hotels in one area could share waste and recycling facilities. It would be labor demanding, but it could get rid of the high number of bins - Come up with a model that people can share waste and recycling receptacles and motivate people to implement - Working on a project that is about to go to the City, one of my observations is that looking at the assembly of dumpsters across the street could affect their business. This space could accommodate the neighborhood's waste and recycling facility. - If MV could have an initiative where there could be a new shared facility for newly constructed buildings to share. This could be tangible model that could be implemented easily. This was suggested through the development process/at the cost of developers
3595	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	MV has been very open to conversations with the sectors and industries. Having a dialogue that is industry-specific would be helpful to see where we are going and know what the strategy is. Knowing what MV has as a vision for the future can help the industry.
3596	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Circular food innovation lab and Hotel Kitchen (WWF & AHLA) as an example were great because they were cross-sector programs and brought together different businesses. oTourism has so many different types of businesses so identifying the sub-sectors is important and knowing where the collective challenge within the sub-sectors is and what the opportunity for collaboration is could be very important and helpful. It could involve the particular groups/sub-sectors and MV. oThe opportunity for a collective investment can help pave the way in a way that no single business can get there on their own.
3597	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Providing insights into what is the future vision, and be clear
3598	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	Questions and Comments	Adding the rethink hierarchy, is this a new addition or has it been a part of the hierarchy before? Reminds me of a movement that started in Stockholm and grew from the UN Sustainable Development Goals they realized mindset was an important part of it and started a campaign called the inner development goals
3599	30-Oct-25	Sector engagement focus group notes	Destination Vancouver	Tourism and Hospitality	Questions and Comments	How closely were you working with different municipalities on the solid waste management plan update?
3600	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	EPR actions	**Add an EPR action to the Reuse section**: Even though B.C.'s EPR regulation is called the "Recycling Regulation," and the Province has enforced EPR as recycling programs, it's important to encourage reuse through EPR.
3601	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	EPR actions	Move the streetscape recycling action (ID139) to the EPR section (4.2) and clarify that EPR programs are responsible, as shown in Table 1 in the attachment.
3602	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Actions for member jurisdictions	We need flexibility to assess staff's capacity to participate in the SWMP actions on a case-by-case basis within the context of annual budget cycles and Council's direction. We support adding a preamble to acknowledge budget pressures facing Metro Vancouver members, and updating the actions to say where Metro will collaborate with members (rather than requiring members to participate), as discussed at REAC SWSC on October 30. We also request reducing duplication wherever possible by identifying actions Metro will lead and invite members to participate. We'll provide further comments once Metro shares the draft preamble and updated actions with REAC SWSC.
3603	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Actions for member jurisdictions	Use climate science to inform solid waste policies and progress reports.
3604	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Actions for member jurisdictions	Assess greenhouse gas emissions associated with managing products and packaging at each level of the waste management hierarchy and use the results to develop or advocate for policies that prioritize decarbonization.

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3605	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	Actions for member jurisdictions	Conduct annual Consumption-Based Emission Inventories to report on greenhouse gas emissions for targeted waste streams. As you know from the Metro Vancouver Regional Consumption-Based Emissions Inventory, these inventories are calculated to understand the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions linked to a region's consumption of goods and services, regardless of where those emissions occurred during resource extraction, manufacturing and transportation phases. This approach complements traditional inventories by revealing the "embodied" carbon emissions from imported goods and is used to identify targeted reduction strategies, and set more comprehensive climate goals.
3606	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government		Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed actions in Metro Vancouver's draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) update. This letter provides City of Vancouver staff's feedback in addition to the comments we offered at the Regional Engineering Advisory Committee - Solid Waste Subcommittee (REAC SWSC) workshop on October 6 and follow-up meeting on October 30. Many of the proposed actions in the draft SWMP support the City's Zero Waste 2040 goal to reduce waste to landfills and incinerators. We respectfully request three main updates:
3607	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Additional feedback Follow up	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition		The notes that the Metro Vancouver representatives prepared after our meeting were very much appreciated and accurately capture the thoughts that we provided. However, we feel it is worth reiterating some of our comments and sharing areas of concern impacting our membership and the residential homebuilding sector at large.
3608	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Additional feedback Follow up	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition		The downturn in the economy and multitude of barriers facing our members equates to a major challenge in affordability.... challenges in building new homes in an efficient and affordable manner and challenges for want-to-be homeowners in securing financing to purchase. Any new program implemented by any level of government needs to acknowledge the burden of costs of a new solid waste management plan and how to minimize that burden, through opt-in participation with incentives (ie: using a carrot approach versus a stick one).
3609	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Additional feedback Follow up	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition		Our members are being inundated with information, policy and legislative change, new programs from all levels of government and one of the better ways to garner buy-in from builders is to ensure that the program is accessible, well-understood and applied consistently in municipalities across the regional district. One unintended consequence of new policy implementation that our members are experiencing is the number of changes that are happening in silos, with the result being potential conflicts with other government initiatives and actions.
3610	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Additional feedback Follow up	Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)	Construction and Demolition		A broad communication strategy to advance the knowledge transfer of implementing circular economy practices in our industry is strongly recommended and further detailed suggestions are contained within the notes taken. HAVAN reiterates our offer to partners with Metro Vancouver in sharing information with our membership through builders' breakfast type events, through our various communication channels and through focused webinars.
3611	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Metro Vancouver has, in general, more impact in terms of advocacy, and the SLRD would support in terms of writing letters, but BC needs the Metro Vancouver to lead the advocacy.
3612	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Although Metro Van has different challenges compared to the SLRD they will learn things that could be used to create new policy in S2S
3613	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		SLRD can learn and integrate/adapt the policies and programs developed by Metro Vancouver.
3614	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		The SLRD would definitly benefits from those events and the information learned from those.
3615	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This might provide insight into what the SLRD can do with their plan development.
3616	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This would benefit all build environment sectors improving design principals minimizing waste generation
3617	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		The SLRD has school program related to waste diversion and we would definitly like to incorporate more circular economy education.
3618	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		We can utilize educational materials Metro Van develops
3619	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Great opportunity to collaborate
3620	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Great opportunity to collaborate
3621	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Textile reduction is important for the SLRD
3622	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		With increasing labour costs lower barrier employment opportunities may make sense if the infrastructure is available to support the work and that workers are readily available to fill available positions
3623	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		We can learn how Metro Van tracks KPI's and use those learnings on developing local KPI measurements.
3624	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Understanding how Metro Van fills data gaps would be important.
3625	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This could create a new and local software/tech market for tracking waste
3626	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		DEI is important but I'm not sure how this fits with solid waste data.
3627	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Tracking data is very important but as well very challenging; learning from metro Van would help with data tracking as well as filling gaps

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3628	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Metro Van is very important in plastic waste reduction
3629	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		There is no such events at the SLRD, but we would be interested to hear what the industry has to say
3630	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This is currently happening in the RMOW
3631	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Deconstruction material generated by a Metro Van building may have more value that RMOW because they are older constructed with better materials.
3632	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Metro Van develops great toolkits that can be useful to others
3633	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Expand the wastewizard search engine
3634	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		If Metro Van develops a estimate that could be useful for others
3635	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		We would be interested in knowing how they would do that.
3636	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		We do this now through differential tip fee rates keeping organics at a lower rate than other wastes
3637	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		In addition to Andrew in Whistler, there is a need of support from the federal and the provincial for food waste / organics diversion for small areas where operation cost is significantly high and makes it hard to divert food waste.
3638	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		A serious look is required for processing organics so that we have the infrastructure and business cases in place to allow for compost markets to develop resulting in more organics to be diverted and composted.
3639	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		I think a better thing Metro Van can do is to advocate to lower fast fashion textile waste
3640	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Not a lot of opportunity to move homes in Whistler but perhaps there are opportunities in other SLRD areas.
3641	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This may help develop a reuse market for areas around Metro Van
3642	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Developing a marketplace requires networking and infrastructure to support material storage until it can be sold.
3643	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Metro Van learning can be used to develop SLRD program(s)
3644	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This could be expanded to less urban areas
3645	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		There is definitively a need for more recycling opportunities. There needs to be more book recycling opportunities for this to work.
3646	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Not 100% clear on what ID051 means - "through education"? Is the action educating libraries? Or is it setting up a reuse/recycling system (which would probably be more effective)
3647	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		The larger the programs are in Metro Van is the more competition there could be reducing potential costs to less urban areas.
3648	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Develops waste awareness or future waste managers
3649	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		These programs would need to see subsidies to allow the market to develop. Tool development to support this marketplace development should also be developed
3650	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Definitely a good way to prevent items going to landfill and to teach repairing. There is also a need to advocate for items to be build to be easily repair and not be made to be landfilled
3651	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Steps they take could be applied in the SLRD although reduced population density within the SLRD may limit the same opportunities
3652	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This may help connect farmers with social service groups. Is this working already within the SLRD or could it be made better through improved mapping?
3653	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		With the amount of residents moving and visiting Metro Van and the SLRD this is definitely important
3654	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This could be helpful for resort communities.
3655	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This is great; the SLRD hasn't been able to do it, but we would like to learn from metro Van on the path to do it
3656	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		They should push more reusable cup usage
3657	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This is happening now but the science could be expanded on.
3658	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Creates a market for recycled products that may not exist today.

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3659	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Higher recycled content means recyclables have higher value relative to virgin material
3660	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Markets will evolve if a constant predicable amount of material is recovered for recycling
3661	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This reduces cost burdens to LG's
3662	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		We need the Province to eliminate these materials or create a recovery program that is not funded by LG's
3663	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		This would reduce the risk of pollutants being released into the environment and would reduce the risk of fire at collection points.
3664	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		I would add that this should include advocacy for HHW Events to be covered by EPR organizations, or subsidized by someone other than local governments.
3665	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		EPR programs are the key to get the materials being properly recycled, and so across BC. Advocacy is very important and advocating for small business to be part of those programs is crucial to improve recycling
3666	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Need more quality compost facilities
3667	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Lots of great info exists today.
3668	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Food related packaging that composts would reduce the amount of water used to rinse out container for recycling.
3669	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Along with advocacy
3670	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Metro Van could develop a system then advocate for its use within BC
3671	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Along with determining collection space requirements
3672	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Make it more fun.
3673	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board	Local government		Understanding of litter and illegal dumping on wildlife and environment with the advocacy of improving recycling programs is important. Metro Van could advocate to improve resources to CO's as illegal dumping on crown land are very often left due to lack of resources impacting RD's and municipalities surrounding
3674	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Options Analysis feedback	TidyBid	Independent hauling & disposal professionals		Desire for More Clarity on Disposal Requirements: Our respondents, particularly smaller independent operators, expressed the need for clearer communication from depots and transferstations regarding acceptable materials, fees, and changing protocols. They are veryinterested in more local drop-off / transfer sites.
3675	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Options Analysis feedback	TidyBid	Independent hauling & disposal professionals		Support for Recycling & Diversion Incentives: There is strong alignment with Metro Vancouver's goals to increase recycling and diversion. Many of our Pros are interested in programs that make sorting and donating items easier at the curbside level, especially for cleanouts and estate jobs.
3676	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Options Analysis feedback	TidyBid	Independent hauling & disposal professionals		Concern Over Cost & Accessibility: Operators noted that increased regulation or fees—without corresponding education or infrastructure—could unintentionally discourage proper disposal. There is interest in regionally consistent guidelines to reduce confusion. Their number one concern is increased fees, and they are interested in possible grants or rebates for green equipment.
3677	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		What would this look like? Cross institutional forum?
3678	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Have embedded in planning permission reqs with City of Van & other local municipalities
3679	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		ID079, ID074, ID013 and ID042 are very similar – can they be combined into one?
3680	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		"Support" seems to mean providing staff hours, collaboration, and guidance, it would be good to see funding the support for some of these ideas, such as ID016. Perhaps MV can run a pilot and report on it. It would be great to go beyond the idea phase here and into action.
3681	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Collaborative with the commercial sector or research groups? Would love to see an option to try a circular approach with the commercial sector

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3682	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Expand to hospitality and healthcare sector linens - particularly end of life textile recycling opportunities. ID024 similar - combine
3683	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Introduce mandated sector specific targets with annual reporting requirements, incentives for compliance and potential penalties for non compliance
3684	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		This would be great. The health authorities would love to engage with Metro Van to explore better waste management solutions..
3685	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Love this idea.
3686	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Love this! Toolkits are helpful.
3687	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		What does this look like and how to we develop that metric? kg/employee? Tools on serving sizes, planning for future food needs?
3688	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Can we include assurance that there are realistic diversion programs available for any and all items added to the disposal ban list?
3689	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		How do we ensure these incentives are also available for the commercial sector client reducing their waste? Waste costs can be high, and the cost of recycling and additional containers requires more budget, space and staff time.
3690	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		MetroVan governance of these waste and recycling collectors to ensure waste is going to the appropriate, regulated end disposal location. MetroVan audits/reporting requirements..
3691	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		For which sectors?
3692	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		I think this should also include some ideas on how to measure and report on reuse as it changes diversion rates and disposal rates. Can there be a calculation (similar to how we calculate waste diversion) on the impacts of reuse?
3693	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		What about other items such as commercial equipment?
3694	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Good example from Vancouver Island Building Material Exchange – BMEx - Light House
3695	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Which sectors could be included here?
3696	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		It would be good to see metrics here again – how can businesses report on this?

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3697	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		It would be helpful to group the food related recommendations together.
3698	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Grants/funding pathways for larger sectors such as healthcare whose budgets are challenging and at times limiting to implementing circular economy pilots/solutions. Potential to have big impact if successful.
3699	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		MetroVan support of healthcare to conduct repair pop ups
3700	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Shared resources
3701	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Would be good to see guidelines and policy on how to ensure recovered food can be taken from all business types
3702	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		I agree, healthcare would love to donate food but has encountered some challenges.
3703	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Prioritizing reuse over disposal pathways for single use be most effective use of resources. Shareware schemes with deposits for reusables, discounts for individuals bringing their own.
3704	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		We should see the region advocate for EPR for all business, not just small businesses. Not all large businesses are for profit. Would be good to see working producer responsibility agencies to advocate for better recycling programs for businesses
3705	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Health sector specific sorting station would be an innovative way to manage healthcare and other sectors deemed as 'risks'.
3706	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Yes please! We need more local support
3707	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Explore waste segregation technology to support and educate people on correct waste disposal.
3708	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Would have liked to see ideas on how to reduce the costs of recycling for businesses
3709	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Can we also include requiring haulers to inform their clients of this as well?
3710	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Great idea! This will build trust in the recycling programs.
3711	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Increase penalties for illegal dumping/littering.

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3712	31-Oct-25	Additional Feedback	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities		Collaborate with wildlife NGOs.
3713	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Over the past three years, Waste Connections has been a constructive participant in developing the draft Solid Waste Management Plan. Throughout this process, we have emphasized that the private sector is, and should remain, an essential component of a world-class waste management and recycling system.
3714	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Based on the direction given to the Industry Advisory Committee, it appears Metro Vancouver intends to further consolidate waste and recycling operations under direct public control. This approach would impose significant costs and risks on Metro Vancouver ratepayers.
3715	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		We were disappointed to see that Metro Vancouver staff removed from consideration the proposal to "Privatize the regional solid waste system." During committee discussions, numerous participants suggested variations on this idea, including: 1. Allowing private operators to accept waste and pay a discounted generator levy. 2. Permitting off-site or out-of-region processing. 3. Enabling private development of infrastructure under Metro's regulatory oversight. 4. Avoiding public investment in facilities that can be delivered by private capital. 5. Selling Metro Vancouver facilities to qualified private operators. 6. Increasing system capacity by incentivizing new licensed private facilities.
3716	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		While views may differ on some of these points, none should have been dismissed outright. A transition to a privately operated system, under strong Metro Vancouver and Ministry of Environment regulation, could eliminate the need for over $340 million in planned capital spending and $295 million in new borrowing over the next five years (source: GVS&DD Capital Portfolio Budget, p. 23). Moreover, selling existing Metro Vancouver assets—landfills, transfer stations, and other facilities—could generate hundreds of millions in proceeds to reduce debt and strengthen the region's financial position.
3717	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Rejecting an option that could materially reduce taxpayer burden without a thorough cost–benefit review is, frankly, irresponsible.
3718	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		At a recent Industry Advisory Committee meeting, staff stated that privatization was dismissed because no examples of similar systems were provided. In reality, almost every jurisdiction in North America successfully operates under regulated systems with private operators. This includes Washington State and Oregon, where Metro Vancouver has signed "standby contracts" with landfill facilities. The notion that lack of examples justifies dismissal is a red herring—many other proposals advanced for further study have less precedent. There are several deficiencies in the staff rationale, including:
3719	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Absence of cost–benefit analysis. Staff claim that public ownership ensures "reliable and resilient" service but provide no comparative data on system costs, efficiency, or innovation potential. With over $340 million in capital expenditures planned, rejecting privatization without evaluating its potential financial advantages leaves Metro Vancouver ratepayers exposed to unnecessary cost.
3720	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Overstated compliance argument. The report suggests that only public ownership can ensure compliance with disposal bans. These standards are already enforceable through bylaws and provincial regulations. Many private operators across Canada comply effectively under regulatory oversight.
3721	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Missed innovation and capital leverage. Private operators frequently lead in technology adoption—such as optical sorting, anaerobic digestion, and smart collection routing. In fact, our company is currently implementing large-scale artificial intelligence and robotics to improve efficiency and outcomes. This will result in reduced cost and better management of scarce resources, such as landfill capacity utilization. Metro Vancouver has implemented many of these technologies long after private-sector companies in other jurisdictions did. Excluding private participation foregoes the co-investment and innovation incentives that drive circular-economy advancement.
3722	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Unaddressed risk allocation. Public ownership concentrates operational risk—cost overruns, equipment failures, contamination—on taxpayers. A regulated private model would transfer those risks to operators, while maintaining public oversight and accountability.
3723	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Institutional bias. The staff position appears to protect existing institutional interests rather than evaluate policy options objectively. Privatization warrants at least equal consideration to the many less practical concepts still under review.
3724	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)	Waste Connections of Canada	Waste Industry		Metro Vancouver's rationale rests on untested assumptions. A regulated private system can deliver the same reliability and environmental compliance while reducing financial exposure and stimulating innovation. We urge Metro Vancouver to reconsider this approach and allow a comprehensive, evidence-based assessment of regulated private delivery models within the Solid Waste Management Plan.
3725	31-Oct-25	Email submission Re: Petition to close the Metro Vancouver Incinerator	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the Options Analysis phase of the planning for the next solid waste management plan. We submit this petition calling for Metro Vancouver to shut down the incinerator. In our discussion with residents, we heard their concerns about health, air quality, climate change, environmental impacts, impacts to the Fraser River, toxicity and the legacy for future generations as well as strong support for better, zero waste options. We are attaching the list of the over 350 people and organizations that are calling for change. Please include this with the feedback on the options Metro Vancouver is considering.

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3726	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) staff have reviewed the reports provided by Metro Vancouver as part of their Options Analysis phase of their Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Update process. We appreciate the time and effort that went into these reports, as well as the public engagement that contributed to their content. As an adjacent regional district, the FVRD shares a border and an airshed with Metro Vancouver, as well as overlapping solid waste systems. The ideas and options listed in the report demonstrate that there are multiple areas of common interest with regards to solid waste management.
3727	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		We are particularly pleased to see several options that aim to increase diversion and promote the upper levels of the waste hierarchy, such as: • promotion and advocacy for expanded EPR programs (ID116, ID118) • efforts to promote the reuse of used building materials (ID015, ID040, ID035, ID038) • improved awareness and education (ID100, ID104, ID135, ID159) • strengthening the region's reuse and recycling infrastructure (ID037, ID044, ID046, ID061, ID123) • support for textile waste reduction (ID023, ID024, ID105), and • options for managing food waste and food service ware (ID016, ID055, ID050, ID067, ID075).
3728	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		There were multiple submissions provided to Metro Vancouver as part of this engagement process advocating to phase out the use of the waste-to-energy facility. It was very disappointing that these ideas were simply categorized as "unadvisable" by Metro Vancouver and were dismissed from further consideration. The rationale provided for this dismissal was that costs of incineration were consistent with landfilling and that air emissions are below regulatory limits. Not only is this rationale lacking, but outright dismissal of opinions related to significant solid waste infrastructure suggests a failure in meaningful public consultation that ought to be considered by the Province when they review the plan for potential approval.
3729	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		The FVRD advocates for the health of our shared airshed. The geographical features of the sensitive Lower Fraser Valley Airshed results in emissions from Metro Vancouver often blowing into, and accumulating, into the narrower portions of the airshed within the FVRD, where they can persist for prolonged periods of time. According to Metro Vancouver's own stack testing results, sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions from the facility frequently exceed the 50 mg/3 regulatory limit in the Operational Certificate (albeit below the temporary interim discharge limit) and significantly greater than SO2 emissions from a comparable, but newer, facility in Durham-York. SO2 is of particular concern as this pollutant rapidly reacts with other emissions in the atmosphere and contributes to elevated levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5). Over 80 Air Quality Advisories have been issued within the Fraser Valley over the past 6 years, mostly due to elevated PM2.5. Reducing emissions from all contributing sources of PM2.5 within the airshed, particularly from point sources such as garbage incinerators, should be given real consideration and not be simply rejected as "unadvisable".
3730	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		Metro Vancouver's continued dismissal of concerns raised by the FVRD, and others, about the incinerator undermines the credibility of their SWMP update process and creates an unfortunate barrier for potential collaboration. Metro Vancouver should be providing the upgrades needed to reduce emissions from this facility and should be including a strategy in their SWMP for eventually phasing out the use of garbage incineration.
3731	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		As part of the presentation made to adjacent regional district staff (October 23, 2025), Metro Vancouver presented that regulatory changes to their solid waste system and options to address future disposal capacity are considered as strategic approaches (slide 21) and beyond the scope of the plan at this time. We were told that no specific actions will be associated with these topics so that, as per Metro Vancouver staff, the SWMP process does not get "hung up" on these issues. Given the anticipated population growth of the region, the age of the existing garbage incinerator, and the limited lifespan of the Vancouver Landfill, long-term disposal capacity seems like a relatively urgent issue. It is astonishing that specific actions associated with these topics are not being provided for discussion or consultation and feedback or ideas are not being sought from stakeholders to include within the Options Analysis. The FVRD needs to be informed and consulted if new bylaws to Metro Vancouver's solid waste systems are being considered that will potentially affect waste flow in our region, or if new garbage incineration capacity is being considered that will affect our airshed.
3732	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		During the presentation to adjacent regional districts, Metro Vancouver staff identified several criteria that will be used for "considerations in selecting landfilling or waste-to-energy if new capacity required" (slide 22). We are confused and stunned by the revelation that not only is "consideration" already being made towards new incineration capacity but that specific criteria have already being developed. Metro Vancouver made a specific commitment to the FVRD Board when they appeared as a delegation in 2024 that no work is underway to develop new waste-to-energy capacity. The fact that criteria has already been drafted for evaluating new capacity suggests otherwise; the fact that air quality, or the sensitivity of the airshed, was not included in the criteria suggests that Metro Vancouver has already dismissed all FVRD's concerns about airshed health.
3733	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		Not all ideas submitted to Metro Vancouver as part of their engagement appeared to receive adequate consideration during the Options Analysis. For example, while we do not know the name of the person who provided this suggestion, the following was included in the "Full List of Ideas Received From Idea Generation Engagement" (p24): "No load of waste shall be sent to final disposal (landfill or incineration) with more than 20% divertable content… it would force us to put everything though an MRF and extract the recyclable and/or compostable material that lazy people or those who do not care about waste diversion, simply put in the garbage." This suggestion appears, to us, to be for Metro Vancouver to include consideration of mixed-waste material recovery facilities (MRFs) to maximize diversion. The potential use of MRFs does not appear to have been considered in the Options Analysis, however. Metro Vancouver's response to this submission was to "Review and expand Metro Vancouver disposal ban program to include new items such as textiles." This response seems to unfortunately miss or ignore the actual idea that was submitted and fails to provide rationale for not providing further consideration for the use of MRFs.

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3734	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		Action item ID172 in the report suggests exploring potential technologies that will convert wood waste into energy and fuel. Given the potential air quality impacts from these technologies, including release of fine particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, and nitrogen oxides, air emission considerations should be included when evaluating technology options and non-combustion-based technologies should be preferred. There is also a concern that the investment into additional energy recovery infrastructure that requires the use of municipal solid waste as feedstock further acts to disincentivize the potential development of processes that would better utilize this material in the future for reuse or recycle instead.
3735	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Options Analysis Engagement	Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional Government		Increasing public transparency in the recycling system is important to build trust, and actions suggested to strengthen this transparency (e.g., ID156, ID158, ID159, and ID135) are encouraged. It is also important however that public awareness about materials collected and sent for incineration also be included in these efforts to increase transparency, particularly if residents believe the materials they are separating from their garbage and sending for recycling are instead being incinerated.
3736	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Medium: Consistency is key to sustainability initiative and seeing others like businesses actively contribute would encourage the participant to do the same while inviting others to join them
3737	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Medium: Solid waste management downstream is still a part of the solution
3738	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would depend on the means of advertisement and the sectors in which these initiatives are presented and taught
3739	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Modeling practices and engaging in education about them would be beneficial to motivate people to care
3740	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If businesses preach about an initiative they don't practice, people are quite unlikely to listen to them, especially with corporations and their current reputation on pollution, consumerism reinforcement, and neglect/minimization of global warming
3741	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Education tools would be important but reinforcement of the initiatives throughout the community it also important to make sure that it isn't a short-lived trend
3742	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	When policies can involve fines, businesses may also take it more seriously
3743	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant would find it easy to participate in such initiatives if there are clear, realistic steps and easily accessible areas to implement
3744	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Spreading the news about the initiatives and adding some rules to get apartments and public areas to be involved. These steps are more likely to motivate people to partake
3745	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant suggested they would need to see others participate to feel like they are not making the effort on their own
3746	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Including the general public as mentioned using free or affordable workshops to teach people, even influencing figures like educators so school and youth are active members in this work
3747	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Having volunteers trained to spread awareness and model these actions would be a good step as well
3748	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Teaching people the benefits and how they're involved in this would make it more relatable to attract people into action
3749	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant would be interested in participating in libraries, refill at retail, and furniture reuse

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3750	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Making these initiatives eco-friendly and more affordable than expensive brand
3751	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Working on an individual and local level is necessary but not sufficient for a significant change, so there is an importance in spreading messages across youth, families, neighbourhoods, and communities
3752	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Important for initiatives to be straightforward and practical
3753	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What types of businesses would be taking part?
3754	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	Who would be participating?
3755	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant suggested that accessibility, affordability, practicality, and education are essential to supporting their participation
3756	3-Nov-25	Interview #3 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	More awareness activities/ads and inclusions in various areas (residential, educational, and occupational)
3757	4-Nov-25	Email Submission	Gaia Strategies	Environmental consultancy		Expanded use of in-sink food waste disposers in the region's toolkit, especially for multi-residential buildings – as an important complement to the green-bin system
3758	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Medium: Participant found it difficult to answer how this action would impact them as a consumer
3759	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Participant was not able to identify the business practices they would like to see from businesses to reduce waste or what would engage them the most as a consumer
3760	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Participant mentioned that they did not know of any businesses offering special waste reduction initiatives and engaging customers in that process, so it was difficult to say how important this action would be without a reference point to understand how effective it could be
3761	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Participant suggested ad campaigns about these actions could help as well as a timeline for consumers on what to expect and when in order to ease the transition
3762	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be very easy to participate
3763	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	To have businesses take care of waste reduction at the source makes the process more convenient for the consumer
3764	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Easier access to businesses taking on these actions would be great, so that the participant knows exactly what steps the business has taken
3765	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Clear instructions on how the participant can engage and reduce waste through the business or its programs
3766	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	As long as there are guidelines on what needs to be carried out, participation should be possible
3767	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Education tools would be key to help businesses do this and to help consumers understand the business' actions
3768	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	If participant had learned more about waste reduction or circular economy through school programs, they might be better equipped to identify where businesses are already making changes, so educational programming in schools could be helpful
3769	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant was not sure how Metro Van could best support their participation in this action
3770	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant mentioned that helping businesses develop and communicate their success stories in waste reduction would not necessarily be helpful, as they would not be sure where or how to access those stories in a timely way while ensuring there is no greenwashing
3771	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	How much of a priority is this to you?	Medium: Participant suggested that it is important, but likely not the top priority when it comes to waste management

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3772	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Relatively easy, as the participant doesn't mind the extra effort
3773	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Concerns would be hygiene with reuse, so participant would be selective in what products to reuse or refill
3774	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be easiest to participate if opportunities were more convenient across locations and availability
3775	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Process to participate should be simple and easy to understand
3776	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	There should be an easy way to clearly view stock and what's available in terms of reuse/refill/repair
3777	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	It would be easier to participate if there were cleaning process assurances that were clearly communicated to the public and increased transparency about how items are handled
3778	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	If Metro Vancouver includes this action in the updated solid waste management plan, how easy or difficult will it be for you to participate in it? If difficult, what is it that makes your participation easier?	Participant has tried rentals and furniture reuse systems before and found them to be a great opportunity, but still had concerns about the cleanliness and quality of the products
3779	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation on this action?	Community curbside pick up systems could also be a great opportunity to explore
3780	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	Questions and Comments	What information is going to be provided to participants about the handling and cleaning procedures for reusable items?
3781	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant was unsure about what Metro Van could do to support their participation in this action
3782	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant suggested that they thought it would be beneficial to expand offerings and support to reuse/refill systems such as foodware, shopping bag sharing at events, schools and elsewhere
3783	5-Nov-25	Interview #4 Notes	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Participant would utilize community-based solutions such as buy nothing groups, but would likely not utilize shared fridges if they were available in the participant's neighbourhood
3784	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Cost Implications of Additional Contingency Disposal	Metro Vancouver claims "Zero Waste BC includes in their analysis cost estimates for both the Vancouver Landfill and contingency disposal that are fabricated". Zero Waste BC has been requesting details regarding how Metro Vancouver is calculating the disposal costs in order to compare it to the actual line items in the publicly available financial plans since 2024, through ongoing emails, at meetings including an August 27th meeting, and again at the Oct 3rd Public Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Though a little more information has been provided, it is inadequate to fully compare the calculation of these numbers in a way that shows transparently where all of the costs come from and how it translates to the financial plan.
3785	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Cost Implications of Additional Contingency Disposal	We have discussed this analysis with several industry experts and they agree that adding in the costs of the recycling and waste centres when looking at disposal does not make sense when deciding future disposal options for the region as these are required regardless. To determine realistic figures we used disposal costs only and did scenarios with both the less realistic Metro Vancouver estimates for disposal costs1 as well as the calculated costs or those seen in public bids. The scenarios show that the higher the external landfill costs are, the better the business case for more rapid advancement of zero waste strategies. The lower they are, the more savings accrue from closing the incinerator.
3786	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Cost Implications of Additional Contingency Disposal	We agree that economies of scale would reduce the contingency disposal costs and it is this kind of information that we recommend that Metro Vancouver seek (such as through a Request for Quotes) as part of responsible solid waste management planning. In addition there should be a thorough assessment of the maintenance, upgrade and future plans for the waste to energy facility to fully understand the estimated costs to keep this facility running. The recent request to the BC Utilities Commission for an exemption from parts of the Utilities Commission Act to connect energy to the City of Burnaby includes language around rebuilding and replacement of the incinerator and a contract length of up to 50 years. For this reason, it is also important to determine the costs and timing if the facility were to be rebuilt and to make this public. Now is the time to provide this information before any further decisions are made that lock Metro Vancouver into continuing with this facility and to ensure elected decision makers have all of the facts.

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3787	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Cost Implications of Additional Contingency Disposal	Regarding costs noted for customers currently using the incinerator for materials not currently suitable for disposal at other solid waste facilities, it is concerning that materials from health care facility waste, international waste, customs seizures, police seizures, and others are going to the incinerator. The incinerator was not designed for hazardous waste nor has the public been asked about a change to burn hazardous materials. These materials should be going to locations designed for managing hazardous wastes (which may or may not include incineration as there are non-burning methods for managing most types of hazardous materials). These higher costs also act as a driver for design change rather than subsidizing poor waste management. It should be clarified that there is no reason for regular waste coming from a health care facility to go to an incinerator and instead should be managed as regular municipal waste. Not requiring it to go to only one location would allow the health authorities to save money on their waste management contracts as haulers can then include facilities in their regular route planning and take it to the most convenient location. Overall, all customers costs can be saved by closing the incinerator and actively pursuing zero waste.
3788	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Costs of Waste Reduction	Though Metro Vancouver is not the leader in waste reduction2, the numbers do show that waste has decreased since the last solid waste management plan was drafted. Our case study used an average of $4 million per year spent on actions that could help zero waste (this assumes that 100% of staff time and work under the line items for Policy and Facility Development, ZW Implementation, Programs and Public Involvement/Community Engagement and the Sustainability Fund (til 2014) was directed only to reducing waste) for the 11 years of 2010-2020 to get a sense of what could be accomplished. If a 2.2 % annual decrease in waste could be accomplished over those years with that funding and also the distraction of trying to build a new incinerator at a cost of at least $2.5 million and a lesser effort at waste reduction then we think that spending $10 million more a year and actually trying to reduce the waste should be able to accomplish more such as the 5% reduction we included in the analysis. However, the financial analysis spreadsheet does allow the option to change the reduction levels to see what the outcomes are as a planning tool, which is what it is intended as. ZWBC is recommending additional funds be spent on reducing waste and the reduced total costs come from the ensuing reduction in garbage. Yes, our case study also showed that costs to reduce waste are far less than costs to dispose of garbage which is why it is so important to actually reduce the waste in order to get the savings.
3789	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Costs of Waste Reduction	The Public Technical Advisory Committee has already provided a detailed list of numerous suggestions for how waste can be reduced (in particular from the three working groups looking at plastics, organics and construction and deconstruction waste). Zero Waste BC also provided a list of actions stemming from engagement conducted on behalf of Metro Vancouver in the Ideas Generation phase of planning. Metro Vancouver itself has commissioned at least three consultant's reports (construction and demolition waste reduction potential, how to decrease waste in multifamily buildings, best practices for 3Rs -reduce, reuse, recycle) but has not released the results publicly and it is unclear if it has implemented recommendations or if they influenced the solid waste management planning. Going forward, Metro Vancouver needs to set more aggressive targets on waste reduction and actively work towards them, in partnership with others. Using taxpayer funds to generate reports that appear to be unused nor shared is a waste of money.
3790	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Disposal tonnage	Metro Vancouver states " Zero Waste BC assumes that there is additional capacity at the Vancouver Landfill that could accommodate garbage currently managed at the Waste-to-Energy Facility based on unrealistic projections of the amount of waste requiring disposal under all scenarios." The purpose of the analysis was to be able to adjust the levels to see what the outcomes would be under different scenarios. The Vancouver Landfill is allowed to accept 750,000 tonnes per year though the highest shown in Metro Vancouver reports in the past years was 699,555 tonnes in 2021. Our scenario calculations used both 750,000 tonnes and 700,000 tonnes as options and show the additional waste going to external landfills (which is costed in two ways -Metro Vancouver disposal costs and using RFP data for another community). The scenarios factor in a level of waste reduction which can also be adjusted.
3791	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	In summary	We disagree that the transfer station costs should be allocated to disposal and instead a sound analysis of future disposal costs (including a RFQ on external landfills at different volumes) should be conducted and shared publicly as part of the waste planning process. The disposal costs should link directly to the budget line items to make it transparent. The budget (predicted and actuals) should be made public and break out items into collection, transportation (in and out of region), recycling, disposal (by method) and actual work on waste reduction (zero waste). There should be an analysis looking at future costs as the current five year financial plan shows the incinerator will be driving huge increases.
3792	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	In summary	As requested in our press release, Metro Vancouver should commission a comprehensive study conducted by an independent health organization on the levels and cumulative impacts of pollution from the incinerator, with full transparency on process and results; and halt further work on connecting the incinerator to a district energy system until the facility is proven to be cost-effective and safe for the community and environment.

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3793	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Metro Vancouver's Investments in Waste Reduction and Recycling	When the Case Study was developed, there was only the budget line items for Policy and Facility Development, ZW Implementation, Programs and Public Involvement/Community Engagement and the Sustainability Fund (until 2014) as noted above and an additional line for the Transfer Station system (which the budget item was renamed the Recycling and Waste Centre for 2022 which was after the case study was completed). The purpose of the case study was to look at what had changed since the adoption of the 2011 solid waste management plan. The budget for the Transfer Stations/Recycling and Waste Centres has increased over time but from the publicly released data, it is unclear what portion is related to new programs to reduce waste and what is just the incremental cost changes as the cost of doing business has increased. According to publicly available data the mattress ban started in 2011 and the following year the Transfer Station costs were $2.1 Million more than 2011 but only $0.8 million more than 2010. It is assumed that Metro Vancouver would have started to receive revenue for the recycling costs associated with the Recycle BC program in 2014, which should have further decreased recycling costs. In 2024, we had specifically requested that the costs for all recycling be separated out and Paul Henderson had replied in an email March 24, 2025 that "Recycling is a core element of these facilities and as such excluding the costs from the overall cost of the facilities would not be appropriate. Additionally, many of the materials you note are paid recyclables or generate revenues through product stewards and as such the net cost of these activities is not material compared to the overall cost of operation of the facilities." Further, we were told "You suggest including the cost of waste reduction in Metro Vancouver's annual financial reporting and comparing that to disposal costs. As you are aware, many parties are engaged in waste reduction and recycling sharing benefits and costs. Metro Vancouver does not have information with respect to the cost or benefit to individual entities of reducing waste. .... Metro Vancouver's information with respect to costs and revenues are centred on the costs and revenues related to our facilities and our actions to encourage waste reduction." The case study was intended to show what costs could be seen from the publicly available data and to request that for the solid waste planning process, that Metro Vancouver conduct its own analysis to inform the process.
3794	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Metro Vancouver's Investments in Waste Reduction and Recycling	We appreciate the additional information on waste reduction and recycling costs shown in the Nov 6, 2025 ZWC package. If we subtract the $17.75 million from the Recycling and Waste Centre costs (a portion of the $25 million) and then allocate the costs according to Metro Vancouver's method (with which we disagree), that would make the incinerator more expensive than the Vancouver landfill (and those costs do not include the very significant capital costs for the incinerator). The Nov 6, 2025 ZWC package does not outline the actual revenue generated from the recycling.
3795	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Our experience	In addition to the correspondence, meetings with staff, delegations to the Zero Waste Committee and reviewing the information provided to the Zero Waste Committee, I have been on the Public Technical Advisory Committee since 2022 attending over 30 meetings, including chairing one of the working groups and participating in the other two. For the analyses ZWBC has worked on, we have vetted the process with industry experts. All of this has been done by professionals who have contributed their time pro bono.
3796	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Our experience	We have always shared the spreadsheets we used on our website and encouraged everyone to report any errors. We prefaced these discussions noting that this is what we saw as the public, encouraging Metro Vancouver to do similar work but with their more detailed knowledge of the system (especially as it is no longer possible to get detailed information that was available prior to 2021 in the biennial and financial reports on energy, waste disposal amounts per method, capital costs for the incinerator, and in some cases actual expenses instead of just expected budgets). Watching the Industry Advisory Committee meetings show that we are not alone in questioning the methodology for Metro Vancouver's disposal costing.
3797	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Our experience	Most communication from Metro Vancouver states that Metro Vancouver is prioritizing waste prevention and welcomes input into how to accomplish this, however in our experience, the reverse is true. The length of time to get answers, the lack of transparency and the answers not actually addressing the questions or providing evidence of error on the part of ZWBC have been very frustrating. While we have approached this in the spirit of collaboration hoping to help Metro Vancouver work towards its stated goals and to develop the next solid waste management plan in line with its zero waste agenda, it has felt that the ongoing commitment to the incinerator has been a roadblock. The last statement in the letter is as follows: "Metro Vancouver previously requested that Zero Waste BC cease sharing misleading misinformation about the cost and environmental performance of the Waste-to-Energy Facility. Zero Waste BC's recent analysis of solid waste system costs and alternatives contains erroneous and misleading misinformation about the regional solid waste system including the Waste-to-Energy Facility. We request that Zero Waste BC cease sharing this erroneous information." This statement is particularly troubling given the extensive efforts we have made to gather correct information and our requests for evidence of errors.
3798	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Our experience	In response to this, we ask for a retraction or actual data showing the errors. We would be happy to meet with a staff member who has expertise in the data to come to a shared understanding of the Metro Vancouver data.
3799	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit	Requests for information	In conducting our research, we have repeatedly asked for more transparent information and worked with Metro Vancouver staff to ensure the information was correct. This includes: Nov 25, 2022 -Raising questions on the costs of the incinerator at a meeting with Paul Henderson and Brent Kirkpatrick. Response Jan 3, 2023 from Paul Henderson noting the disposal costs were being calculated and would be shared with us once completed.
3800	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		June 1, 2023 -Email to staff to understand how the total waste tonnages were calculated and what they included stemming from June 1 PTAC meeting. oResponse June 2, 2023 from Paul Henderson outlining categories Ongoing emails -June 7 from ZWBC, reply from Paul Henderson June 7, reply from ZWBC July 3.

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3801	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		August 7, 2023 -Email to Paul Henderson regarding offer to discuss tonnages and costs. Sent specific questions regarding disposal data and GHGs in Biennial report, capital costs and operating costs. Response August 7th from Paul Henderson noting he was away and would reply. Response Dec 8, 2023 from staff providing detailed answers on queries regarding waste stats and costs and noting process improvements based on the questions raised. Response from ZWBC Dec 12 with follow up questions and reply from staff the same day noting they would look into it Response from staff Dec 20 providing details on capital expenses Response from ZWBC Dec 21 sharing updated spreadsheet to reflect the input from Metro Vancouver
3802	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		December 6, 2023 -Email to Paul Henderson that notes "I am attaching the spreadsheet that I used for the calculations for the presentation on Friday as we would be happy to add in more current data, edit any data that is incorrect or determine why there are discrepancies in reports/reporting systems".
3803	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		May 9, 2024 -presented the case study findings to the ZWC.
3804	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		Dec 13, 2024 -Meeting with staff to discuss data and changes made to spreadsheet based on staff information.
3805	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		Dec 13, 2024 -Email to Metro Vancouver Zero Waste Committee members in response to a report included in the September 2024 Zero Waste Committee agenda on the Waste-to-Energy Facility 2023 Financial Update raising several questions about how the disposal costs were calculated and what additional information would be helpful for decision makers and the public including requesting recycling costs be separated out, flagging the need to show capital costs for the future, asking for costing of zero waste actions, and asking for disposal costs for multiple years.
3806	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		Dec 13, 2024 -ZWBC feedback on proposed amended operational certificate for the incinerator regarding pollution levels and monitoring, GHGs, air quality, bottom ash, district energy, zero waste alternatives and costs. Response Dec 18 from Jerry Dubrovolny which noted the disposal costs in one line asserting waste to energy as the cheapest method but with no details on how this was determined. It did flag the incineration costs were to escalate by 20% in 5 years.
3807	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		January 20, 2025 -letter to Jerry Dobrovolny, in response to Metro Vancouver's response letter dated December 18, 2024 on Metro Vancouver's Waste-to-Energy Facility -reiterating requests for information as noted in the Dec 13 email to the ZWC. Response March 24, 2025 -Email from Paul Henderson responding to the Dec 13 and January 20th communications, with statements (but no detailed numbers) on costs. Continuing to assert that the costs per tonne are the same for the Vancouver Landfill and the incinerator but with no details showing how the budget numbers relate to this assertion.
3808	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		March 20, 2025 -Sent an email to the Budget Engagement email (copied to Paul Henderson and the ZWC) requesting clarification on several budget items including how the incinerator management contract costs are reflected in the budget, why the budget line for contribution for closure reserves for landfills had been removed and where these costs were now allocated, and what incinerator capital cost projects had been completed versus what was new now that the details were no longer provided in the budget. July 4, 2025 -Response from Paul Henderson regarding costs which note the contract for incineration management includes some capital costs but no details on how much and how this relates to a comparison of disposal costs. This email also appears to state that the landfill budget line would now cover Vancouver Landfill costs, external landfill costs, expenses for closed landfills and contributions to future landfill closure costs (which is why we acknowledge the disposal costs we calculated for the Vancouver Landfill looking forward are an overestimate due to the inclusion of the closed landfill costs and the combining of both Vancouver landfill and external landfill costs).
3809	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		July 7, 2025 Press release regarding findings of dioxins on a rooftop near the incinerator, including items on costs and GHGs. July 11, 2025 -Email from Paul Henderson titled Erroneous Claims Related to the Metro Vancouver Waste-to-Energy Facility" regarding the press release. Regarding costs, the letter states "The Waste-to-Energy Facility is the least expensive option for managing residual waste available to Metro Vancouver. The cost is slightly less than disposal at the Vancouver Landfill, and half the cost of disposal in remote landfills located in central British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon." In response, we added Metro Vancouver's claims to the press release page and pursued the meeting with staff that was offered.

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3810	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		August 27, 2025 -in response to the last letter, our coalition met with Metro Vancouver staff (both from solid waste and air quality/climate departments). In this meeting, we requested evidence that any of the statements in the press release were not accurate to which we received none at that meeting, just a reassertion of previous statements by Metro Vancouver. Staff noted soil testing had been conducted in the past but it was determined that ongoing testing was not needed. A few additional details (similar to what was shown to the Zero Waste Committee) on the allocation of recycling and waste centre costs were provided but no meaningful details. We requested a spreadsheet connecting the dots from budget line items to how disposal costs were determined (and noted that external landfill costs could be lumped together to avoid sharing any confidential details). October 24, 2025 -Paul Henderson sent the follow up information that was promised at the August 27th meeting. The spreadsheet we requested was not rovided but instead the same table of allocation of recycling and waste centre costs was given and an additional table of disposal costs (for one year) was given but again this did not link to the budget as the disposal costs for the landfills alone (which did not include costs for closed landfills) were almost double the budget line item for landfills while the incinerator was $5 million less. It is also important to note that showing only one year (a year in which an insurance claim boosted the revenue) is not a sound way to help make decisions for the future. Volumes for the Vancouver landfill are also much lower than have been included in previous annual reports suggesting different ways that this data is gathered or used -this is the first time that the volume of material going to the Vancouver Landfill through the Metro Vancouver facilities was shared. It remains unclear how to incorporate the capital costs for the incinerator (which are significant and climbing) into a comparison with landfills (for which there are no capital costs outside of the operating budget -per Metro Vancouver staff). oThe email notes that the Vancouver Landfill is a finite resource with a limited annual capacity but fails to note the same is true of the incinerator which also has a lifespan and fixed annual capacity.
3811						- This email also included reports on soil testing from the early 1990's which showed that testing for dioxins had not been conducted then so the assertions of testing not being needed for dioxins based on strong results in the past would certainly not hold up today, especially now that much more is known about the harmful effects, stronger standards have been introduced, the increase in plastics and chemical additives in products and testing can be done continuously on air emissions with the ability to detect lower levels. It is important to note this information did not include a report to the Board with a staff recommendation to cease testing, only to receive the report. Also of note is that a report titled "Greater Vancouver Regional District Soil and Vegetation Monitoring Program 1990" by Soil Con as a summary of their four years of testing was not shared. This report recommends the following: "Based on the 4 years of results it is recommended that: 1- the GVRD undertake a detailed evaluation of the ambient (ie., air, dustfall, soil and vegetation) and stack monitoring program results within the context of other influencing factors (ie., meteorology, other local contributing sources of pollution), 2- a routine soil and vegetation monitoring schedule be established. (It is important that a sound data base is established during the initial years of the incinerator operation.) 3- the appropriate health officials be updated regarding the 1990 agricultural vegetation Cd (ie., 5/spinach), Ni (2/grass), Hg (ie., 5/spinach) and F (ie. 4/blueberry) levels. Several of these elements have been elevated since the pre- operational monitoring program. 4- an evaluation be conducted on the merits of PAH "fingerprinting" as a tool to investigate source(s) of soil PAHs. 5- a region-wide soils and vegetation monitoring program be established to investigate whether the elevated trace element levels found in the sampling program are an isolated situation or whether they are typical of other areas in Greater Vancouver."
3812	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		Oct 9, 2025 -Presented the financial analysis of disposal options to the ZWC and provided the spreadsheet in a follow up email for the committee members to enter their own assumptions.
3813	5-Nov-25	Letter Re: Response to the claims made in the letter from Paul Henderson dated October 29th, 2025	Zero Waste BC	Non-profit		October 29, 2025 -Email from Paul Henderson with the letter attached in the November 6th Zero Waste Committee package.
3814	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Develop education tools for businesses to help them **recycle**, reduce waste, motivate customers to participate, and comply with evolving waste reduction regulations.
3815	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Support the changes made in the SWSC meeting to remove "business license requirements".
3816	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Advocate for the adoption of consistent reuse regulations.
3817	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Develop a regional approach to events prioritizing surplus food redistribution, reusable food service ware, and litter reduction **including development of procurement tools/templates and communication materials to support implementation**

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3818	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Support **and develop** recycling markets by purchasing recycled products including compost.
3819	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government		Richmond strongly supports the following IDs with their current language
3820	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government		Strongly support language requiring source separation for ICI.
3821	21-Oct-25	Sector Focus Group Notes	Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Provincial Health Services Authority (including BC Cancer), Providence Health	Healthcare authorities	What should Metro Vancouver consider to support your participation with this action?	Need subject matter experts from Metro Vancouver to let us know the guidelines and where everything goes.
3822	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to the action	Support the changes made in the SWSC meeting as below: Member jurisdictions will **implement standardized permitting and procurement** guidelines for reusable food service ware at public events and civic venues and facilities.
3823	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government		Finite number of food vendors in the region, there is more of a business case for regional harmonization on developing standards across all events.
3824	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Current Context and Long-Term Perspective	We support a more comprehensive overview of the region's current waste and recycling landscape, including emerging issues, demographic and population trends, and existing infrastructure capacity. This should include a broader technical review with industry players, including those who operate recycling facilities, those who provide the collection services and those who provide disposal services. Current and emerging capacity gaps should be evaluated and projected with a wide range of opportunity solutions identified. While some of this may be addressed elsewhere in the Plan, the City encourages Metro Vancouver to continue this dialogue and integrate corresponding strategies into the Options Analysis. This should include consideration of evolving challenges such as contingency planning for key materials—garbage, organics, and wood—as well as issues related to disaster debris management, demolition and construction disposal capacity, municipal solid waste capacity and increased congestion and associated waste generation related to Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing developments.
3825	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Edits to 2022 IDs & Ongoing Items from the 2010 Plan	City staff have provided suggested edits to several IDs which are outlined in Attachment 1. Through this review, it appears that some actions or objectives from the prior 2010 Plan remain either ongoing or not yet fully implemented (Attachment 2). It would be beneficial to explicitly identify these items, confirm which are being carried forward, and outline how they will be addressed or integrated within the framework of the updated Plan. Establishing this clear line of continuity between the previous and updated plan would enhance transparency, demonstrate ongoing commitment to previously identified priorities and ensure progress is clearly tracked over time.
3826	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Inclusion of Targets, Actions and Broader Goals	We support including targets similar to those outlined in the 2010 Plan to ensure all member municipalities are working toward common objectives. Establishing ambitious, clear and measurable targets would also help guide municipalities in developing local programs, policies, and bylaws that contribute to achieving these shared goals.
3827	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Inclusion of Targets, Actions and Broader Goals	Additionally, the current list of actions does not clearly demonstrate how each contributes to the Plan's broader strategic objectives or measurable outcomes. Strengthening the connection between individual actions, overarching goals, and performance indicators would improve coherence and support more effective performance monitoring.
3828	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Regulatory and Incentive Frameworks	We support the Plan having a stronger focus on regulatory and policy development, particularly in relation to encouraging or mandating higher levels of recycling and diversion in the ICI sector. This could include enforcement of existing disposal bans at the ICI level, supported by effective communications and outreach to raise awareness and improve compliance. Additionally, exploring incentive mechanisms, coordinated regulatory tools, and advocating for extended producer responsibility measures could help to promote regional harmony and alignment in policy approaches would help level the playing field for businesses across jurisdictions.
3829	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government	Research and Development	Opportunities to increase the incorporation of research and development (R&D) led by Metro Vancouver to enable a more proactive approach to identifying solutions, fostering innovation and addressing challenges collaboratively. The Plan should support the private sector utilizing R&D to help tackle known technical challenges such as odour control for organics facilities and contamination across all streams.
3830	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government		The City of Richmond commends the effort and extensive engagement that Metro Vancouver (MV) has undertaken to develop an updated Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (the Plan). The Options Analysis presented to member municipalities at the October 6, 2025 workshop aligns well with the new waste hierarchy and guiding principles as well as outlining opportunities to strive towards more circular waste management practices in the region.
3831	7-Nov-25	Letter Re: Feedback on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan	City of Richmond	Local government		In reviewing the Options Analysis, Richmond staff have identified five gap areas listed below that require greater clarity and additional information. It is our understanding that several supporting documents addressing these key issues are being completed concurrently and will be integrated into the Plan shortly. Richmond staff encourage the Plan Update Team to incorporate the findings from these documents into the Options Analysis, as we believe they will be critical to the Plan's long-term effectiveness for member municipalities and the broader region.
3832	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Advocate that federal and provincial governments develop regulatory programs to improve reporting and implementation of **circular economy (including food systems) that provides for standardized terminology, specific metrics and timelines of performance.**

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3833	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Advance the thought leadership on circular economy by providing support through speaking engagements, venues and learning opportunities for stakeholders.
3834	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Advance the framework and obligation of manufacturers and producers of protecting the environment and protecting the public interest.
3835	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Enhance partnerships with the provincial government, academia, and community groups where industry provides funding to research and develop solution to overcome barriers to reuse and recycling and opportunities to incorporate recycled content into new products.
3836	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee		Develop support with the provincial government on consumers unclaimed deposits (i.e. beverage containers) that arise from the Recycling Regulation to fund general recycling initiatives of Metro Vancouver.
3837	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Identify and advocate for additional materials to be added to extended producer responsibility programs including non-residential packaging with and without readily available markets, such as mattresses and household furniture.
3838	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Continue to participate in BC product steward engagements and provide feedback on their regulatory obligations of EPR, the public interest and improvements to existing programs and the development of new programs
3839	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Advocate for full funding of producer responsibility programs and the expansion of residential-only programs to businesses.
3840	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Advocate for accelerated deployment of direct collection and recycling of an expanded suite of materials including film plastic and foam.
3841	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Advocate and have a regulated framework for expanded recycling drop-off options funded by the stewards or producers of the product for materials such as household hazardous waste, batteries, and items that are not traditionally recycled through the residential blue box, considering mobile options to improve convenience and accessibility.
3842	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Improve access to textile donation and recycling collection services and advocate for textile producers and retailers to set up infrastructure for recycling.
3843	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Recognize and reward those who recycle well so others are inspired to follow their example; by creating app.
3844	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Centralize information sources to make it consistent and easier for the public to find information and look for resources.
3845	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Provide a leadership to standardize national guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled; with standardize symbols and colors
3846	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Advocate for producers, businesses and recycling depots as a responsible steward to work towards streamlining the types of materials accepted where practical.
3847	10-Nov-25	PTAC member email submission Re: Feedback on the Draft Strategies and Actions Options Analysis	Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)	Advisory committee	Edits to the action	Review multi-family residential waste and recycling container space and access guidelines, including determining if the guidance needs to account for increased amounts of material or additional types of materials.
3848	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Love it
3849	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Affordability: rated high, it should be med: although upfront and operating costs can be expensive. If it wasn't, everyone would do it. Investment in money and time are required.
3850	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Practicality of implementation: rated high, it should be med: it requires multi-stakeholder coordination and logistics barriers will delay roll-out and increase costs.
3851	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Why would a certification be in rethink when a tracking solution would be in reduce? Need for clarification between rethink and reduce!
3852	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		In some jurisdictions, municipalities require residents to use transparent garbage bags instead of opaque black bags, allowing waste collectors to easily inspect the contents and identify unacceptable items at the source. For example, the City of Markham, Ontario mandates the use of clear bags for all garbage and does not accept black, dark, tinted, or white bags for collection. Similarly, the City of Chestermere in Alberta introduced a clear bag requirement to improve waste sorting and reduce contamination. In these systems, non-compliance can result in non-collection or fines, placing greater responsibility on households to properly separate their waste and support diversion goals. Understanding that the region currently uses opaque bins for recycling, the Nation encourages the exploration of transitioning to clear plastic bins as an additional measure to improve waste compliance - a practice already being piloted in countries such as Singapore and Australia to reduce contamination and promote responsible recycling behaviour.

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3853	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Lobby the provincial government to incorporate circular requirements within procurement legislation.
3854	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		This action is a vital and welcome recognition of the role Indigenous Peoples play in advancing truly sustainable, low-waste systems. For Nations like kʷikʷəƛəm, circular practices are not new - they are rooted in generations of living according to the Laws of the Creator: take only what is needed, waste nothing, and act with care for all living beings. Integrating Indigenous practices such as land-based food systems, traditional ecological knowledge, and Indigenous-led environmental stewardship is essential. However, this integration must go beyond project-based collaboration. It must include Indigenous Nations as equal decision-makers and rights-holders, with authority embedded from the outset in planning, governance, and implementation. This aligns with the principles of UNDRIP and the inherent responsibility of governments to uphold Indigenous knowledge systems and consent.
3855	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		GHG: rated medium, it should be high: food accounts for 20% of the carbon footprint of the city of Vancouver taking into account indirect emissions. Without taking this into account, there is a huge risk of climate inaction. According to the UN, food accounts for 1/3 of GHG emissions and food waste alone for 8-10% GHG emissions.
3856	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Practicality of implementation: this would be made easy with the BetterTable App for restaurants https://bettertable.com/app
3857	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Affordability: rate low, should be at least medium: food waste costs the restaurant industry 7% of food revenues. That's not affordable. New app-based technology such as the one about to be launched by BetterTable will help significantly reduce the cost of tracking food sustainability, with no complex and expensive hardware like LeanPath
3858	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Economic prosperity: rate med, should be high (food waste = 7% food revenues for restaurants = low prosperity)
3859	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Waste reduction: rated low, should be high (food is large tonnage materials, and apps like https://bettertable.com/app will directly track reduced food waste and impacts)
3860	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		GHG: rated medium, it should be high (the app mentioned above will quantify the carbon footprint of food, which is not even thought about right now)
3861	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Inclusivity: BetterTable is developed by a minority owned business certified by the 2SLGBTQIA+ Canadian Chamber of Commerce
3862	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Practicality of implementation: rate med, should be high (in-person audits have enabled to cut food waste by 30% within 6 months. Not years!)
3863	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Ensure zoning and bylaws actively support the creation of Indigenous-led reuse, repair, and remanufacturing hubs, including on reserve lands or through urban Indigenous partnerships. Why: Many Nations want to lead in circular economy work but face legal or zoning barriers. Metro Vancouver could play a supportive role in removing these.
3864	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Pilot waste education programs in multi-family buildings that include Indigenous land-based teachings, perhaps in partnership with local Nations or Indigenous educators. Why: Urban Indigenous residents and non-Indigenous people alike could benefit from teachings about respect for materials, use of all parts, and seasonal cycles, which reinforce circular thinking.
3865	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Overall: incentives should be not only for donating food but also for implementing programmes to PREVENT food waste in the first place.
3866	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		GHG Emissions Reduction: Agree with high rating, but not because it will reduce organics entering the landfill, but because food waste will be avoided. 90% of emissions from food are linked to food production, not to the way food waste is being managed.
3867	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Practicality of implementation: feasible within 5-10 years?? We are committed to achieve UN SDGs by 2030 (including reducing food waste by 50% = SDG 12.3)
3868	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Transparency: it will be likely to increase transparency of public money going to the number one solution to fight climate change (preventing food waste)
3869	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Inclusivity: rated med, should be high if the e-learning is available from anywhere at a cheap price such as https://bettertable.com/academy
3870	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Supports Waste Prevention Habits and Actions: why Likely not to have significant changes to behaviour? Education is the very first step to change behaviours! Otherwise why would we have FOOD SAFE??
3871	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Transparency: we would need transparency of the number of staff trained!
3872	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Change the idea description for: Provide funding not only for food reuse/recovery/gleaning but also for food waste prevention at the source, including tracking solutions to prevent food waste to happen in the first place
3873	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Create a regional program to fund Indigenous-led food sovereignty and waste reduction initiatives, such as traditional harvesting education, preservation workshops, and food knowledge sharing (e.g. how to prepare foods with little to no waste).
3874	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Develop disposal ban education and compliance strategies in partnership with Indigenous communities, using land-based storytelling and community-informed language. Compliance programs are more effective when they reflect local values and worldviews. kʷikʷəƛəm's worldview offers a relational approach to waste that can deepen public understanding and cultural respect.

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3875	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		The Nation supports actions that prioritize reuse infrastructure, education, and repair culture, especially those that empower community-led and non-profit solutions. Metro Vancouver could go further by supporting Indigenous-led reuse initiatives, and by integrating traditional knowledge and practices into regional education, repair events, and public campaigns. This also means ensuring these programs are accessible to all residents, including those in multi-family housing and under-resourced communities, where the impact of low-waste living can be greatest.
3876	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		For the kʷikʷəƛ̓əm and other Indigenous communities, respecting food by minimizing waste is a spiritual obligation. To reflect this, regional food recovery programs should actively incorporate Indigenous food systems, traditional knowledge, and recognize Indigenous sovereignty. A practical solution would be to establish formal partnerships and co-governance models with Indigenous Nations and organizations. This collaboration would ensure food recovery initiatives are developed and implemented in ways that are ethical, inclusive, and culturally meaningful, supporting both conventional and traditional methods of food redistribution and preservation.
3877	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		To improve convenience and accessibility, Metro Vancouver should advocate for expanded recycling drop-off options, including mobile collection services tailored to better serve Indigenous communities in remote areas. Collaborating directly with Indigenous Nations will ensure these services respect cultural practices and address unique local needs, fostering equitable access to recycling infrastructure across the region.
3878	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		In Canada, around 30,000 to 40,000 tonnes of plastic enter the environment annually due to mismanagement, including plastics that escape from recycling systems, such as open-top blue boxes during windy, stormy weather. Plastic packaging items are lightweight, and without a cover on blue bins, they are prone to leaking and becoming litter. Once they have leaked out of the blue box, they clog storm drains, pollute urban streets and waterways, and make their way downstream to the beaches and into the ocean.
3879	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Recycling collection days in Vancouver have become a known hot spot for pollution leaks. Residents often overfill bins, and waste haulers struggle with scattered recyclables, increasing operational costs and reducing recycling efficiency.
3880	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Many municipalities across BC, including, Surrey, Chilliwack and Port Alberni, use lidded carts for collecting blue box materials. So, there's already a precedent set with local governments, their waste contractors, and RecycleBC for utilizing an effective collection system that avoids leakage. Whether it's carts, or nets, or another solution - we know we need to work collaboratively to end this unnecessary source of plastic pollution.
3881	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Surfrider Vancouver would love to see Metro Vancouver address plastic pollution caused by open top blue bins through the updated Solid Waste Management Plan, ideally through carts, nets, lids, or another solution.
3882	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		Consider impacts of introduction of non-native worm species to the environment. What about table top composters (foodcycler type products)
3883	31-Oct-25	Letter RE: Feedback on Actions in the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update	City of Vancouver	Local Government	EPR actions	The B.C. Recycling Regulation requires producers to manage their collected products and packaging "in the descending order of preference [of the pollution prevention hierarchy], such that pollution prevention is not undertaken at one level unless or until all feasible opportunities for pollution prevention at the higher level have been taken." The hierarchy in the regulation includes four steps above recycling: reducing the environmental impact, redesign, reducing unused portions of consumable products, and reuse. Examples of existing EPR programs that could expand to reuse include beverage containers (refillable bottles), single-use items (reusable food service ware), other packaging (refillables), electronics, appliances and electrical equipment.
3884	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large		NO MENTION OF SDG in any option analysis document!! Although the draft summary of ideas includes Reduce waste: Food Efficiency (kg food /capita), Progress towards SDG 12.3 (%),
3885	10-Nov-25	Workshop attendees questionnaire submissions		Public members-at-large	Draft Summary of Ideas Staff Consider Unadvisable	This document limits the comment to ideas that have already been vetted and advised by Metro Vancouver Staff. It does not give an opportunity to comment on those that staff have unilaterally rejected. In particular the idea rejected that Metro Vancouver "Privatize regional solid waste system". First, this is a rather sloppy way of characterizing the recommendations. The reality is that there is already some private sector involvement. I believe that Metro Vancouver should have characterized this recommendation as "Removing Metro Vancouver" from operational aspects of waste and recycling management in the region.
3886	Oct 1 – 26, 2025	Engagement summary	Vancouver Food Runners Society	Food donors		At Vancouver Food Runners, we took the Metro Vancouver survey that covered "rethink", "reduce", "reuse and repair", "upcycle and recover", "education & support" and "demographics" and adapted it for food businesses. Twenty-two food business partners completed the survey between 1 and 26 October 2025.
3887	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Honestly, the main deterrent is knowing that recycled items aren't actually being reused properly but shipped off to other countries to burn..... (eg. plastic)
3888	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Maybe an app that shows clothing electronics battery etc recycling places
3889	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More simplistic recycling with less sorting
3890	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More openness to help learn about recycling and being understanding/less shaming of the slow rate it takes to get into this lifestyle.
3891	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Soft plastic recycling bins made available for the home and more textile recycling centres
3892	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Separate bins for recyclable and refundable items at city parks
3893	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Pickup from condo

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3894	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Why are there so many typos in the survey?
3895	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Bulk pickups for items from rental specific housing. These places don't have large item recycling and if you live without a car it's hard to recycle large items and often they get dumped in communal areas, landfill dumpsters or in public.
3896	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Education on what needs to happen to the material so it will be accepted at the depot.
3897	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	A specific residential soft plastic recycling program
3898	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Soft plastic and styrofoam pickup
3899	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Proper labeling and sorting of bins for different materials
3900	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I think the list is very comprehensive
3901	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More transparency in knowing the environmental impact of recycling
3902	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Educating people in my building who put things in the wrong recycling bin
3903	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Being able to dispose materials right at the point of use (so recycling bins right next to areas of supermarkets for paper receipt recycling for example).
3904	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I feel like there's different information out there for different materials, and I've often heard that our recycled plastics just end up in landfill anyways. I'd love if accurate information was available in public spaces (garbage and recycling bins), not just on websites.
3905	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Make electronic, tires and clothing easier to recycle
3906	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Recycling available for my apartment complex
3907	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	To decor my place w recyclables
3908	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Reduced plastic packaging
3909	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I think the main issue is not knowing exactly what to recycle where and in what condition it is acceptable to recycle.
3910	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	I find it easy to recycle food waste.
3911	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Nothing it's easy but it probably all goes in the landfill because people throw plastic containers in there and dog poop
3912	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We already have a compost disposal system
3913	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More bins or days for collection to come pick stuff up
3914	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More bins provided by the building
3915	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Training for residents
3916	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Having small processing plants to make manure
3917	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We have food waste pick up service that works fine as is.
3918	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Less shaming/fining about mistakes made when recycling (wrong bin), and more understanding and explanation to motivate getting into the habit
3919	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Recycle bins
3920	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	A chute
3921	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More accessible compost bins or one that were provided to residents
3922	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Free compostable bag or a way to collect per floor more often. I try to collect but I get a ton of fruit flies if I wait too long but it is a hassle to bring it down every few days
3923	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Not much. We have a greenhouse bin program.
3924	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We already do that

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3925	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We already compost.
3926	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Nothing that isn't already provided
3927	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Our building has a sufficient sized compost bin.
3928	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More bins
3929	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We already have green bins in recycling room
3930	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Assigning a specific bin for food waste and educating residents on what can be recycled.
3931	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Have a bin that accepts recyclables
3932	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More compost bins
3933	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Bins provided for us to recycle
3934	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It’s pretty easy atm. We have 4 bins for organics that are rarely full. The thing I notice is other residents contaminate the bins with plastics and other items.
3935	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Waste chutes. Many residents (not me) throw plastic bags in with green waste :(
3936	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Space
3937	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Better access to large compost bins
3938	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	My building already has a composting program
3939	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Better organization of material types within bins
3940	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Posters/ signs of how to store food properly or how to repurpose ingredients
3941	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More accessibility to bins
3942	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Orientation as moving in, having guides in my fridge
3943	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	I’m not sure how to recycle food. If this means compost then my building does have a big compost bin in an accessible-ish location (although we have to go out of the building walk on the street and then go in to a different section of the building)
3944	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Having it be as convenient as humanly possible
3945	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	I think it's already pretty easy. In our shared apartment unit, we have a compost bin which we can leave outside our unit at certain times for pick up.
3946	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It's already very easy
3947	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	People in my building NOT putting plastic bags into the food waste bin
3948	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Regular pickup
3949	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Nothing, pretty simple right now!
3950	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More information about how to choose recycling options.
3951	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Dedicated compost container
3952	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	It is already fairly easy
3953	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	If there was more space for it.
3954	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Knowing what can and can't be recycled/composted, including what types of food waste bags are actually biodegradable
3955	Oct & Nov 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Mind Your Plastic	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Accepting biodegradable bags

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3956	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Accessibility of recycling locations is a major barrier
3957	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Where to take items not picked up by regular recycling collection.
3958	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Making it so labels weren't so hard to get off
3959	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More items accepted for home collection, like electronics, lights, soft plastics pick up scheduled once every 3 months and an app to notify
3960	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	A help page where I put in what I am doing like painting an apartment or house to list items I am likely to use and where to take the waste or what can be re used or not afterwards
3961	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Some materials aren't longer accepted at our local recycling centre and where we have to take them is quite far away and I would need a car to get it there.
3962	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More readily available information
3963	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Bulk items "pick up day" once or twice a year; charities offering to pick up bulk items (like furniture) for free.
3964	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Knowing that all materials collected are recycled and not just collected.
3965	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Knowing that there is a government program from collecting to deliver to appropriate manifactures for recycle, at the opposite to putting them in the hands of privates that deliver for recycle only if convenient for them, if they have a profit, other way they dump the collected materials in landfills, or worst in the environment in third world countries (we pollute land and water there).
3966	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	That companies doing that and polluting other countries be persecuted for pollution here in canada. To be sure that what is produced and sold here is destined to be recycled (do no put not recyclable items on the market), it is really recycled and doesn't go to pollute other countries.
3967	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	To produce less items, as now the over-aboundance is due to the wish of making profit of industries (private greadiness), not to a real need of the population (we have about everything).
3968	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	To educate people to use less and buy less.
3969	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	To introduce regulations that limit the over-abbondance of items on the market (the consumerism in the west world is awful).
3970	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Also: to introduce regulations and implement them, that stores selling recyclable containers and materials have the responsability to collect them back from the consumers, and have the responsibility to put them on the correct path to recycling.
3971	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	That contaiers and materials collected from those stores are effectively recycled (government involved, not greedy private that dump them whenever).
3972	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	That canada funds recycle plants for plastic, paper, styrofoam, etc., and recycle/reporpose/repair plants for electronics discarded here in canada. No pollution exported to other countries.
3973	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	I hope each item has recyclable symbol, there are but not every. For example, I'd like to recycle as many as but I don't know if a paper sticker is recyclable, how about stickers on fruits? There is a website about recycling items but it's very complicated. It is categorized, I click battery, I have to choose and click again, again. I had to be knowledgable to recycle.
3974	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Larger bins at home to collect recyclables
3975	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	A reduced variety of consumer packaging to simplify recycling. Make the manufacturers more responsible for waste.
3976	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Just make it mandatory
3977	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	More easy access recycling facilities
3978	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Get money
3979	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	The material actually being recycled and not thrown in some landfill in Indonesia
3980	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Different recycling pick ups
3981	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Accessibility of recycling locations is a major barrier
3982	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Organics program - no green waste disposal at Murrayville House
3983	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	A big trash can
3984	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Compost (Usually never waste food)

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3985	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	A compost bin
3986	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More frequent waste ... (illegible: taken?)
3987	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Know what can I make with it
3988	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Small recycling station
3989	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Put them in special trash can
3990	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More places to dispose stuff
3991	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Put a bigger recycling bins in a fixed position
3992	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More bins
3993	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Required compost routes everywhere
3994	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Easier instructions
3995	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	We are already good with food waste
3996	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More often trash pick up
3997	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Use different colour bag to differentiate that kind of food waste
3998	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	A tube? Collect together
3999	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Clear guidelines on how to recycle
4000	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	If they make an easier pathway to get rid of waste
4001	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Having the garbage truck come more often for food waste
4002	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	More proper place to keep bins (townhomes) not just garages
4003	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Not an issue currently
4004	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	The food waste collection is awful in my complex and in many others. There is a collection bin and that is ok, but people are not educated to select food scraps, and about what can go in the food collection. There is a lot of plastic, food is been dumped in plastic bags, plastic containers, take out not biodegradable containers. I also see lots of people dumping food scraps and everything in the garbage. There is no education from the city of Surrey, nor from MetroVan about what to put/not to put in food collection, and in the recycle collection. There is a small poster down the stairs about recycling and that's it. For what I know putting in the recycle and in the food scrap bin has become mandatory, but no one cares about educating residents. I'm very upset because I collect all recyclables, including plastic wraps (very invasive in our lives now - even food that could be sold without has plastic wrapping), glass and the little styrofoam I get, which I deliver to the depot.
4005	6-Oct-25	Workshop Notes	Member jurisdiction staff	Local government		Metro Vancouver could create that service, and member jurisdictions could pay into it if they wanted to use it, but the digital tool would need to cover all purposes that members need it for, so they don't need to purchase another tool as well.
4006	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Glass should be collected in a bin with residential collection too. It's not collected in Surrey and it has to be brought to the depot. Many put it in the recycle.
4007	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	In every building we need capillar education, mandatory for every unit. Attached to it we need a container to collect food scraps in every apartment.
4008	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Selling styrofoam should be prohibited. Everything that is not recyclable or is not efectively recycled should be prohibited in stores and in packaging.
4009	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Fake compostables (from "compostable" plastic bags to compostable food containers containing plastic) should be prohibited, they contain plastic and you transfer plastic to the environment and to food if you compost them. Also the composition of coffee cups is unclear. Everything containing plastic mixed with paper and additives should go to the landfill, and should be clearly written on the items. Substitute them with reusable items.

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4010	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Only biodegradable items are compostable. Plastic is not biodegradable and when fragments in composters it goes to add to the microplastic in the environment. Plastic "compostable" bags in stores should not be labelled as compostable, we need some regulation and to apply such a regulation. They fragment and produce microplastic. Those companies have been allowed to trick and misinform consumers.
4011	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Building owners and managers should be educated and should be held responsible for recycling. Big companies owning buildings should be taken accountable and should be pushed to recycle and to inform residents.
4012	Sep & Oct 2025	Digital and Paper Survey - Open end responses	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food waste in your building?	Who is responsible for the education of renters and owners in buildings or townhouses? Is it the municipality, is it MetroVancouver, is it the building owner? That should be clear and should do it work. Who is accountable for the missing education? I'm really curious and I can be contacted with answers by Mero Vancouver at my email.
4013	Sept 23 to Oct 22, 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Recycling Council of BC	RCBC members	Observations & Recommendations:	Engagement in this process was lower compared to the 2024 survey on Idea Generation. As a result, respondents represented a narrower range of age groups, municipalities, and organization types in the case of the RCBC Member survey. Last year, it was noted that in the public survey 100% of respondents selected English as the primary language spoken at home. This is contrasted by this survey which saw ⅔ of respondents indicate Spanish as their primary language. This suggests that this public survey may have reached a different audience than has been engaged in previous surveys.
4014	Sept 23 to Oct 22, 2025	Online Survey - Open end responses	Recycling Council of BC	RCBC members	Summary	This survey aimed to solicit feedback both from RCBC Members in the Business/Industry and Non-Profit sectors and from members of the public who interact with RCBC Information Services. Overall, there is a high degree of interest in actions like participating in repair cafes and learning to repair, and a high likelihood of trying activities like mindful consumption and choosing reusable options. The two audiences expressed differing preferences in terms of how they would like to receive information about recycling, reuse, and repair programs. RCBC Members showed a preference for short online learning sessions or videos, while the public survey respondents preferred social media and Posters or signs in public spaces and buildings.
4015	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Have a place where people can have a job to rinse items and remove labels
4016	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier for you to recycle more materials?	Public policy should stop businesses from unnecessary packaging - food items wrapped in plastic, reward recycling when you stop using plastic bags for groceries, encourage school sales for old cycles, jackets, books etc. Small grocery shops in your neighborhood so we buy less and only what we need instead of stocking up in large fridges.
4017	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Recycling bin
4018	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	I hope there is a public recycle cans for food around instead of each per family.
4019	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	Plan your week accordingly to avoid wastage and spoilage
4020	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	More education
4021	Sep 6 to Oct 20, 2025	Online and in-person survey responses - Open end responses	Surrey & White Rock Board of Trade	Public members-at-large	What would make it easier to recycle food in your building?	We already have a compost bin however people continue to put items in the bin in 'compostable' plastic bags. Ongoing awareness of how to recycle may help. It baffles me that people still don't know how to sort despite recycling being introduced decades ago.