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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 21, 2025 Zoom Meeting 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Director Sarah Kirby-Yung, Chair; Director Craig Hodge, Vice-Chair; Adelyn Chan, Allen Lynch, Amika Watari, Ben Liegey, Bill Chan, Brenda Martens, Brianne De Man, Cassidy vander Ros, Christian Dietrich, Cody Irwin, Daryl Foster, Doug Schell, Gil Yaron, Jake Turek, Jamie Kaminski, Jennifer Henry, Komal Fatima, Marcelle Moreira dos Santos, Michael Zarbl, Raman Johal, Sara Larter, Stephanie Voysey, Sue Maxwell, Tara Immell, William Selten.

Absent: Christoph Schultz, Daniel Rotman, Grant Hankins, Jaye-Jay Berggren, John Doherty, Kevin Huang, Lori Bryan, Louise Schwarz, Lyndsay Poaps, Matthew Morin, Ulwiana Mehta-Malhotra, Yasmin Abraham.

Metro Vancouver Staff: Paul Henderson, Chris Allan, Joanne Gauci, Karen Storry, Kelly Du, Nanette van Doorn, Stephanie Liu, Terry Fulton.

	INTRODUCTIONS • Meeting started at 1:30 pm	Chair
1.	Welcome from the Chair Director Kirby-Yung welcomed Committee members Territorial acknowledgement Informed that this meeting is recorded and livestreamed and that video from the meeting will be posted on the PTAC website after the meeting.	Chair
2.	AGENDA ● Reviewed the February 21, 2025 meeting agenda.	Chair
3.	MEETING MINUTES – November 21, 2024 Reviewed the November 21, 2024 meeting notes and members did not have any errors or omissions.	Chair
4.	ACTION/STANDING ITEMS	Chair
	4.1 Action tracker The action tracker was reviewed, and updates were provided on outstanding items:	

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	 Metro Vancouver to share lessons learned from innovative Metro Vancouver repair and reuse initiatives with PTAC. This will be presented to the committee in 2025. Metro Vancouver to request that Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory 	
	Group (IZWTAG) present to PTAC at a 2025 meeting	
5.	PTAC New Member Introductions	
	New members of the Committee were introduced and had the opportunity to share their background and goals for participating in PTAC:	PTAC Members
	 Adelyn Chan Allen Lynch Amika Watari Cassidy vander Ros Daryl Foster Adelyn Chan Jennifer Henry Komal Fatima Marcelle Moreira dos Santos Stephanie Voysey The existing members in attendance introduced themselves to the new members.	
6.	PTAC 2025 Proposed Work Plan and Updated Terms of Reference	Chair
	The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed work plan for 2025 and the updated terms of reference. Details regarding objectives, goals, and upcoming projects were shared and discussed.	
	 The proposed work plan was developed based on deliverables that are part of the solid waste management plan update process. 	
	 Metro Vancouver will provide a more detailed workplan to the Committee in the next meeting of April 10, 2025. This detailed workplan will outline suggested dates/meetings to address each item. 	
	 The updated PTAC Terms of Reference were provided to the Zero Waste Committee at the February 6, 2025 meeting, and will be presented to the Metro Vancouver Board at the February 28, 2025 meeting. They will be available on the PTAC website shortly after the Board meeting. 	
7.	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
	7.1 Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Timeline Update Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Sold Waste Services, provided an update about the solid waste management plan update timeline. Discussion summary:	

•	In response to a question from a member, staff confirmed the final draft of
	the Residual Management Options Review will be presented to the
	Committee at a future meeting.

7.2 Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Options Analysis Criteria

Karen Storry, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, provided an update about the evaluation criteria for options analysis.

Discussion summary:

- All comments from committee on the draft criteria will be captured and considered at the April 10 workshop.
- During the process of options analysis, the project team will document how ideas were consolidated into strategy/action options and why ideas were included or excluded from the draft plan.
- The list of ideas that are an output from the Idea Generation phase of engagement are being drafted and will be provided to PTAC.

7.3 2023 Solid Waste and Recycling Statistics

Kelly Du, Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, presented the 2023 annual Solid Waste and Recycling Statistics.

Discussion summary:

- A question was raised regarding cover material at the Vancouver Landfill.
 Metro Vancouver is working with the City of Vancouver to optimize the cover material to garbage ratio.
- Report data clarification: Ecowaste numbers and private facilities within the region in general are included in the data reported.
- Plateauing recycling rates in multi-family sector corresponds with challenges in increasing usage of green bins and recycling bins in multi-family residences.
- Waste generation per capita will be discussed in the updated plan with the goal of setting updated targets.
- Landfill cover was excluded from calculation of the recycling rate.
- This report doesn't have the breakdown for organic materials versus recyclable materials in the multi-family sector, however Metro Vancouver will review and share with committee members if this information is available.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Notice of Bylaw Violation Engagement – Tipping Fee Bylaw Provisions Discussion summary:

• A member expressed concern that the \$500 cap of penalties is still lenient in cases of extreme violation. Metro Vancouver explained that \$500 maximum

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	per violation is specified in the provincial regulation and that penalties canbe levied on a daily basis if a violation is ongoing. Further information can be found on the Notice of Bylaw Violation – Tipping Fee Bylaw Provisions webpage. 8.2 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates Discussion summary: • A question was raised by a member regarding PTAC's scope of work. The Chair explained that the Committee's focus is updating the Solid Waste	
	Management Plan.	
9.	OTHER BUSINESS	
	 9.1 PTAC Facility Tour Discussion The majority (18/21) of responses are in favour of participating in a Vancouver Landfill Tour on September 18, 2025. This will be a tour followed by a short meeting; further details will be provided closer to the meeting date. 9.2 PTAC 2025 Meeting Schedule 9.3 Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel Recruitment 	
10.	ADDITIONAL ITEMS	
	10.1 Regional Waste Flows January 2025 10.2 Metro Vancouver letter to Ministry of Environment and Parks on Expanding Product Categories for Extended Producer Responsibility – November 27, 2024 10.3 Incoming Correspondence: Ministry of Environment and Parks response to Metro Vancouver on Expanding Product Categories for Extended Producer Responsibility – December 18, 2024	
	Adjourned at 3:31 pm	Chair