

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 23, 2024

Zoom Meeting

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Director Sarah Kirby-Yung (Chair), Alice Henry, Ben Liegey, Bill Chan, Daniel Rotman, Hunter Bergen, Jamie Kaminski, John Doherty, Kevin Huang, Louise Schwarz, Love-Ese Chile, Lyndsay Poaps, Michael Zarbl, Raman Johal, Sue Maxwell, Tara Immell, Ulwiana Mehta-Malhotra, William Selten.

Absent: Director Craig Hodge (Vice-Chair), Brenda Martens, Brianne De Man, Christian Dietrich, Cody Irwin, Doug Schell, Grant Hankins, Jake Turek, Jaye-Jay Berggren, Matthew Morin, Sara Larter, Yasmin Abraham, Lori Bryan (IAC Chair).

Metro Vancouver Staff: Paul Henderson, Chris Allan, Chris Underwood Terry Fulton, Allen Jensen, Nanette van Doorn, Stephanie Liu, Brooke Atkinson, Zack Ha.

1.	INTRODUCTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting started at 3:03 pm 	Chair
	Welcome from the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Kirby-Yung expressed gratitude for the attendees' commitment. 	Chair
2.	AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the February 23, 2024 meeting agenda. 	Chair
3.	MEETING NOTES – November 16, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the November 16, 2023 meeting notes. 	Chair
4.	ACTION/STANDING ITEMS	Chair
	4.1 Action tracker Action items taken from 2023 action tracker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inviting the Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel to a future Public/Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting. Communicate opportunity for PTAC members to provide ideas for invited presenters at future meetings on an ongoing basis 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Vancouver to share lessons learned from innovative Metro Vancouver repair and reuse initiatives with PTAC • Metro Vancouver to provide more information about the potential pilot program to waive disposal ban surcharges for haulers that demonstrate they have encouraged their customers to recycle materials <p>4.2 Incoming/outgoing communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence from Waste Management Association of BC (WMABC) to the Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District in December 2023 and January 2024 included in agenda package • Response letter from Metro Vancouver in January 2024 included in agenda package <p>Chair Kirby-Yung invited committee members to share any communications they received related to the solid waste management plan or to their participation on PTAC. No responses were provided.</p>	
5.	OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p>5.1 2024 Draft PTAC Work Plan and Working Groups Discussion <i>For Input/feedback</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MV staff drafted a 2024 work plan for the Committee, based on the conversation and feedback from the last meeting. • Proposed group approach – form working groups that allow deeper discussions, which meet on a regular basis outside of regular PTAC meetings and report findings to the committee. Conclusions from those discussions will help contribute to the solid waste management plan update. <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the committee put together a timeline of activities needed to be done in order to complete the solid waste management plan update by November of this year? We should also try to cut out peripheral activities which might not be relevant to the new plan. • MV responded that there’s a process laid out by the province for updating the solid waste management plan, and we are working as fast as we can to update the solid waste management plan but trying to target November of this year is not realistic. Also, the concept of these working groups is meant to allow committee members to dive into key issues and come up with ideas that will directly contribute to the plan update process. • Suggestion that the Waste-to-Energy Facility tour be done on a separate occasion, rather than using a scheduled PTAC meeting. • Most members support the idea of working groups. • Membership of working groups: each working group can identify other people they think would be valuable to present to the group, e.g., consultants, specialists, business owners, etc. Each group should have 1-2 	Chair

	<p>PTAC members who have good knowledge about the topic in addition to others who have interest in it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MV staff will support working groups 	
	<p>5.2 Discussion on PTAC Working Group Topics</p> <p><i>For Input/feedback</i></p> <p>There are four broad categories of topics proposed for working groups (in-bracket details are only examples – working groups to narrow down the topics further):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and Demolition Waste Management (capacity, markets, regulatory framework) • Organics Management (improving participation, contamination, processing capacity) • Waste Prevention (repair, reuse, reduce, food recovery, education and behavior change) • Plastics (regulatory framework, commodity markets) <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments that waste prevention, waste hierarchy, and education/behaviour change should be incorporated into all of the topic categories • MV action: removal of the Waste Prevention topic area as an option for a working group. Instead this will be incorporated in all working groups. • Topics should be aligned to the solid waste management plan. • Comment that we should map out areas of expertise that people (PTAC, MV, National Zero Waste Council) already have and don't have, to see what/who should be added, make sure we don't miss important things, and also utilize what we already have to move faster. • MV is working with consulting firm Morrison Hershfield on a document reviewing the existing solid waste management plan. The current plan is structured in the form of the waste hierarchy and it may also be beneficial to structure the updated plan in the form of the waste hierarchy – from waste prevention to residual management. • Some members are concerned that other materials / sub-categorized materials may not be covered by the proposed working group topics. • Clarification: all material categories will be covered at larger PTAC Committee level. These working group topics are suggested based on interest expressed by PTAC members to focus on and to come up with potential solutions. • Policies/regulations and infrastructure are related to each of those topics, and will be a part of every conversation. • Comment that members should keep in mind the scope of solutions in group discussions (i.e., where to focus MV's resources to work towards the goals of solid waste management plan, rather than specific solution with products). 	<p>Chair</p>

	<p>Clarifying details provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not required for every member of PTAC to join working groups, and PTAC members can choose not to participate in this working group activity. • Members will be provided a separate opportunity to sign up to join the working groups after this meeting. • PTAC will receive updates on the work of the working groups, and as such there will be opportunity for all members of PTAC to provide input on the working group topic areas even if they are not in the working groups. • It will be up to each group to decide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chair of the working group ○ The specific issues to be discussed in the working group ○ Whether it's necessary to invite external experts ○ Meeting's frequency, duration, offline/online <p>A Menti Meter exercise was conducted to gauge the interest of members in joining a working group on the topics (Waste Prevention topic was removed based on member discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and Demolition Waste Management (5 members interested) • Organics Management (11 members interested) • Plastics (11 members interested) 	
	<p>5.3 PTAC Working Groups Draft Terms of Reference <i>For Input/feedback</i></p> <p>The draft Terms of Reference were introduced.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>METRO VANCOUVER UPDATES</p>	
	<p>6.1 Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Biennial Report <i>For Input/feedback</i></p> <p>An update was provided on the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Biennial Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarizes 2021 and 2022 highlights • Reports on status of each action within the solid waste management plan • Provides updated solid waste and recycling statistics <p>The full report will be published and presented to Zero Waste Committee in April, at which point PTAC members and the public will be invited to provide feedback.</p>	<p>Terry Fulton, Metro Vancouver</p>
	<p>6.2 Updates on Technical Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete and Asphalt Recycling Opportunities Scope Review • Residuals Management Options Scope Review <p><i>For Information</i></p> <p>Members can review the material provided and connect with Metro Vancouver if they are interested in providing input or feedback on either study. Members discussed:</p>	<p>Paul Henderson, Metro Vancouver</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment that the rationale for a study on concrete and asphalt recycling is not clear given the high recycling rates for these materials. • MV responded: The goal of the Concrete and Asphalt Recycling Opportunities study is to evaluate new and leading edge recycling opportunities for upcycling these materials. • A member suggested that a recent Environment and Climate Change Canada study has looked at combustion, gasification, pyrolysis treatment options for residual municipal solid waste and noted the various challenges. Consequently, an additional study on residual management options may not be necessary. • MV responded: We are aware of that study, the residuals management options study isn't focused on waste to energy, but rather on all options to manage residual waste. 	
	<p>6.3 Zero Waste Committee Updates <i>For Information</i></p> <p>Highlights from February Zero Waste Committee meeting were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Family Waste Reduction added to the 2024 work plan • Smart Waste Program / Tipping Fee Bylaw Updates • Textiles Waste Reduction Campaign Update • Zero Waste Conference Report 	<p>Paul Henderson, Metro Vancouver</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>INFORMATION ITEMS 7.1 Regional Waste Flows January</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned at 4:57 pm 	<p>Chair</p>