



**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Zoom Teleconference**

**A G E N D A**

**1. AGENDA**

**1.1 June 9, 2026 Meeting Agenda** 2:00 – 2:05 pm

**2. MINUTES**

**2.1 May 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes** 2:05 – 2:10 pm

**3. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**3.1 Waste Composition Study** 2:10 – 2:30 pm  
*For information and Q&A*  
*Designated Speaker: Kelly Du, Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver*

**3.2 SWMP: Detailed Items** 2:30 – 3:15 pm  
*For discussion*  
*Designated Speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver*

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates** 3:15 – 3:25 pm  
*For information*  
*Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services*

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS** 3:25 – 3:30 pm

- 5.1 Regional Waste Flows**
- 5.2 IAC 2026 Work Plan**
- 5.3 IAC Meeting Action Tracker**

*Proposed agenda timings are intended to support effective meeting facilitation. Items requiring further discussion that cannot be accommodated within the regular meeting time may be deferred to a future agenda or addressed in a specially scheduled meeting.*

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Committee Co-Chairs:

Director Craig Hodge, Zero Waste Committee Vice-Chair

Lori Bryan, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC

Membership:

Abrams, Izzie – Waste  
Connections of Canada

Baker, Todd – Ecowaste  
Industries Ltd.

Bryan, Lori – WMABC

Collins, James – Tymac Launch  
Service Ltd.

Drissi El-Bouzaidi, Nabil –  
Ecowaste Industries Ltd.

Hakimé, Maya – Merlin Plastics

Hankins, Grant – Canada  
Minibins.com Ltd.

Hoffman, David – Republic  
Services

Johnson, Gord – Empower/  
Northstar

Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero  
Waste

Kawakami, Sean – Convertus  
Group

Kheyrandish, Ata – Richmond  
Steel Recycling

Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd.

Lannin, Mike – Super Save  
Group

L'Heureux, Lindsay – Recycle BC  
Ligumksy, Alan – Peak Disposal  
Services Inc

Lotzkar, Jacqueline – Canadian  
Association of Recycling  
Industries (CARI)

Mac Neil, Patrick – Wescan  
Disposal Ltd.

MacFarlane, Angus – Growing  
City

Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste  
Services Ltd.

McRae, Ralph – Revolution

Millman, David – WM

Muir, Wesley – Veolia Canada

Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste  
Connections of Canada

Punja, Rustam – Geocycle  
Canada Inc.

Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp,  
Return-It

Skei, Dayton – EverGen  
Infrastructure Corp.

Hoffman, David – Republic  
Services

Von Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban  
Impact Recycling Ltd

Watson, Jason – JW Recycle-IT  
Inc.

Zarbl, Michael – Major  
Appliance Recycling Roundtable

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting held via Zoom teleconference from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hodge Craig, Director, Zero Waste Committee  
(Co-Chair)

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste  
Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)

Baker, Todd – Ecowaste Industries Inc.

Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.

Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.

Johnson, Gord – Northstar

Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero Waste

Kheyrandish, Ataollah – Richmond Steel

Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd

Lannin, Mike – Super Save Group

L'Heureux, Lindsay – Recycle BC

MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City

Mac Neil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd.  
Canada Corp.

Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd.

McRae, Ralph – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.

Millman, David – Waste Management of  
Canada Corporation

Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections  
of Canada

Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp Pacific Canada,  
Return-It

Skei, Dayton – Evergen Infrastructure Corp.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada

Drissi El-Bouzaidi, Nabil – Ecowaste Industries  
Ltd.

Hakime, Maya – Merlin Plastics

Kawakami, Sean – Convertus Canada Ltd.

Ligumsky, Alan – Peak Disposal Services Inc.

Lotzkar, Jacqueline – Canadian Association of  
Recycling Industries (CARI)

Muir, Wesley – Veolia North America  
(Canada)

Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc.

Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact  
Recycling Ltd.

Vargas, Pinky – Republic Services

Watson, Jason – JW Recycle-IT Inc.

**METRO VANCOUVER AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:**

Allen Jensen, Senior Project Engineer, Solid  
Waste Services

Chris Chong, Multimedia, Metro Vancouver

Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid  
Waste Planning, Metro Vancouver

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Metro  
Vancouver

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro  
Vancouver

Stephanie Liu, Manager, Community  
Engagement, Metro Vancouver

Zeena Mizan, Program Assistant, Metro  
Vancouver

Lynne Vidler, Lead Senior Engineer, Solid  
Waste Operations

**GUESTS:**

Veronica Bartlett, Senior Solid Waste Planner, Dillon Consulting

Heidi Gerlach, Associate, Dillon Consulting

Samantha Halloran, Waste Management Specialist, Dillon Consulting

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Priya Kullar, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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  - 1.1 May 12, 2026 Meeting Agenda**
- 2. MINUTES**
  - 2.1 April 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
- 3. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - 3.1 Source Reduction Hauler Incentive Program**

*For plenary discussion*

*Designated Speakers: Veronica Bartlet and Heidi Gerlach, Dillon Consulting*

    - *What are your initial thoughts on the concept of an incentive?*
    - *What barriers or operational issues do you see to implementing an incentive program like this?*
    - *What would be key to making this program successful? What rebate would be required to support it?*
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS**
  - 4.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates**

*For information*

*Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services*

    - *Letter: Request for Ban on the Import and Sale of Valved Single-Use Nitrous Oxide Cylinders*
    - *Draft letter: Garbage and Organics Tipping Fee Increase - July 1, 2026*
  - 4.2 Committee Coordination Updates**

*For information*

*Designated Speaker: Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services*

    - *Draft IAC Member Biographies*
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  - 5.4 Draft IAC Member Biographies**

## MEETING MINUTES

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Co-Chair Lori Bryan, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Housekeeping reminders were provided, including that the meeting was being live-streamed and the recording would be posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage. It was emphasized that while diverse perspectives are valued, all committee members share the responsibility of maintaining professional conduct; respectful dialogue and engagement are appreciated.

### **1. AGENDA**

#### **1.1 May 12, 2026, Meeting Agenda**

Co-Chair Bryan reviewed the May 12, 2026, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **2.1 April 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Bryan called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the April 7, 2026, Industry Advisory Committee meeting. No additions or changes were made.

### **3. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **3.1 Source Reduction Hauler Incentive Program**

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Metro Vancouver, introduced a potential hauler incentive program, to work collaboratively with haulers by incentivizing actions to encourage waste reduction and recycling among their customers. Dillon Consulting presented preliminary concepts for how the program could use incentives to improve outcomes, especially in multi-family homes, including increasing access to recycling systems, reducing electronics in the waste stream, and addressing illegal dumping through bulky item collection. These concepts are in the early stages and are being shared to generate discussion. Feedback and discussion is welcome.

Veronica Bartlett, Senior Solid Waste Planner, Dillon Consulting, shared a presentation titled, "Metro Vancouver Hauler Incentive Program." Highlights of the presentation included:

- The key objectives for a hauler incentive program include:
  - Reduce disposal of banned materials
  - Increase recycling of waste from disposal
  - Improve equity through increasing accessibility for multi-family residents to available recycling programs
  - Reduce illegal dumping of bulky waste
- Two tiers are being considered for a hauler incentive program:
  - Tier 1: Recycling and organics collection:
    - Would exempt haulers or processors from tipping fee surcharges for banned recyclable material in the garbage stream on residential and commercial waste disposed of at Metro Vancouver facilities

- Would be open to account holders at Metro Vancouver waste facilities, including member municipalities using staff or contractors to service residential dwellings, or private haulers for whom at least one-third of their serviced accounts are from the multi-family sector
- Propose that haulers would submit an attestation annually confirming, to the best of the hauler's knowledge, that their multi-family customers have recycling and organics collection in place where the hauler provides garbage collection, and that materials collected for recycling were not subsequently commingled with garbage and disposed of
- Tier 2: Bulky items and electronic collections:
  - Would provide incentives through a tipping fee rebate to haulers who offer bulky item and electronics collection services to multi-family buildings for which they provide waste collection services
  - Eligibility would include being an account holder at Metro Vancouver's solid waste disposal facilities, meeting the Tier 1 program criteria, and meeting service level requirements for the Tier 2 program
  - Possible service level requirements
  - Suggested monthly reporting requirements
  - Haulers may be required to submit independent third-party audit reports to Metro Vancouver to verify program compliance and the accuracy of reported data
  - False attestations, or misrepresentations of items collected or end-of-life management, may result in removal from the program
- Program engagement included hauler interviews (small, medium, large, clean-out haulers, and charity), product stewards, and property management organizations
- Future engagement planned with the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee and the Regional Engineers Advisory Committee Solid Waste Subcommittee

It was noted that if there is interest in pursuing a hauler incentive program, possible next steps may include establishing a working group to help inform the program. All members were encouraged to provide feedback or comments to Metro Vancouver at the meeting or by emailing [solidwasteoperations@metrovancover.org](mailto:solidwasteoperations@metrovancover.org).

Discussion ensued, and the following questions and comments (Q/C) and *responses (R)* were captured:

**Q/C:** Has Metro Vancouver or Dillon Consulting evaluated potential approaches to address feedback from small and medium haulers who expressed concern that the incentive program may disproportionately benefit larger companies?

**R:** *There is an interest in hearing more from industry representatives to explore ideas on how to address this concern.*

- Q/C: The intention is to offer up to 12 junk removal pick-ups for residential properties, but the volume is unknown. Do we know the estimated cost for Metro Vancouver?
- R: *It is suggested to pick up a maximum of four large items per household; however, members are encouraged to provide feedback on this suggestion.*
- R: *Some municipal cost data was collected, but more research is required.*
- Q/C: There should be a balanced approach for all haulers to ensure the small and medium businesses are able to participate fairly.
- R: *The intention of this presentation was to show the potential opportunity and have the Industry Advisory Committee provide feedback.*
- Q/C: Which haulers were approached during the initial engagement, and why were others excluded?
- R: *We are unable to confirm during this meeting who was approached in the initial engagement, but there is an interest in speaking with any hauler who is interested.*
- Q/C: Members continually express concerns that the Industry Advisory Committee is consistently informed of ongoing work only after key decisions have been initiated. Funding has already been allocated to a consultant to develop a plan, and it is important to have discussions before external consultations begin.
- R: *This program is very much in the conceptual stages. There is a desire to continue discussions with the Industry Advisory Committee and others in the waste industry.*
- Q/C: A lot of work was put into this, and a detailed plan was presented. Additionally, selectively approaching specific groups and not being inclusive is not the right way to move forward.
- R: *This is not a fully developed plan, and Dillon Consulting would be available to interview anyone interested.*
- Q/C: What is the intention of the plan, and what do we want to accomplish?
- R: *The purpose of the program would be to encourage proper management of challenging materials, such as bulky items and electronics.*
- Q/C: Government subsidies or incentives are not always the best approach, and haulers should be allowed to compete in the market. There has been no mention of this program increasing recycling rates. The focus should be on de-incentivizing companies or penalizing them to help keep items out of the disposal stream.

Q/C: As a mid-sized company, this excludes us from this program, but there is a strong belief that we can support this work.

Q/C: Rather than complicating processes, improvements should be made to the facilities. It is hard to support this approach because there are clear gaps and a lack of transparency.

Q/C: Have we heard how it's been going in CRD, and what achievements have there been since implementation?

R: *Dillon Consulting has connected with others who have similar programs, and they are currently reviewing their data and performance metrics to gain a clear understanding of their current state. An update can be provided to the Industry Advisory Committee.*

Q/C: A provincial standard should be developed and implemented.

Q/C: Previously, drivers were allowed to pull things out of the load that did not belong in there.

R: *This is still permitted currently, as long as it is able to be done safely. Often removal of materials from large loads cannot be accomplished in a safe manner.*

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates**

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Metro Vancouver, provided the following Zero Waste Committee and other updates:

- The Zero Waste Committee did not meet in May 2026
- On April 24, the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board endorsed the draft Solid Waste Management Plan, and additional comments are being received before submission to the Ministry of Environment and Parks
- The GVS&DD Board approved tipping fee increases, and Metro Vancouver is drafting a letter that the industry can share with customers to communicate the upcoming changes that will be in effect July 1, 2026
- A letter titled "Request for Ban on the Import and Sale of Single Use Nitrous Oxide Cylinders" was sent to Canada's Minister of Health and Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature, requesting the prohibition of the import and sale of single-use valved nitrous oxide cylinders
  - Metro Vancouver staff are contacting other entities, such as local health authorities, the Retail Council of Canada, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to gather support for requesting a prohibition of the import and sale of single-use valved nitrous oxide cylinders.

In response to a request for a draft hauler license to be shared with the Industry Advisory Committee, Paul Henderson stated that there is no work underway on a hauler licensing program and previous drafts were not approved. Co-Chair Craig Hodge noted that extensive engagement and consultation would be needed before producing a draft agreement.

#### **4.2 Committee Coordination Updates**

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services, requested that members review the draft Industry Advisory Committee member biographies that were included in the agenda package and noted that the document will be posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage. A follow-up email will be sent to members who still need to submit their existing or potential conflict statements.

#### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Regional Waste Flows**

##### **5.2 IAC 2026 Work Plan**

##### **5.3 IAC Meeting Action Tracker**

##### **5.4 Draft IAC Member Biographies**

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

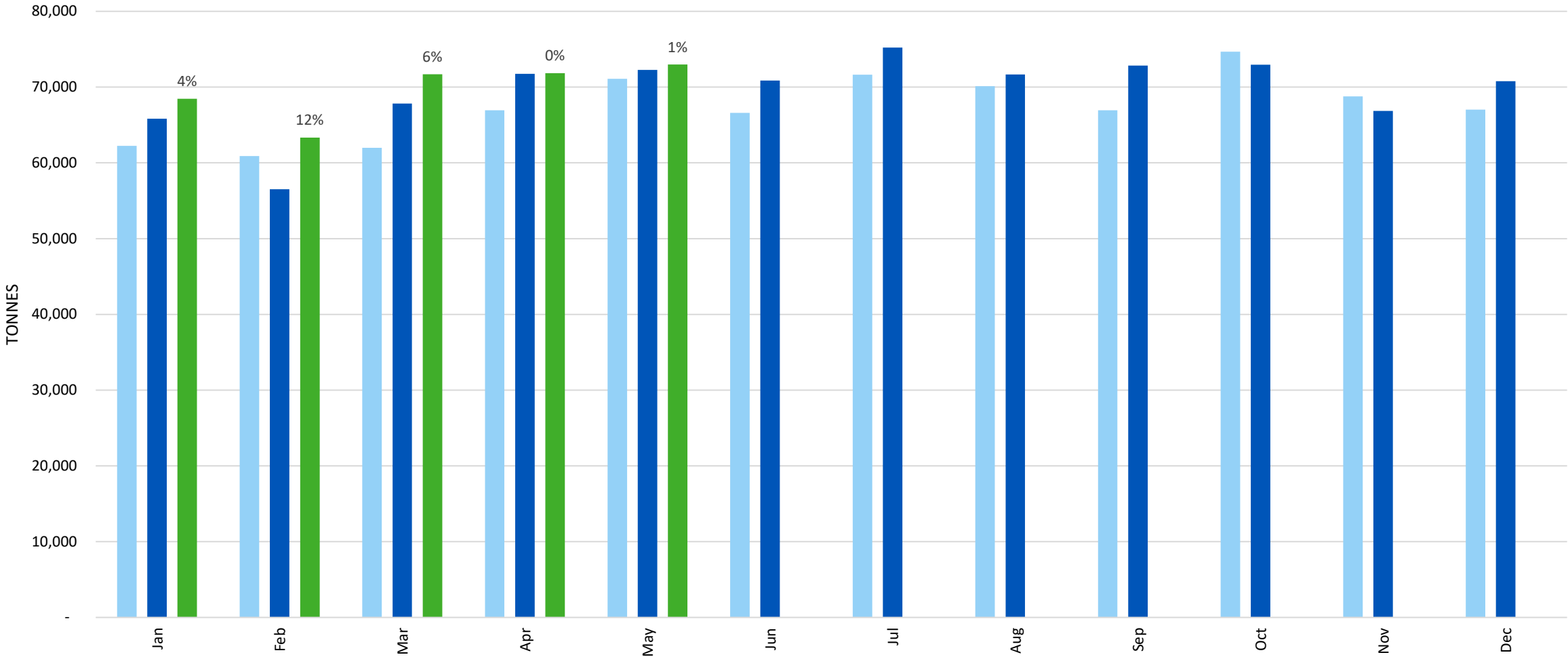
The next regular Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting will be held on June 9, 2026.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

# Metro Vancouver Waste Quantities\* 2024 - 2026\*\*

2024 2025 2026

YTD % Change: 4%



\*\*Data reconciled to Apr 2026

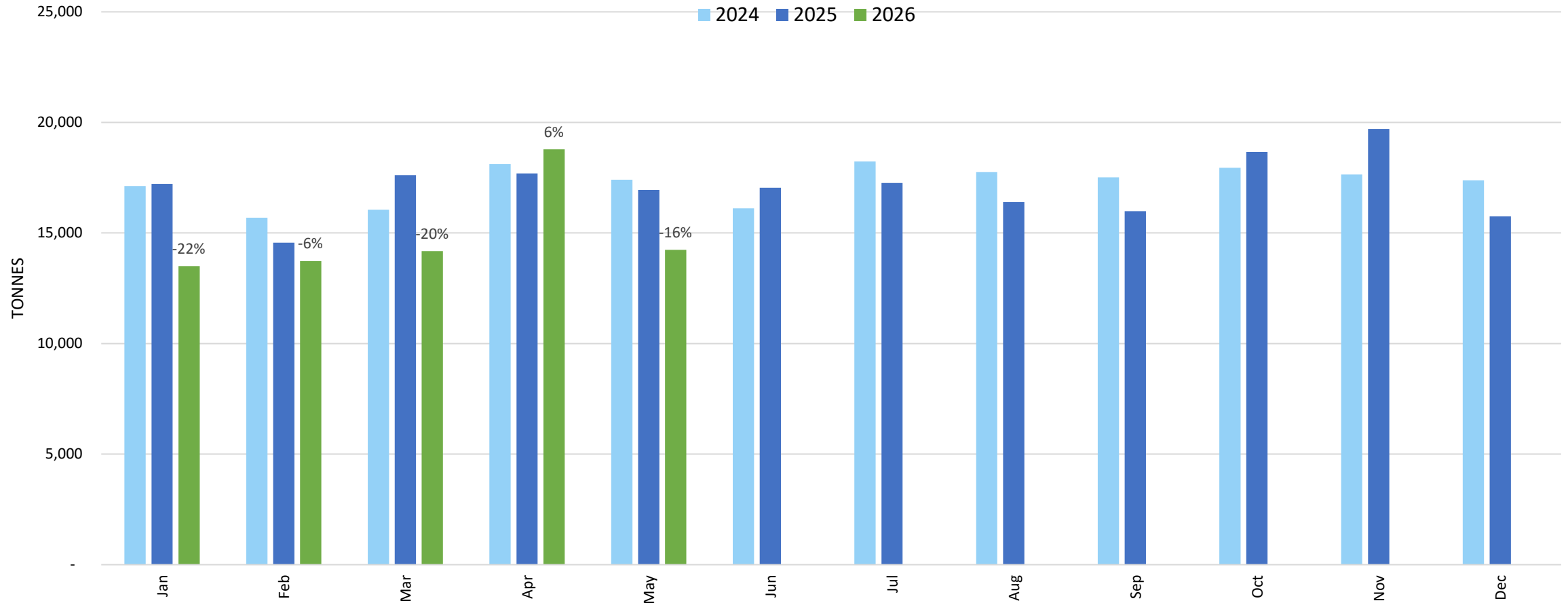
\*Metro Vancouver's Six Recycling and Waste Centres & the Waste-to-Energy Facility

# City of Vancouver Waste Quantities\*

## 2022 - 2024

(Demo garbage not included)

YTD % Change: -11%

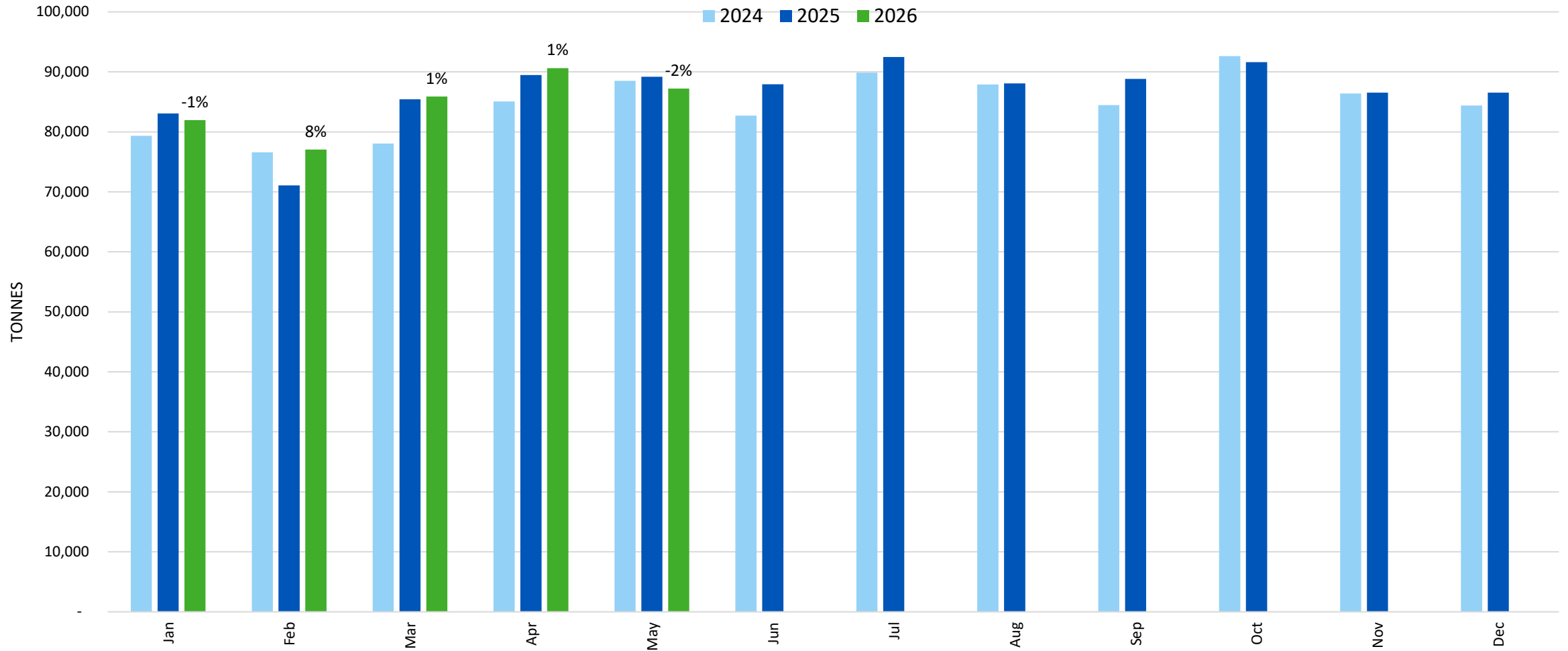


\*Vancouver Landfill & Vancouver South Transfer Station

# Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver Waste Quantities 2024 - 2026\*

(Demo garbage not included)

YTD % Change: 1%



\*Metro Vancouver data reconciled to Apr 2026

## Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan Priorities

May 25, 2026

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Approach</b>
2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Statistics and Biennial report	Complete	Plenary
Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Review and Initial Feedback	Complete	Small group discussion
Vancouver Landfill / Long-Term Disposal Planning	Pending	Plenary
Source Reduction Incentive Program	Complete	Plenary
SWMP: Monitoring and Implementation – committee role after approval of draft plan	Pending	TBD
<b>Quarter 2</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Approach</b>
Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Review of Revised Draft	Complete	Plenary
SWMP: Actions Related to Recovery of Materials and Energy from Recyclable Materials	Pending	Plenary
SWMP: Actions Considered Unadvisable by Staff	Pending	TBD
Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy: How to Increase Opportunities for Waste Reduction and Recycling	Pending	TBD
Disposal Ban Program Results	Pending	TBD
<b>Quarter 3</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Approach</b>
WTEF Environmental Performance Summary	Pending	TBD
Construction and Demolition Materials Recycling and Reuse Update	Pending	TBD
Draft Capital Plan	Pending	TBD
<b>Quarter 4</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Approach</b>
Solid Waste Services Annual Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan	Pending	TBD
2025 Waste Composition Results	Pending	TBD

## 2026 Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee - Meeting Action Tracker

Meeting Date	Requested Action/Item	Assigned Staff	Target / Completion Date	Status
January 13, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff will update the chart on slide #8 of the presentation. "Unlicensed Private Facilities" is now labelled "Reported Concrete"</li> </ul>	Samantha Joy	Q1	Complete
January 13, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metro Vancouver will include the presentation slides in the agenda package going forward.</li> </ul>	Samantha Joy	Ongoing	Complete
January 13, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff will finalize the revised Terms of Reference and post the updated version to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee's webpage.</li> </ul>	Samantha Joy	Q1	Complete
January 28, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metro Vancouver staff will calculate the current height of the Vancouver Landfill as it relates to the maximum allowable height and report back to the Industry Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	Paul Henderson	Q1	Complete
February 10, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vancouver Landfill garbage compaction: request for more information with respect to compacted garbage density within the landfill.</li> </ul>	Paul Henderson	Q1	Complete
February 10, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vancouver Landfill presentation: request for City of Vancouver staff to present on Vancouver Landfill fill plans.</li> </ul>	Samantha Joy		In progress
March 10, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend February 10 round-robin feedback summary and meeting minutes to reflect committee member feedback</li> <li>Ensure that the March 10 minutes reflect member comments (within the scope of minute recording procedures outlined in the Terms of Reference)</li> </ul>	Samantha Joy		Complete



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March 10, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring additional information about the need for separate hauler records keeping related to generator levy</li></ul>	Paul Henderson		In progress
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Welcome

Burrard Inlet Port Lands



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# AGENDA

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3. Reports and Items for Discussion

4. Other Business

5. Information Items

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## Reports and Items for Discussion

Jericho Beach





Collecting a sample at North Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre

# 2025 Full-Scale Waste Composition Study

## RESULTS

Kelly Du, P.Eng.

Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee – June 9, 2026

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# WHY DO WE DO WASTE COMPOSITION STUDIES?

- Gauge progress of recycling campaigns and initiatives
- Identify materials to target for future programs
- Learn more about specific sectors
- **Baseline for solid waste management plan update**



Example of a Commercial/Institutional Load

# WASTE COMPOSITION STUDIES

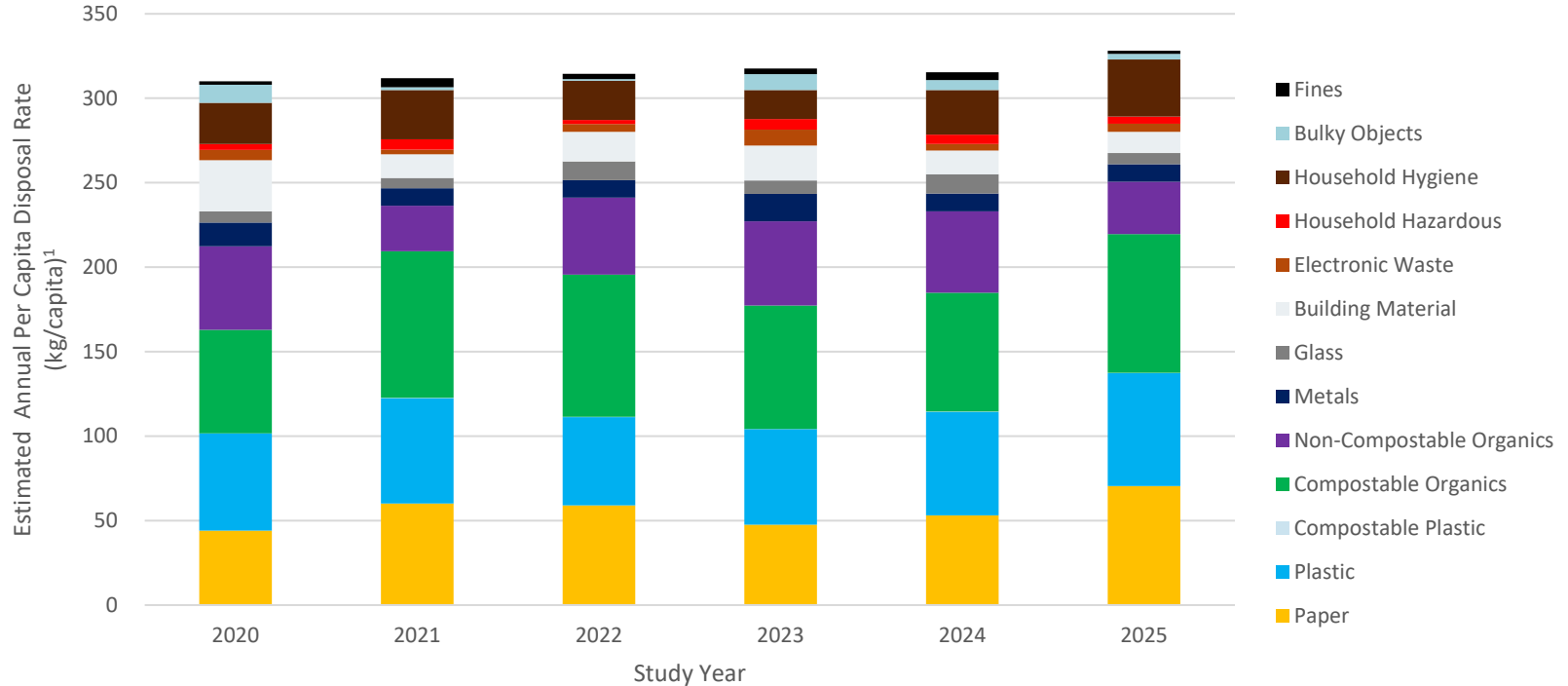
- Full Scale\*
- Multi-Family
- Commercial/ Institutional
- Construction/ Demolition\*

\* Studies completed in 2025



# FULL-SCALE STUDY RESULTS

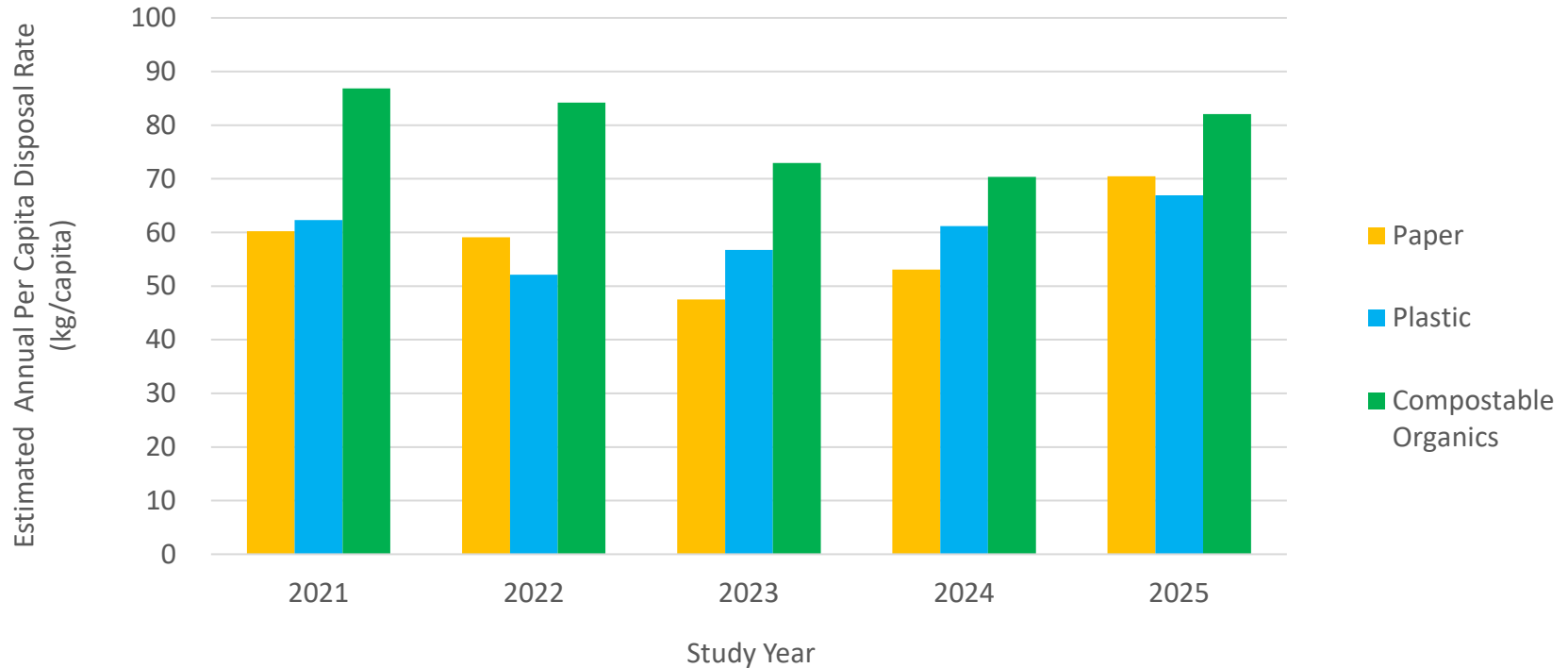
## Residential, Commercial/Institutional and Small Load Waste



<sup>1</sup>Calculation based on preceding year's disposal tonnage and population data

# FULL-SCALE STUDY RESULTS

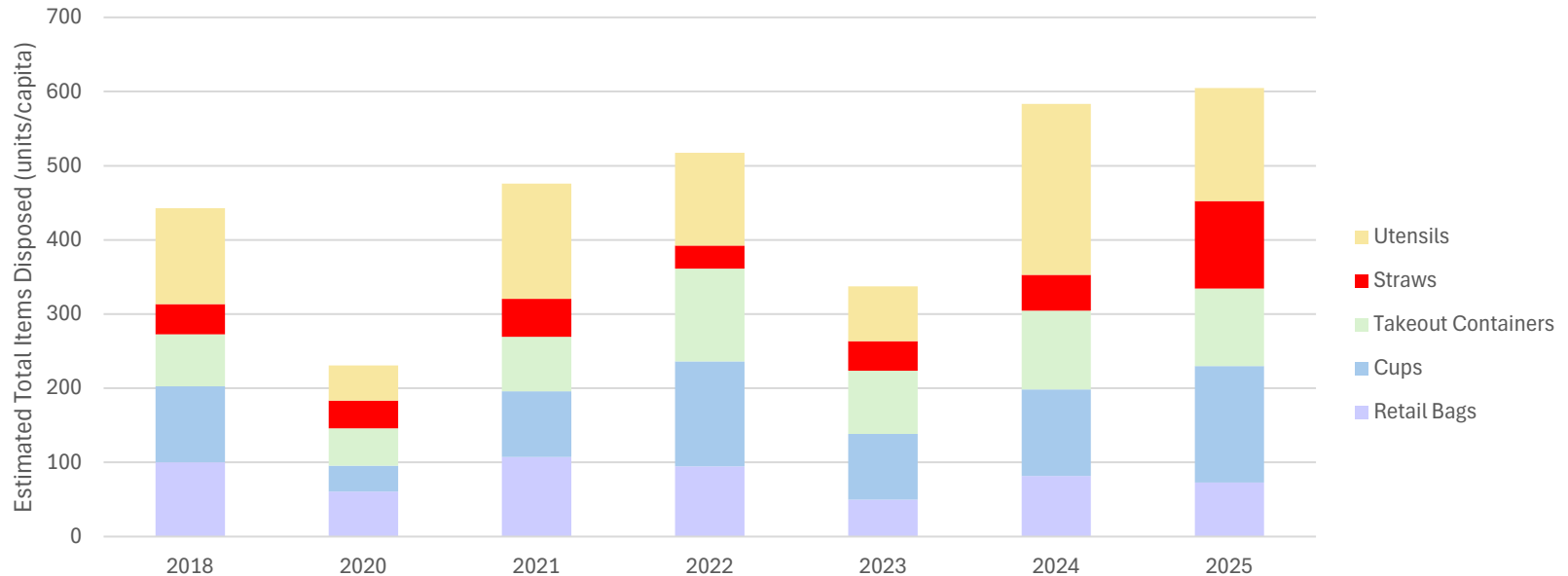
## Compostable Organics, Paper, Plastic



<sup>1</sup>Calculation based on preceding year's disposal tonnage and population data

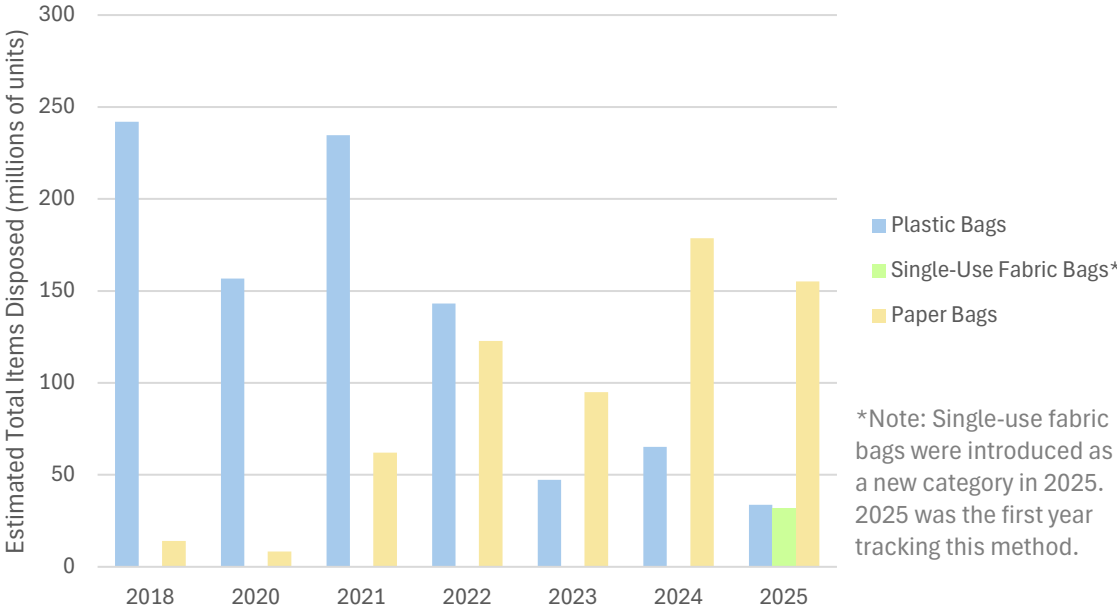
# SINGLE-USE DISPOSAL PER CAPITA

\*3.3% of waste stream by weight



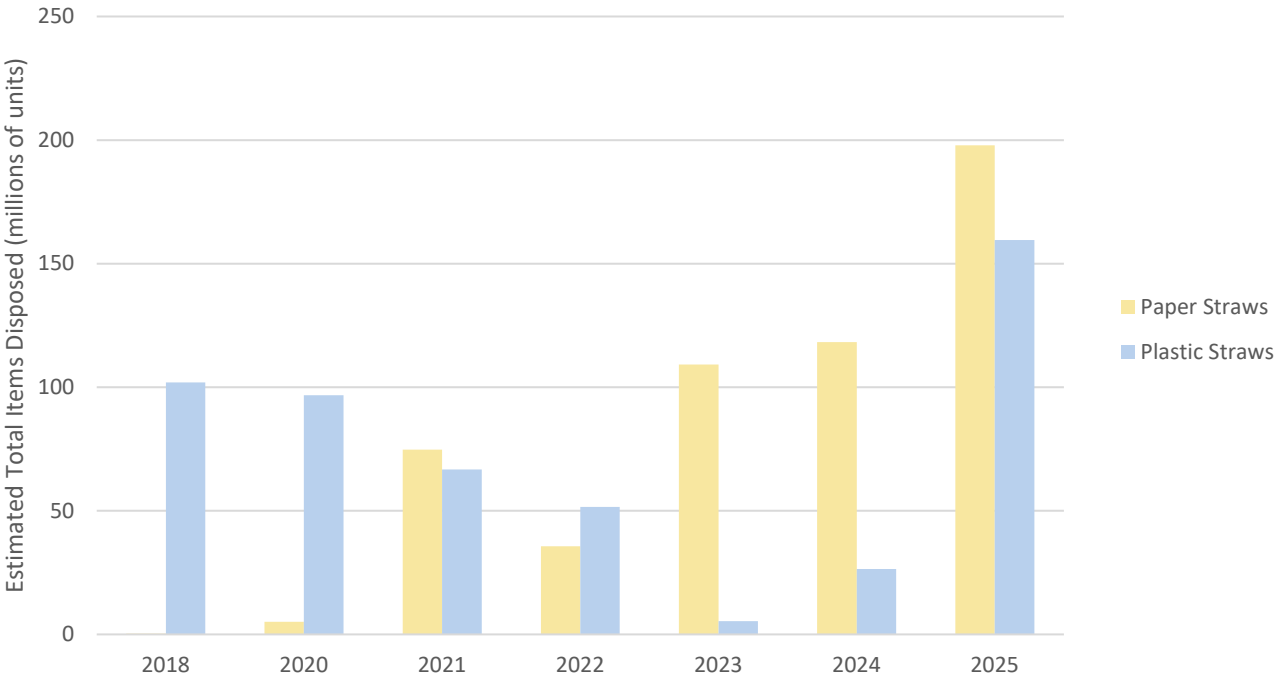
# HISTORICAL RETAIL BAG COUNT COMPARISON

Estimated number of disposed retail bags (checkout bags)

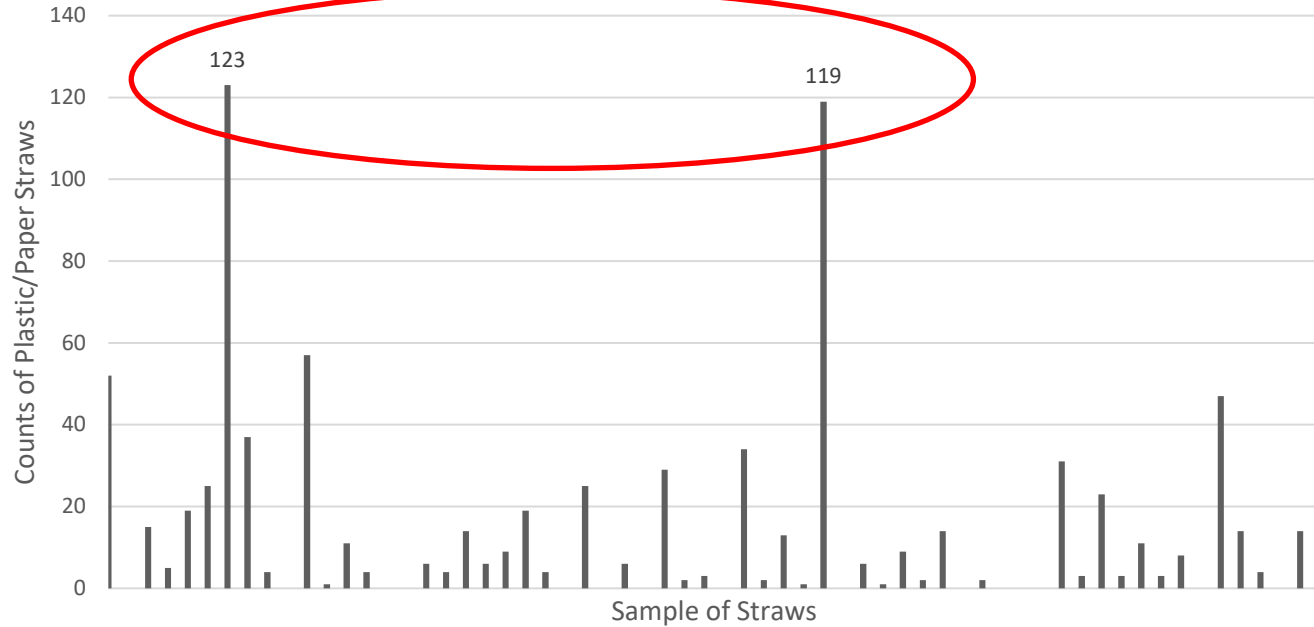


# HISTORICAL STRAWS COUNT COMPARISON

Estimated number of disposed straws

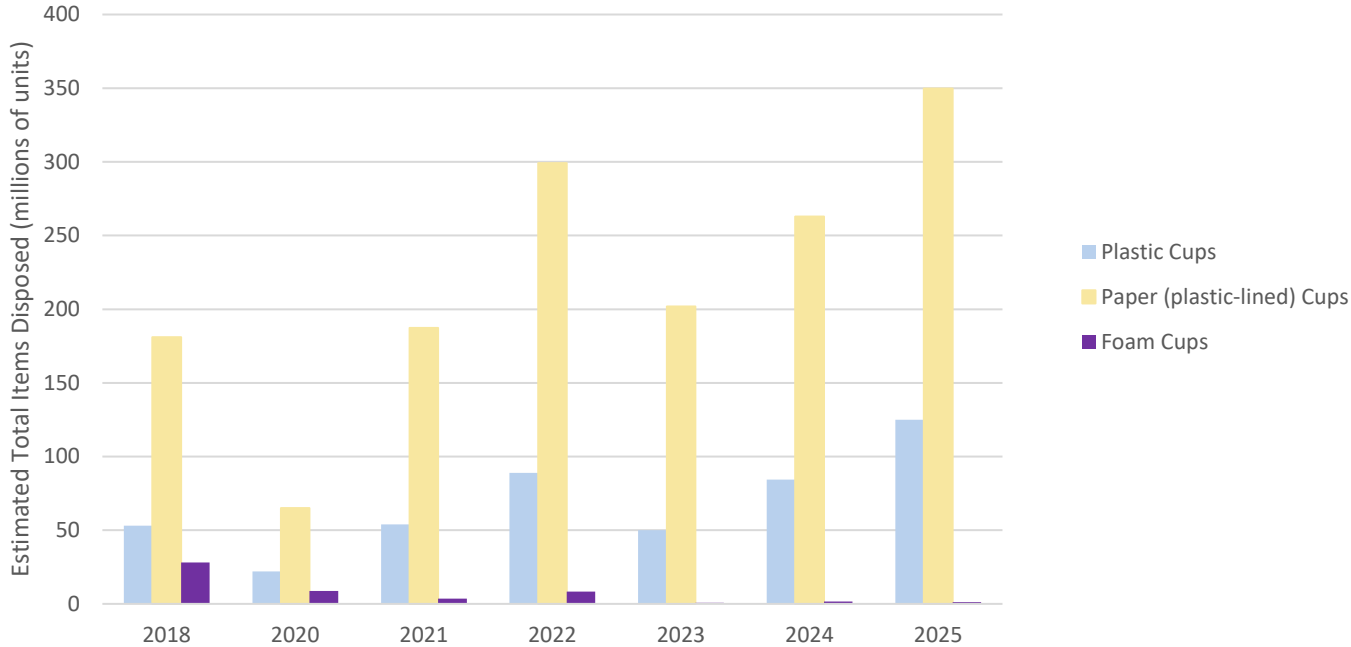


# 2025 SAMPLE STRAW COUNTS



# HISTORICAL CUPS COUNT COMPARISON

Estimated number of disposed cups



# SINGLE-USE ITEMS – TRENDS AND REGULATIONS

Single-Use Item Category	Material	Trend since 2018	B.C. Provincial Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation
Retail Bags (Checkout bags)	Plastic	Decreasing	Banned since December 2023
	Paper	Increasing	Minimum fees required for recycled paper bags since January 2024 (fee exemption for food delivery and drive through)
Cups	Foam	Decreasing	Food service ware made from polystyrene foam <b>banned</b> since January 2024
	Other Cups (Paper and Plastic)	Increasing	Not regulated with the exception of hard-to-recycle plastics
Takeout Containers	Foam	Decreasing	Food service ware made from polystyrene foam <b>banned</b> since January 2024
	Plastic/Paper	Elevated since 2021	Not regulated with the exception of hard-to-recycle plastics

# SINGLE-USE ITEMS – TRENDS AND REGULATIONS

Single-Use Item Category	Material	Trend since 2018	B.C. Provincial Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation
Straws	Plastic	Inconclusive	Straws by-request only under BC regulations.  *Under federal regulations, straws fully or partially made of plastic or with compostable/biodegradable plastic were prohibited from being provided to customers.
	Paper		Can only be provided upon customer request
Utensils	Plastic	Inconclusive	Banned since December 2023
	Wood		Can only be provided upon customer request

\*Data indicate that straw and utensil counts are heavily influenced by high concentration samples and therefore results are difficult to interpret

# CONCLUSIONS

- Compostable organics, paper, and plastic remain the largest components of the waste stream
  - Organics have trended downwards since 2021 but increased slightly in 2025
  - Plastics have shown a consistent upward trend since 2022
  - Paper has a slight increase since 2023
  - Updated solid waste management plan targets these materials
- Single-use item generation continued to rise
  - Plastic checkout bags, foam takeout containers and foam cups are declining, while paper and plastic cups and plastic takeout containers are increasing
  - In general, banned items are decreasing while others are increasing
  - Trends for straws and utensils influenced by commercial/institutional sector and cannot be clearly determined at this time

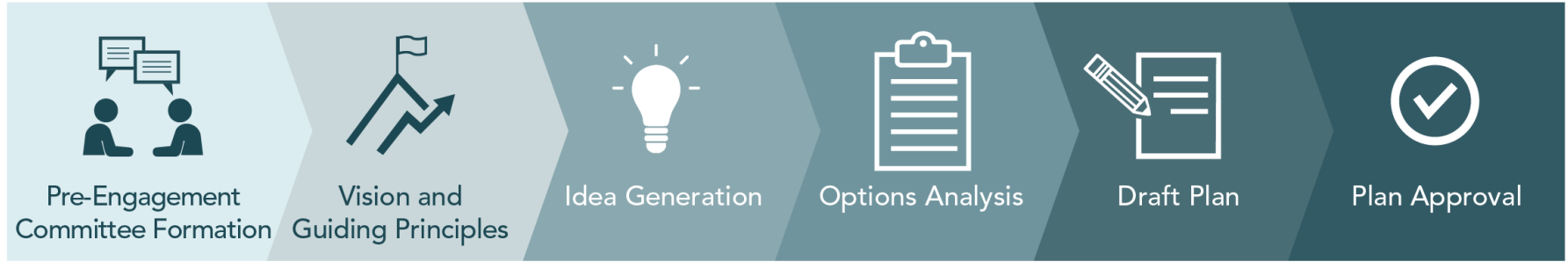


Questions?

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# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE TIMELINE



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# ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON DRAFT PLAN

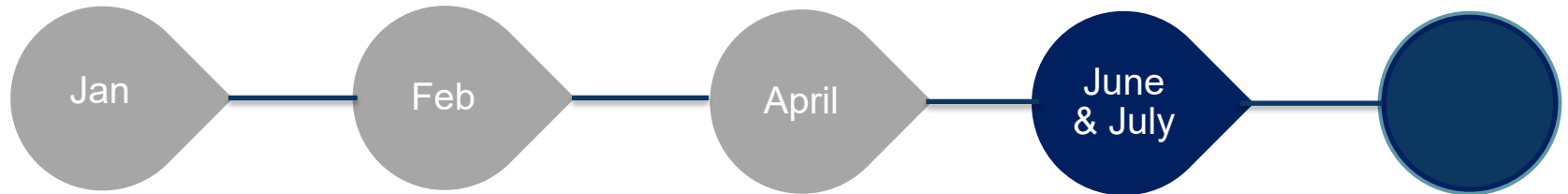
Publish **initial draft plan**

Receive feedback on **initial draft plan**

Present revised draft plan to **Zero Waste Committee** and **GVS&DD Board**

**Comment period** on draft plan

**Submit** draft plan to Minister of Environment and Parks



# Focus Areas



Lead the transition to a regional circular economy through waste prevention



Scale up reuse opportunities at recycling and waste centre facilities and beyond



Increase access to organics and recycling services for multi-family residents, businesses, and institutions



Expand efforts to prevent disposal of valuable food and organics



Expand efforts to prevent disposal of valuable building materials



Work with organizations that make, sell, use, collect, and recycle plastics to improve collection of recyclable plastics and eliminate unnecessary and hard to recycle plastics

# ENGAGEMENT APPROACH ON ANY NEW POTENTIAL REGULATORY MEASURE (P.84)

“Any proposed new regulatory measures will be accompanied by a transparent and meaningful engagement process. Engagement will follow Metro Vancouver’s Public Engagement Board Policy and Public Engagement Guide. Metro Vancouver will also comply with any provincial requirements related to public consultation.”



Disposal ban inspection

# GENERATOR LEVY

**Regulatory Priority:** Support effectiveness of the generator levy (p.82)

“The generator levy is a key contributor to Metro Vancouver’s continued success in advancing waste reduction and recycling.” (p.80)



Municipal curbside collection

# SOURCE SEPARATION

**Regulatory Priority:** Increase reuse and recycling (p.82)

*Example Future Regulatory Enhancements (p.83):*

- Mandatory source separation
- Hauler licensing including separate management of streams



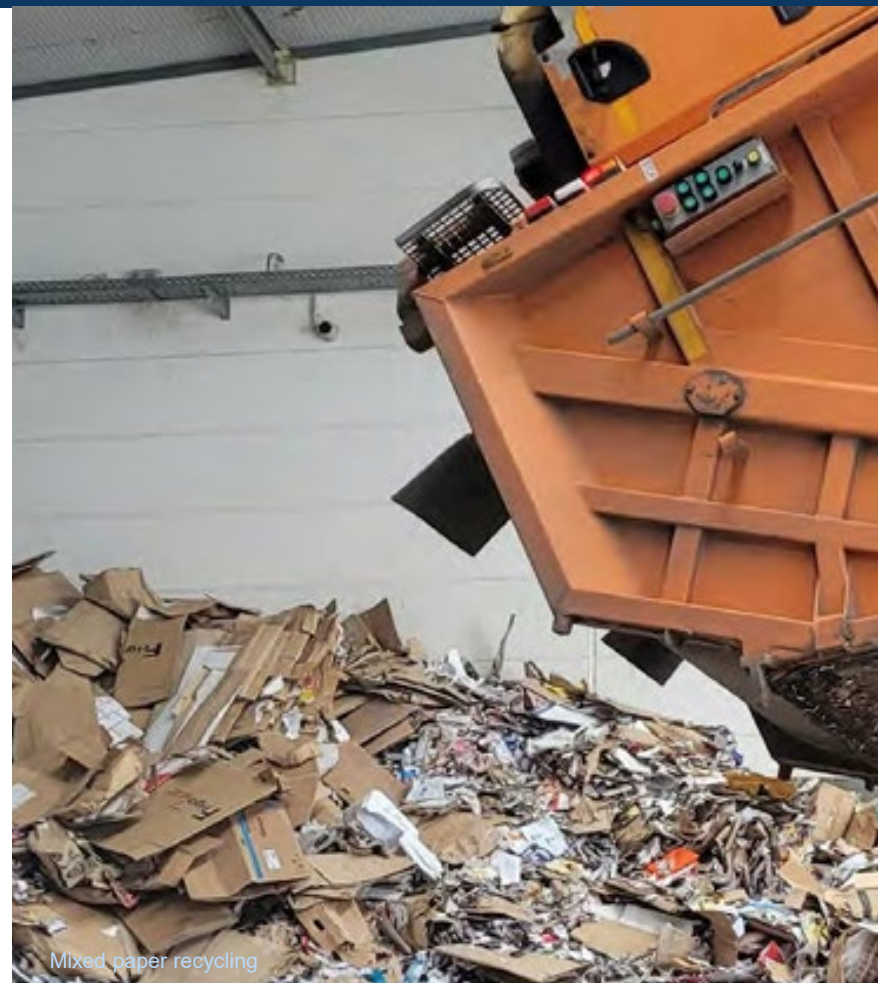
Green bin food scraps recycling

# FACILITY LICENSING SYSTEM

**Priority:** Support effectiveness of the facility licensing system (p.82)

*Example Future Regulatory Enhancements (p.83):*

- Expanded types of facilities that require a licence
- Administrative monetary penalties to address non-compliances
- Administrative improvements to licensing bylaw including updating definitions



Mixed paper recycling

## **STRATEGY 4.2 (P.59)**

Encourage the development of new recycling infrastructure

- 4.2.1 Convene recycling industry with the goal of maintaining and increasing recycling infrastructure that services the region
  - a) Reduce barriers for siting of private sector recycling activities
- 4.2.2 Support the development of additional local organics processing through leveraging Metro Vancouver procurement processes for organics management
- 4.2.3 Advocate for funding programs to help scale recycling infrastructure and innovation for challenging materials such as food for remanufacturing, anaerobic digestion feedstock, wood waste, and plastic-line paper products

## **STRATEGY 4.8 (P.62)**

Enhance approaches to Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program

- 4.8.1. Pursue options to enhance disposal ban inspection efficacy such as innovative detection technologies and clear bags policies
- 4.8.2 Create incentives for waste and recycling collectors to work with their customers to adopt additional recycling services and reduce waste
- 4.8.3 Review and expand materials in Metro Vancouver's disposal ban program when viable markets exist
- 4.8.4 Business case increasing the number of disposal ban inspections

## STRATEGY 6.3 (P.71)

Explore additional long-term disposal capacity if required

- 6.3.1 If additional long-term disposal capacity is required
  - a) Consider the residuals management technical criteria outlined within the solid waste management plan to compare options for securing the required capacity
  - b) Facilitate broad and inclusive regional engagement on options. Findings and recommendations will be reported publicly before any decision to proceed.



# NEXT STEPS

- Provide any additional feedback by August 1
  - Complete the [feedback form](#)
  - Email [zerowaste@metrovancover.org](mailto:zerowaste@metrovancover.org)
  - Set up a phone conversation with staff
- Metro Vancouver will submit the draft plan along with all feedback received to the Minister of Environment and Parks for consideration



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## 4.1 ZERO WASTE AND OTHER UPDATES

- 2024 Biennial Report
- Manager's Report
  - 2025 Annual Financial results and statements
  - BCUC exemption issued for thermal purchasing agreement
  - Waste-to-Energy Facility particulate matter emission study results
  - Master Municipal Construction Documents update released
  - Pane glass now accepted at Langley Recycling and Waste Centre
  - Repair Café update – 34 co-funded events in 2025
  - National Zero Waste Council – May 21 Reuse webinar

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# Information Items



# INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Regional Waste Flows
- 5.2 2026 IAC Work Plan
- 5.3 IAC Meeting Action Tracker



Vancouver Skyline

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