

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

June 30, 2022

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Zoom Videoconference

A G E N D A

ITEM
<p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>1.1. Welcome from the chair</p> <p>1.2. Meeting procedures and etiquette</p>
<p>2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</p>
<p>3. INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>3.1. Chair Jack Froese and Vice-Chair Craig Hodge</p> <p>3.2. Jerry Dobrovlny, Metro Vancouver Commissioner/CAO</p> <p>3.3. Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Reimer (Chair) • Cheryl Brooks • Peter Fassbender • Veronika Bylicki <p>3.4. Committee members</p> <p>3.5. Metro Vancouver staff</p>
<p>4. METRO VANCOUVER UPDATES</p>
<p>4.1 Public/Technical Advisory Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>Speaker: Paul Henderson, Metro Vancouver</p>
<p>4.2 Introduction to Metro Vancouver and the Solid Waste Management Plan</p> <p>Speakers: Chris Underwood and Sarah Evanetz, Metro Vancouver</p>
<p>4.3 Engaging with the Committee and Meeting Delivery</p> <p>Speaker: Sandy Young, Metro Vancouver</p>
<p>5. ACTION ITEMS AND NEXT STEPS</p> <p>Speaker: Sandy Young, Metro Vancouver</p>

6. NEXT MEETING:
September 21, 2022

Attachment 1: Terms of reference – Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee
Attachment 2: Member bios – Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee

Solid Waste Management Plan

Public/Technical Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

November 17, 2021

1. PURPOSE

Over the next two to three years, Metro Vancouver will engage with governments (including Indigenous Nations), government agencies, waste and recycling industry representatives, waste producers, businesses, communities of interest, and Metro Vancouver residents to review and update the current [Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan](#) (2011). The updated solid waste management plan will build on the strengths of the current plan and identify opportunities for accelerated waste reduction and diversion, while reducing greenhouse gases and promoting a circular economy.

The purpose of the solid waste management plan public/technical advisory committee (committee) is to provide a forum for contribution from individuals from a range of backgrounds to inform the review and update of the solid waste management plan. The purpose of these terms of reference is to describe role of the committee.

2. TIMEFRAME

The committee will exist for the duration of the solid waste management plan update process.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The committee will receive and review information, and advise on topics related to the development of the solid waste management plan. Committee members will be invited to pose questions, engage in discussion, and provide comments for consideration as the plan is developed. Potential topics for engagement with the committee include the circular economy, waste reduction and recycling, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, residuals management, asset and risk management, innovation, resilience, affordability, and collaboration and engagement.

Representatives of the 10 local Indigenous Nations will be invited to observe committee meetings at their preference. A separate Indigenous engagement strategy will help ensure a collaborative government-to-government engagement approach with Indigenous Nations whose territories include all or part of the Metro Vancouver region as well as a community engagement approach with urban Indigenous organizations, off-reserve and non-status First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The committee will be composed of members representing a diversity of sectors and interests, who bring a variety of personal qualities, perspectives, and experiences to solid waste and recycling issues.

The following is a list of sectors/interests that could be represented by committee members:

- Adjacent regional district elected official
- Agriculture
- Circular economy

- Construction and demolition
- Extended producer responsibility programs
- Food service
- Government agencies and health authorities
- Large waste generators (e.g. academic institutions, school boards, transportation hubs, entertainment sector)
- Multi-family residences (e.g. residents, landlords, property management associations)
- Non-governmental/non-profit organizations and environmental stewardship groups
- Organics processing
- Public members-at-large (e.g. youth, seniors, and multicultural, accessibility, and resident/community associations)
- Recycling industry
- Reduction/repair/refill industry
- Retail/grocery
- Small- and medium-sized businesses, and business improvement associations, chambers of commerce, boards of trade
- Tourism and hospitality
- Waste industry
- Workers/unions

The following is a list of possible desired personal qualities, perspectives and experience of committee members:

- Demonstrates community/committee involvement and the ability to work collaboratively with others (e.g. openness to different/opposing views)
- Demonstrates personal commitment to zero waste, circular economy goals, sustainability, and climate action
- Demonstrates the ability to advance innovation
- Experienced with waste, waste reduction and recycling (i.e. lived experience, technical expertise, or both)
- Belongs to a community that is typically underrepresented (e.g. women, LGBTQ2S+, Indigenous persons, immigrants, visible minority, persons with disabilities, youth, etc.)
- Represents the interests/perspectives of a group of people/sector

5. SELECTION PROCESS

Membership will last the duration of the solid waste management plan update process. Committee members should be prepared to participate through the full term.

Committee members with the exception of the chair and vice-chair will be filled through a call for applications. Potential committee members who belong to typically underrepresented or equity-denied communities will be identified through targeted recruitment, with support mechanisms put in place to lower barriers to participation.

The call for applications will be promoted publically, and shared with our member jurisdictions and partners. Potential committee members will be asked to specify their sector/interest during the call for applications and an individual could identify more than one sector/interest. Not all sectors/interests will necessarily be represented on the committee, and more than one individual could be selected to represent a sector/interest. Following receipt of applications, the applicants will be evaluated based on

the personal characteristics outlined in the above section on membership. Recommendations for members will be reviewed by the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel in advance of the recommendations being considered by the Zero Waste Committee and Board in closed meetings, before being released to the public.

6. CHAIRS

The committee chair and vice-chair will be members of the Zero Waste Committee, recommended by the Board Chair and selected by the Board in a closed meeting.

7. ADVISORY ROLE OF COMMITTEE

The role of the committee is advisory to Metro Vancouver. No votes will be held to determine the group's position on issues or recommendations to Metro Vancouver. Where consensus exists, it will be noted; minority opinions will be considered to have merit and will be noted.

8. MEETINGS

- a. Meetings will be held approximately 4–6 times per year for the duration of the solid waste management plan update process.
- b. The meeting dates and times will be determined by the chair and vice-chair in consultation with committee members, and will be scheduled at intervals relevant for the solid waste management plan development.
- c. The chair and vice-chair will work with Metro Vancouver staff to draft meeting agendas and coordinate meeting materials, which will be circulated to the committee in advance of meetings.
- d. The meetings will be structured to encourage dialogue and collaboration on relevant issues within the constraints of the planned agendas.
- e. Meeting minutes and action trackers will be kept for each meeting. Minutes shall not reflect the names of individual speakers or their stance on issues; rather, they shall reflect the issues discussed, significant points of view on the issues and the resolutions or actions to be taken.
- f. Meetings will be held virtually or at Metro Vancouver offices located at 4515 Central Boulevard in Burnaby, British Columbia. If unable to attend a meeting in person, a member may participate via teleconference or videoconference.
- g. A meeting quorum will be 50%+1 of active members.
- h. Meetings will be open to any individual who wishes to observe the discussions either in person or through teleconference or videoconference, although only committee members will be provided standing to participate in the discussion. Non-members may request an opportunity to present to the committee through two weeks' advance written submission for consideration by the chair and vice-chair.
- i. Metro Vancouver staff are not members of the committee, but will attend meetings to provide information on various topics, respond to questions etc.
- j. The committee may invite groups and subject matter experts to present and provide advice and feedback on specific agenda items, at the discretion of the chair and vice-chair.
- k. All committee agendas will be published and publicly available in advance of meetings, and presentations and meetings minutes posted thereafter on Metro Vancouver's website.
- l. Metro Vancouver will coordinate the venue and meeting logistics, invitations, notetaker, refreshments, and all requests received for the committee.
- m. Committee members may be reimbursed by Metro Vancouver for reasonable, out-of-pocket expenses associated with participating in meetings.

9. WORK PLAN

An annual work plan for the committee will be developed by Metro Vancouver staff based on deliverables in the solid waste management plan development. The work plan will be reviewed annually by the committee, and will guide development of meeting agendas.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

This code is intended to serve as a framework to guide the spirit and intent of how members are expected to deliver on the committee's purpose and objectives in an ethical and respectful manner.

- a. *Respect and Collaboration*: Discussions and debates shall take place in an atmosphere of mutual respect and solutions-oriented collaboration, recognizing the value of different perspectives and seeking to understand the interests and needs of all affected parties.
- b. *Transparency*: It is expected that all members speak honestly and transparently, engaging in good-faith dialogue and sharing information openly to encourage fact-based dialogue.
- c. *Treatment of other Members*: Members have a duty to treat other members with respect during committee meetings. Specifically, members have a duty to avoid:
 - disrupting meetings by making continual interruptions or whispered asides
 - making offensive or abusive remarks directed at other members
 - impugning the motives of other members or supporting staff
 - ignoring the legitimate direction of the chair or vice-chair

Members who object to the behaviour of another member as identified in this code of conduct are asked to identify their concerns immediately to the committee chair and vice-chair. A member whose behavior repeatedly does not meet the code of conduct requirements may be asked to resign or be removed from the committee by the chair or vice-chair.

11. MEMBERSHIP RESIGNATION

Members wishing to resign from committee membership should provide written notice of their intent to resign, including the effective date of their resignation, addressed to the committee chair and vice-chair.

12. BUDGET AND RESOURCES

Funding for general meetings is provided by Metro Vancouver. Any additional funding for special projects or studies is subject to Metro Vancouver approval.

13. MEDIA PROTOCOL

Media requests will be directed to Metro Vancouver's media relations team. Individual members will not speak on behalf of the committee, unless it has been discussed and approved by the committee chair and vice-chair in advance.

The committee chair and vice-chair will be the chief spokespeople on behalf of the committee. For high profile issues, the role of spokesperson rests with the Board chair, vice-chair or the chair of the Zero Waste Committee. On technical matters or in cases where an initiative is still at the staff proposal level, a senior staff member is the appropriate chief spokesperson.

14. DECLARING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Committee and subcommittee members must declare any conflicts of interest, real or perceived, at the outset of the process or as soon as it becomes known to the member.

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Public/Technical Advisory Committee Bios



Director Jack Froese, Chair

Metro Vancouver Board Director Jack Froese is currently serving his third term as Township of Langley Mayor. Director Froese has served on the Metro Vancouver Board since 2012 and is the Chair of the Zero Waste Committee. Director

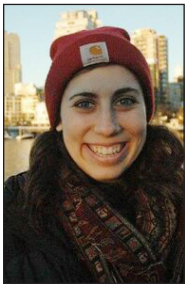
Froese is also the Chair of the National Zero Waste Council, Vice Chair of the Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee, Vice Chair of the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, and a Director on the TransLink Board of Directors.



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 a Board Member of the National Zero Waste Council, Director on the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Metro Vancouver Flood Resiliency Task Force.



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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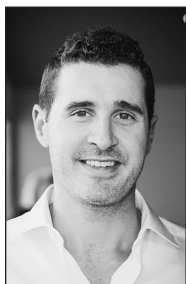


Christian Dietrich

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.



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.



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.



Don Swerdan

Don Swerdan is the President of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 115, an organization of over 13,000 members with its main office in Burnaby, BC, and has been involved in the waste industry since 1982. He

was first employed as a driver up and until 1994 when he became the IUOE Business Representative for the membership employed in the waste and trucking industry. He is also a Trustee on both the Operating Engineers Pension and Health and Welfare Plan.

As Don has worked very closely with numerous waste companies during his career, he brings extensive knowledge on many waste industry processes, procedures, and legislative requirements and restrictions that align with the mandate of the Zero Waste Committee.

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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.



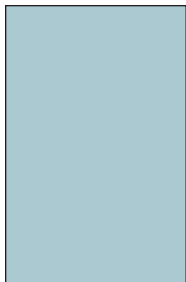
Hunter Bergen

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 —Vancouver's leading zero-waste grocery store.

In her time with Nada, managing purchasing and inventory, she's realized that there is still a lot of work to be done to make zero waste more accessible at a larger scale. While she continues to implement strategies of sustainability in her day-to-day life, she aims to educate, encourage, and empower the local community to realize their environmental goals as well.

Apart from zero waste, she has been fortunate to experience exciting industries such as culinary arts, cosmetology, forestry, construction, design, 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.

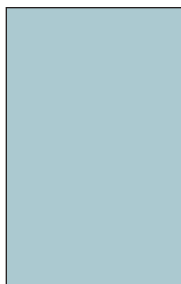


Jaye-Jay Berggren

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.



Jessica Savoy

Coming soon

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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.



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.

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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 Frontrunner, 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.



Mary Polak

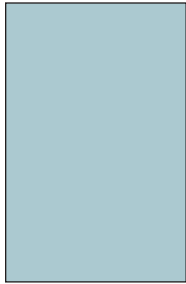
Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Elected Co-Chair

Prior to joining Maple Leaf Strategies, Mary Polak was an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) of British Columbia

from 2005 until 2020. In her fifteen years in provincial elected politics, she held several key positions. She served as Minister of Environment, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Minister of Children and Family Development, Minister Responsible for Child Care, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport, and Minister of Health. In each of those portfolios, Mary was recognized as a competent Minister who solved problems and worked well with stakeholders and the civil service.

She also served on several Cabinet Committees including Treasury Board, The LNG Working Group, The Climate Change Working Group, and The Environment & Land Use Committee. In opposition politics from 2017 to 2020, Mary served as the Opposition House Leader. She also served as a key spokesperson for the Opposition.

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Matthew Morin

Coming soon



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.