



Solid Waste Management Plan Update

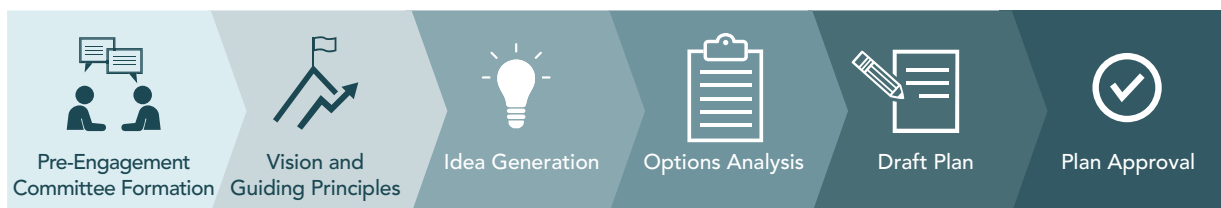
Vision and Guiding Principles | Feedback Summary

Why update the solid waste management plan?

Metro Vancouver is updating its solid waste management plan, building on the strengths of the current *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (2011)*, and identifying opportunities for accelerated waste reduction and recycling while reducing greenhouse gases and promoting a circular economy. Metro Vancouver completed the vision and guiding principles phase of engagement in 2023.

Vision and Guiding Principles

Metro Vancouver is committed to engaging with governments including First Nations, waste and recycling industry, waste producers, businesses, communities, and residents at all phases of the plan update process – this ensures that multiple perspectives are considered. Thank you to everyone who provided input during the vision and guiding principles phase. Engagement feedback directly contributed to the vision and guiding principles that have now been approved by the Metro Vancouver Board.



First Nations Engagement

The solid waste management plan update presents an opportunity for Metro Vancouver to strengthen relationships with First Nations*. Metro Vancouver is continuously engaging with First Nations to identify and understand priorities related to waste management and to ensure that Indigenous interests, perspectives, and values are reflected in the plan update.

* Indigenous and urban Indigenous people are invited to participate in all public engagement activities. A separate First Nations engagement strategy focuses on government-to-government engagement with First Nations.

Public Engagement Process

- Online public questionnaire
- In-person and virtual workshops
- Outreach at six community events
- One-on-one interviews
- Community outreach at the PNE
- Collaborative engagement with 14 not-for-profit organizations reaching equity-denied and under-represented communities

We heard the following priorities:



Accountability
and Collaboration



Convenience and
Consistency



Environmental
Stewardship



Leadership and
Innovation



Reducing
Consumption

Vision

A thriving region where nothing is wasted and resources are valued.

Guiding Principles

WE HEARD

Prioritize consumer behaviour change, accountability for properly disposing of waste, and choosing a waste-free lifestyle.

Tell the whole story about what happens to waste and recycling with reliable and transparent data.

Plan for long-term sustainability and to be prepared for evolving needs.

Consider affordability and accessibility to ensure all groups have access to waste management services and information.

Promote a circular economy through collaboration, innovation, and new technology.

Protect the environment through sustainable use of resources and reducing waste generation.

Make recycling and disposal options easy, convenient, and affordable to use.

FINAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Accountability from residents, businesses, and governments to prevent waste.

Transparency about what happens to garbage and recycling.

A solid waste system that is resilient to climate change and future challenges.

Inclusive solid waste services and programs.

Innovation and collaboration to support a vibrant regional economy that keeps products and materials in circulation.

Environmental stewardship and climate action.

A solid waste and recycling system that is affordable, convenient, and consistent across the region.

How to get involved

Sign up to be notified about opportunities to participate in the next phase of engagement: **idea generation**.

Visit metrovancover.org and search "SWMP" or scan the QR code.

