

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, June 14, 2024

Regular Meeting

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Director Craig Hodge (Vice-Chair), Brenda Martens, Brianne De Man, Doug Schell, Jamie Kaminski, Louise Schwarz, Matthew Morin, Michael Zarbl, Raman Johal, Sean Miles

**Absent:** Director Sarah Kirby-Yung (Chair), Alice Henry, Ben Liegey, Bill Chan, Christian Dietrich, Cody Irwin, Daniel Rotman, Grant Hankins, Hunter Bergen, Jake Turek, Jaye-Jay Berggren, John Doherty, Kevin Huang, Love-Ese Chile, Lyndsay Poaps, Sara Larter, Sue Maxwell, Tara Immell, Ulwiana Mehta-Malhotra, William Selten, Yasmin Abraham, Lori Bryan (IAC Chair)

**Metro Vancouver Staff:** Paul Henderson, Chris Allan, Adriana Velazquez, Karen Storry, Lynne Vidler, Brooke Atkinson, Stephanie Liu, Chris Clarke.

1.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting started at 2:04pm</li> </ul>	Vice-Chair
	<b>Welcome from the Vice-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice-Chair Hodge welcomed Committee members</li> <li>Informed that as this meeting is in-person, it will not be recorded or live-streamed. The meeting will be followed by the tour of the Waste-to-Energy Facility for those who are able to join</li> <li>A new committee member was introduced, Sean Miles from the Binners' Project. Brianne De Man, previously representing the Binners' Project, is still on the committee but has moved to a new position as director of EMBERS Eastside Works.</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>AGENDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the June 14, 2024 <a href="#">meeting agenda</a>.</li> </ul>	Vice-Chair
3.	<b>MEETING NOTES – April 12, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the April 12, 2024 <a href="#">meeting notes</a>.</li> </ul>	Vice-Chair
4.	<b>ACTION/STANDING ITEMS</b>	Vice-Chair

	<p><b>4.1 Action tracker</b></p> <p>Metro Vancouver provided updates on the Action tracker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The action item to schedule Engagement Panel to attend a future PTAC meeting is in-progress as staff have invited the Consultation and Engagement Panel members to be at the September 13, 2024 PTAC meeting to introduce themselves, their role, and work to date to support the engagement process of the solid waste management plan update.</li> <li>• The action item to have staff present the Bottom Ash use process at the Waste-to-Energy Facility along with the solid waste management plan monitoring process for the current plan to PTAC is complete</li> <li>• Staff outlined the bottom ash beneficial use process in the document posted online that replied to various inquiries from PTAC members.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.2 Incoming/outgoing communication</b></p> <p>Vice-Chair Hodge invited members to share if they have received any communications since the last meeting related to the solid waste management plan or their participation on PTAC. No communications were noted.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>PTAC MEMBER PRESENTATIONS</b></p>	
	<p>Vice-Chair Hodge reminded members to let staff know if they are interested in presenting to the committee.</p> <p>Presentations should be five minutes maximum, can be a verbal presentation with or without supporting materials, and should be on a topic relevant to the committee’s work plan or terms of reference.</p> <p>There can be up to two member presentations at the beginning of each meeting.</p> <p>Presentations will be spread out across subsequent meetings if more than two members are interested per meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>WORKING GROUP UPDATES</b></p>	
	<p>The working group chairs and their alternates provided verbal updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louise Schwarz provided the update on behalf of Sue Maxwell for the Plastics Management working group             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The discussed areas of interest for focused topics would be Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs as well as the circularity of plastics.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Louise Schwarz provided the update on behalf of Ben Liegey for the Food Waste and Organics Management working group             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Food Waste and Organics working group has met three times and focused areas of discussion include prevention, reuse, recycling, food waste in the IC&amp;I sector, and food waste policies and transparency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Louise Schwarz, Brenda Martens</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group has requested Metro Vancouver data on waste composition to see how much food waste Metro Vancouver facilities are receiving. This will help when providing suggestions and solutions to Metro Vancouver.</li> <li>• Brenda Martens provided the update for the Construction and Demolition (C&amp;D) working group             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential focus areas for this group could include:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accountability and oversight of C&amp;D waste</li> <li>• Facilitating markets for diverted C&amp;D material</li> <li>• Salvaged and surpluses construction materials</li> <li>• Ways of managing C&amp;D waste volumes and surges</li> <li>• Adoption of the Zero Waste Hierarchy for C&amp;D</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Solid Waste Management Plan Update</b></p> <p>Metro Vancouver provided information on the updated solid waste management plan update issues/opportunities discussion questions. These updates discussions questions can be used as a framework for the working groups focus area presentations at the November 21 presentation day.</p>	<p>Brooke Atkinson, Metro Vancouver</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>METRO VANCOUVER UPDATES</b>	
	<p><b>7.1 Zero Waste Committee Updates</b></p> <p>Metro Vancouver provided updates on reports presented to the Zero Waste Committee at the June 13, 2024 <a href="#">meeting</a>.</p> <p>Updates included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tipping Fee Bylaw Updates</li> <li>• Solid Waste Management Plan Draft Vision and Guiding Principles             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised to incorporate feedback received</li> <li>• Draft vision and guiding principles for consideration by the Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Manager’s Report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Food Recovery contract extension</li> <li>• Waste-to-Energy Facility Operations and Maintenance Contract</li> <li>• Renewal Development house moving event</li> <li>• Weigh scale software replacement/system launch</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Paul Henderson, Metro Vancouver</p>
	<p><b>7.2 Disposal Ban Exemption Pilot Program</b></p> <p>Metro Vancouver provided a short update on the Disposal Ban Exemption Pilot Program. Updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current disposal ban program limited by its reliance on visual inspection – need additional measures to encourage recycling</li> </ul>	<p>Paul Henderson, Metro Vancouver</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Vancouver is developing a pilot to trial a hauler incentive program to increase recycling</li> <li>• Dillon Consulting helping to develop pilot program</li> <li>• Metro Vancouver will be reaching out to identify people for Dillon to interview to help develop program</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
	<p><b>8.1 PTAC Recruitment for Additional Members</b>          Staff will begin a recruitment process for new members of PTAC in the next few months. Application information will be forwarded to members once it is posted, and all current PTAC members are encouraged to promote the recruitment process to their networks.</p> <p>Member discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members suggested reaching out to organizations like EMBERS, ACCESS, and Blade Runners and university students.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Metro Vancouver will send out a list of the sectors and indicate which ones are currently represented by PTAC membership and where the gaps are. Metro Vancouver will also send out a list of proposed organizations to reach out to for recruitment, for member comment.</p>	Vice-Chair
	<p><b>8.2 September PTAC Meeting Date Change – September 13</b>          The previous September meeting date of September 26 has been changed to September 13. This will be an online meeting. Updated invitation has been sent to all members.</p>	Vice-Chair
<b>9.</b>	<b>INFORMATION ITEMS</b>	
	<p><b>9.1 Public/Technical Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan</b></p> <p><b>9.2 Regional Waste Flows May 2024</b></p>	
	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjourned at 2:52pm</li> </ul>	Vice-Chair