

## Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee Bios



### **Director Sarah Kirby-Yung, Chair**

Metro Vancouver Board Director Sarah Kirby-Yung is currently serving her second term on Vancouver City Council. Director Kirby-Yung is on the Metro Vancouver Board and is the Chair of the Zero Waste

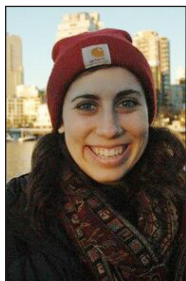
Committee. Director Kirby-Yung is also a National Zero Waste Council Board member, Liquid Waste Committee member, Pacific National Exhibition Chair, Vancouver Art Gallery Trustee, and Union of BC Municipalities Executive. Previously, she served as Commissioner and Chair of the Vancouver Park Board and her professional background is in marketing and communications, tourism, and hospitality.



### **Director Craig Hodge, Vice-Chair**

Metro Vancouver Board Director Craig Hodge is a City of Coquitlam Councillor, a title he has held since 2011. Director Hodge serves on the Metro Vancouver Board, and is the Vice-Chair of the Zero Waste

Committee. Director Hodge is also Chair of the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, and serves on the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee and Water Committee.



### **Alice Henry**

Alice Henry is a researcher and facilitator with expertise in the circular economy and collaborative decision-making. As a Program Manager with the Share Reuse Repair Initiative, she focuses on fostering a just circular transition

and the repair economy, building cultural demand for circular goods and services, and supporting circular innovators.

She also works as an Associate of OneEarth to make sustainable living more accessible, and she provides strategic insight as a member of the Vancouver Economic Commission's Advisory Board. Henry enjoys supporting innovators, public institutions, and communities as we collectively rethink how our systems can work and how our economies can better support all peoples and our planet.



### **Ben Liegey**

Ben Liegey is a Food Waste Reduction Ambassador with more than 9 years of experience consulting organizations throughout the food supply chain. He has a food engineering background combined with an Executive MBA,

and is always passionate about promoting business sustainability through reducing food waste.

He is the Founder and CEO of Rethink2gether, a Vancouver-based consulting company helping commercial kitchens reduce food costs and improve their bottom line. Rethink2gether empowers hotels and restaurants with training, app technology to track food waste, and support to become certified against the third-party audited certification The PLEDGE™ on Food Waste. He has been a member of the Vancouver Food Policy Council in 2021–2022 and is also the Co-Producer of the Food Synergy Movie, a BC documentary about food waste solutions from farm to plate.

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### Bill Chan

Bill Chan has over 25 years of senior executive management experience with Encorp / Return-It, a leading BC product stewardship organization. He was involved in the start-up phase, and directed, managed and led a dynamic team

to deliver a convenient, effective recycling network of Return-It depots for beverage containers, consumer packaging, and end of life electronic products.

Bill sits on the Board of Directors of Vancity Credit Union, Canada's largest community-based credit union with over 560,000 members and \$33 billion in assets. He is the Chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Governance and Risk Committees. His formal education includes a Chartered Professional Accountant designation (CPA, CGA) and a MBA from Asia Pacific University. He has received the ICD.D (Institute of Corporate Directors designation).



### Brenda Martens

Brenda Martens has worked in the building industry for over 30 years as a practitioner, educator, and advocate in the field of regenerative building and circular economy.

Brenda has a focus on materials and waste reduction and is a TRUE (Zero

Waste) Advisor, and teaches courses on building circularity at British Columbia Institute of Technology.

She has led the zero waste efforts for many events, including the Vancouver Mini Maker Faire and Light House socials, and has spoken about waste at Buildex, Coast Waste Management Association, and the Vancouver Zero Waste 'meet-ups'. In 2018 she was appointed to the Order of British Columbia for her contributions to sustainability in the building industry.



### Brianne De Man

Working alongside binners in the realm of environmental and economic justice since 2017, Brianne De Man has become a passionate advocate for the rights and voices of waste-pickers in Vancouver and globally. Brianne

is the Manager, Charitable Programs at Binners' Project, a charitable social enterprise dedicated to improving the economic opportunities of binners and destigmatizing their work as informal recyclable collectors.

In her role, Brianne is responsible for all advocacy initiatives that work to provide legitimacy and dignity to binners' work, while ensuring their voices are included in policy discussions that impact them, such as Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan. In line with Binners' Project's mission to amplify the voices of binners at the policy level to both destigmatize their work and increase their political visibility, Brianne will be bringing those voices with her when possible to the advisory committee, ensuring binners' interests are well represented. She received a Master of Public Health from the University of Victoria in 2016.

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### Christian Dietrich

Christian Dietrich is the Vice President of Recycling and Waste Services at Ecowaste Industries. Christian's entire work experience centers around waste management, specifically hazardous waste and solid waste management. He has

worked in and led teams to design, commission, operate and maintain five separate waste processing plants ranging from a hazardous waste fuel blending facility in Tennessee, to fuel production from residential waste in London UK, to anaerobic digestion of food and garden waste in Surrey, BC.

Christian has also taken part in operational teams to improve safety and operational performance at a variety of waste processing plants including, material recovery facilities, mechanical biological treatment, combined heat and power incinerator, and waste-gasification. Christian holds a BSc Environmental Science from Lake Superior State University and an MBA from Seattle University.

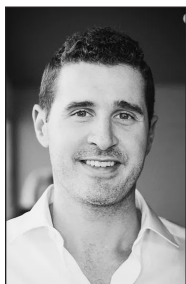


### Daniel Rotman

Daniel has an M.A. in Conflict Resolution and his mission is to engage in society's large, multi-party, cross-sector problems. This has brought him to the world of waste, where he now operates a consultancy at the crossroads of

waste management and behaviour change. He has experience working in waste audits, waste planning research, private recycling and Extended Producer Responsibility.

In the community, he has been co-facilitating and developing the Master Recycler Vancouver program since 2015, co-chairing the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) Waste Committee since 2017, and a multi-unit residential building waste committee most recently in 2020. Daniel is thankful to be able to live and play and work on this beautiful land and tries to live in a way to protect it for generations to come.



### Cody Irwin

Cody Irwin has a strong connection and love for nature, as well as a powerful draw to technology and innovation. He was born on a remote farm in Manitoba and later raised in uptown Toronto. He went on to study Mechanical Engineering

at McGill University and moved to beautiful British Columbia after graduation.

For the last decade, he has called Vancouver home. There he started his first venture, Natural Source, offering corporate food services for technology companies. Over 10 years he grew this business into a local industry leader, until the pandemic closed offices and Natural Source's client base almost completely evaporated overnight. As devastating as this was, it proved to be an amazing opportunity. By repurposing his company's resources, he was able to build ShareWares with goals of eliminating single-use waste locally and worldwide.

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### Doug Schell

Doug Schell is currently the Manager of Recycling and Waste Management for BC Housing Management Commission. He has over 35 years' experience in the ever-evolving waste management sector. In collaboration with internal

and external stakeholders, he has been part of efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change through waste diversion, engagement and education.

Anyone that knows Doug sees by his example that we can all do better in reducing our waste and manage our natural resources better. He co-founded one of the first full-service recycling companies in Greater Vancouver, Waste-Not Recycling Inc. He has worked with organizations for over 30 years providing the tools to promote zero waste and continues to seek ways to reduce the barriers to recycling, especially within marginalized communities.



### Grant Hankins

Grant Hankins has spent his career in the waste, recycling, and environmental industry, while achieving an MBA in the United States, an undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University, and a business diploma from Capilano

University. While developing recycling, organics, and deposit return-to-retail programs as well as food reclamation recovery systems for the Overwaitea Food Group in BC and Alberta, he started his contributions to the broader sector by being a member of the first GVRD solid waste management plan local and technical solid waste advisory committees.

After fully developing return-to-retail programs, and in-house waste diversion systems at the Overwaitea Food Group, he worked for Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) as plant manager for its materials recovery facility, progressing to Divisional Vice

President. His career progressed to developing a first of its kind recycled glass optical sorting system for Environmental Technology. He then ventured into working for a large multinational company, Waste Management, as its Director of Operations for western Canada and northern California. He returned to Canada and was the General Manager for Progressive Waste/Waste Connections in the Lower Mainland. He now spends time investing in waste, recycling and environmental businesses, consulting within North America and is the Board Chair and President of the Waste Management Association of BC.



### Hunter Bergen

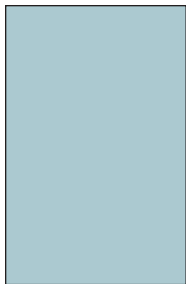
Hunter Bergen's degree in architectural science sparked her passion for sustainability and environmentalism, and gave her the tools to prosper in a leadership role with Nada for nearly two years (leaving September 2022) —

Vancouver's first package-free grocery store.

In her time with Nada, managing purchasing and inventory, she realized that there is still a lot of work to be done to make zero waste more accessible at a larger scale. While she is now travelling Australia, she continues to implement strategies of sustainability in her day-to-day life. She aims to educate, encourage, and empower individuals to realize their environmental goals through her blog *Golden Hour*, a space to provide insight and resources for environmental action and mental health.

Apart from zero waste, she has been fortunate to experience exciting industries such as photography, culinary arts, cosmetology, forestry, construction, design, touring and retail. The sum of her experiences has helped her navigate an emerging industry and she can't wait to share it with the rest of the world through the voice of the Public/Technical Advisory Committee.

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### Jake Turek

Jake Turek is the Waste Management Engineer with the BC Ministry of Agriculture, and leads several files related to agricultural by-products, composting, and bioenergy. He was the Ministry lead for mortality disposal during

the 2021 atmospheric river event, working with key stakeholders to ensure farmers had the ability to dispose of mortalities in an environmentally sustainable manner. Jake has supported the development and update of disposal protocols and legislation, specifically the Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management. Jake is interested in participating on the committee to ensure that agricultural waste management practices are represented, as necessary.



### Jamie Kaminski

Jamie Kaminski is a Zero Waste Business Associate (ZWA, TRUE Advisor) and is President of HSR Zero Waste. He is a Board Member of Zero Waste Canada and of the Zero Waste International Alliance, and is Chair of the Zero Waste

Definition working group and Zero Waste Hierarchy working group.

Jamie's experience is in solid waste management from both a ground level and policymaking perspective. His area of expertise lies within international best practices in zero waste, and in respect to internationally accepted zero waste policies and programs. He works with fellow policy advisors to create strong, practical and enforceable policies that drive change towards zero waste. With over 27 years of active engagement in the waste and waste diversion industry working for HSR, Jamie has developed extensive experience in understanding how regional policies and bylaws affect the existing waste management system from the perspective of the service provider, the client, as well as the region as a whole.



### Jaye-Jay Berggren

Jaye-Jay Berggren brings over 15 years' experience in the organic waste management industry. He is a founder and a former owner of Sea to Sky Soils, which has successfully processed Metro Vancouver organics since 2017. Jaye-Jay

boasts the establishment of a local circular economy model, which tied organic waste and compost to local food production and local food security.

He has successfully worked with numerous Indigenous communities over the last decade, and has a strong interest in fulfilling the commitments BC has made to Truth and Reconciliation, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Jaye-Jay now continues to work towards educating others on the value of organic waste, and considers this an important resource for future generations.

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### John Doherty

John Doherty is the Facilities Manager at the New Westminster Campus of Douglas College overseeing several areas including catering, parking, and waste management. He is a Prosci® Certified Change Practitioner

and has experience guiding groups through large-scale projects.

John is committed to and passionate about finding new ways to achieve lower waste output. He serves as a member of the strata council at his place of residence and brings both commercial and residential viewpoints on solid waste to the table. He has a background in security, art, and graphic design.



### Kevin Huang 黃儀軒

Kevin Huang (he/him) is the co-founder and executive director of hua foundation, an organization with the mission of strengthening the capacity among Asian diasporic youth, in solidarity with other communities, to challenge, change,

and create systems for a more equitable and just future. His work has ranged from scaling culturally sensitive consumer-based conservation strategies through a project called Shark Truth, advancing municipal food policy to address inclusion and racial equity, to providing supports for youth from ethnocultural communities to reclaim their cultural identity on their own terms.

Kevin serves on committees with Vancity Credit Union, Vancouver Foundation, and the City of Vancouver; he is also on the board of two charities. Kevin's public policy experience includes managing hua foundation's work with the City of Vancouver on the single-use item reduction strategy where he oversees multi-lingual and culturally resonant stakeholder engagement and consultations.



### Lori Bryan

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Elected Co-Chair.

Lori Bryan is the Executive Director of the Waste Management Association of BC (WMABC) and has helped guide the association

through a number of campaigns to ensure the private waste & recycling sector has a voice at government level discussions, to collaborate on solutions and maintaining an open and competitive market. Lori started in the waste sector by working for a small company in the 1990's, who she represented at WMABC meetings. She began raising a family in 1996, while continuing to be involved by working with independent companies and took on the ED position for the WMABC in 2010. Recently, she participated on the Emergency Management of BC (EMBC) committee, both for COVID-19 and the 2021 Flooding emergencies, providing guidance on waste & recycling issues to the Province. Lori was part of the working group that brought about the Metro Vancouver Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee and became a member to continue to work together on industry solutions.

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### Louise Schwarz

Co-owner of Recycling Alternative, Louise brings 30+ years of experience developing and delivering best practices waste reduction and recycling programs to the Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) sector. Her

commitment to community collaborations has led Recycling Alternative to partner with numerous groups, developing and supporting some of Vancouver's most innovative community diversion models including Vancouver Biodiesel Co-op, Food Scraps Drop Spots, Recycle in Strathcona, Zero Waste Events, and greenHUB co-location facility with community partner United We Can. Louise is currently working with local green innovators to create Vancouver's first Green Industrial Innovation District (the GrIIDTM), focusing on circular economy and inclusive, green employment.

Louise sits on the National Zero Waste Council's Management Board, Recycling Council of British Columbia's Board, Encorp's Community Advisory Committee, Share Reuse Repair Initiative's Steering Committee, Downtown Community Court's Advisory Council, and Urban Core's Executive Committee. She received the 'Woman of Distinction Award' in 2012, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013, and City of Vancouver's Award of Excellence for Greenest City Leadership in 2014.



### Love-Ese Chile

Dr. Love-Ese Chile is Owner and Technical Director of the circular economy innovation company, Regenerative Waste Labs, where she advocates for a whole system approach to product development. In her work, Dr. Chile advises

businesses on circular product design, closed loop recovery strategies and how to communicate the value of circular products.

Love-Ese's interests lie at the intersection of the

circular economy, bioeconomy, green chemistry, and sustainable science. She has taken her scientific training into industry and is passionate about communicating and translating her knowledge into new ventures and initiatives that will add value to our communities. As a person who comes from diverse backgrounds both personally and professionally, Love-Ese is driven to connect people who may not usually come together to co-create products and services that will lead our communities into a greener and more equitable future.



### Lyndsay Poaps

Lyndsay Poaps is the Executive Director of the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC).

An accomplished leader with collaborative experience in multi-stakeholder consultations, she has a strong background in community

building and decision making. Before joining RCBC, she served as Executive Director for Leadnow, a national independent advocacy organization, and as Co-Chair of OPEN, an international network of digital campaign organizations. Lyndsay spent a number of years as a Communications Specialist with Metro Vancouver, with a focus on behavior change and waste diversion. She currently sits on the National Zero Waste Council Management Board.

Driven and energetic, Lyndsay has built and maintained personal and professional relationships across many communities. She was an elected Commissioner with the Vancouver Parks Board from 2002–2005, was an Urban Fellow with the City of Toronto, has been an Action Canada Fellow, and founded Fronrunner, a campaign school to train and support young women interested in running for election. Lyndsay has a Masters of Public Policy from Simon Fraser University.

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### Matthew Morin

Matthew Morin is a Cree/Metis descendant of the Morin family from Sandy Bay, Saskatchewan. He has been involved with Aboriginal Life In Vancouver Enhancement (ALIVE) Society since 2018

beginning as a Youth Leader on

the Board of Directors and is currently serving the role of Youth Facilitator for ALIVE Society's Truth and Reconciliation Project. Matthew was rewarded the Dwight Dory National Indigenous Youth Award by the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples in 2021. His areas of interest are in family advocacy and language revitalization.



### Michael Zarbl

Michael Zarbl joined the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable as the Executive Director in July 2017. Prior to that, Michael was the Director of Operations at Recycle BC (formerly MMBC) the Extended Producer Responsibility program

for packaging and printed paper in British Columbia. Before joining Recycle BC, he was the Senior District Manager for Waste Management of Canada Company for four years, where he was responsible for the entire operation of the Vancouver Hauling District.

Prior to that, Michael held various private sector positions at major corporations such as Director of Operations with Ryder Container Terminals, a large export/import and distribution facility for Canadian manufacturers and major Canadian retailers, Distribution Centre Manager for Martin Brower of Canada (distributor for McDonald's Restaurants of Canada), and with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. He has an extensive supply chain management background with direct experience in the key activities along the supply chain, culminating in direct waste management industry experience. Michael has a BA from Concordia University in Montreal and is fluent in both English and French.



### Raman Johal

Raman Johal is the Sustainability Specialist at London Drugs. Born and raised in London, England, he moved to Vancouver in 2009.

He graduated from the Sauder School of Business at UBC with a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce

and a concentration in Sustainability. He also worked for the Sustainability and Ethics group at Sauder as a research assistant, helping them expand their sustainability education.

A firm believer in responsible business and the ability for business to be a force for good, he now works for London Drugs, managing their comprehensive Green Deal program. This includes their extensive return-to-retail recycling program, where customers can bring back many of the products they purchase to be responsibly recycled. The Green Deal program has four pillars in total: upstream purchasing, energy and operations, waste minimisation, and communication and education.



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### Sara Larter

Sara Larter is the Executive Director for the Vancouver Repair Collective, which offers free community repair events in the Lower Mainland that help people fix their broken gadgets, computers, or clothing in order to keep excess waste from

our landfills. Her passion is teaching and as a certified adult educator with a degree in Fashion Design and Apparel Production Management, she hopes to be able to teach new designers about the importance of sustainability in fashion and a circular economy.

Sara lives in a beautiful co-op in Vancouver with her husband and two fur-kids. When she isn't teaching or working with the Vancouver Repair Collective, she enjoys sewing, pattern making and crochet.



### Sue Maxwell

Sue Maxwell is the chair of Zero Waste BC, a non-profit organization working to drive systemic change towards zero waste in BC. She is also a consultant for Ecoinspire, which for fifteen years has focused on sustainability and zero waste

planning, working with governments, Extended Producer Responsibility programs, and businesses.

Sue has been a councillor in Whistler and an active volunteer for waste reduction and community planning. She has volunteered with the Climate Caucus (Co-Chair of the Zero Waste/Circular Economy Working Group), Whistler Zero Waste Committee, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee, the BC Intermunicipal Working Group on Zero Waste, Recycling Council of British Columbia Board and Policy Committee and others. She has a Master of Arts in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University and her thesis was on zero waste.



### Tara Immell

Tara Immell is a university lecturer focused on financial and environmental risk management who also consults for an engineering firm in the field of solid waste management. Whether teaching or consulting, Tara is

passionate about raising everyone's awareness of how individual choices impact climate change. Tara's waste management expertise focuses on food and plastic waste. At Tetra Tech, she conducts waste audits, has written a technical roadmap on recycling plastics, and has supported US regulatory research to keep edible food out of landfills.

Tara is currently studying for a PhD at Simon Fraser University, where she has taught finance for over 20 years. She completed a Master of Agriculture degree focusing on the impact of food waste and has previous local food system experience as the general manager of the North Vancouver, West Vancouver, and Burnaby Artisan Farmers' Markets.

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### Ulwiana Mehta-Malhotra

Ulwiana Mehta-Malhotra is a student passionate about taking environmental action to positively impact the mindsets of her generation and better the earth. She has spearheaded initiatives to reduce waste, be it the unnecessary

disposal of food, clothing, or books, looking at how mindsets impact individual consumption and thus waste, and giving alternatives to throwing away items such as upcycling, passing on, or donating.

As a member of generation-Z, Ulwiana sees that she and her peers have the power as consumers to reduce waste, and must contribute to society's efforts to mitigate climate change so that they can live in a cleaner, greener world. She is an advocate of hopeful, solution-based thinking, and sees action through legislation as the antidote to anxiety. Ulwiana is looking forward to connecting her passion to policy to help Metro Vancouver reduce their solid waste.



### Yasmin Abraham

Yasmin Abraham is Co-Founder of Kambo Energy Group and the visionary behind Empower Me, Canada's only energy and climate focused program designed for, and delivered by, members of underserved communities. Under

Yasmin's leadership, Kambo has become a leader and advocate for the inclusion of lower income families in climate policies, specifically advocating for supports for families experiencing energy poverty. Kambo's Community Power division is dedicated exclusively to reducing energy poverty and improving housing conditions with Indigenous communities.

Yasmin is a leading expert in equity-based energy and climate programming, working with governments and utilities across Canada to design and deliver inclusive solutions. Yasmin has assembled an employee roster representative of the communities they serve – 83% identify as visible minority, immigrant and/or multilingual, and 59% of employees are female.



### William Selten

William Selten is an accomplished engineer with a mechanical engineering background. He has a solid background in the field of organic waste processing, specifically in processing more contaminated waste streams.

He has been involved in multiple projects from conception through to operations.

William has provided his expertise and services across the globe for various stakeholders including both public and private sectors on both new and existing organic waste processing facilities. He is passionate about improving the future of our planet by building renewable infrastructure in the waste to energy sector. Outside of work he tinkers around the house doing projects on his small acreage and attending to his animals in Whonnock, Maple Ridge, where he has lived with his family since 2019.