

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, via Zoom Video Conference.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Hodge, Director, Metro Vancouver
Board of Directors (Co-Chair)
Izzie Abrams, Waste Connections of Canada
Binder Boora, BC Earth Exchange
Lori Bryan, Waste Management Assoc. of BC
Ken Carrusca, Cement Association of Canada
Mannie Cheung, Product Care Assoc. of BC
James Collins, Tymac Launch Service Ltd.
Jeremy Crawford, Waste Control Services
Christian Dietrich, Ecowaste Industries
Grant Hankins, Waste Management
Association of BC
Kenneth Ingram, West Coast Reduction Ltd.
Josh Jansen Van Doorn, Super Save Disposal
Gord Johnson, Empower
Environmental/Northstar
Sean Kawakami, Convertus Group
Aiden Kiani, Lock-Block Ltd.
Achilles Mallari, Sierra Waste Services Ltd.

Matthew McAra, GFL
Ralph McRae, Revolution
David Millman,
Waste Management of Canada
Maya Moucachen, Merlin Plastics
Nicole Peers, Queensborough Landing
Recycling Depot
Mary Polak, Waste Connections of Canada
Terryl Plotnikoff, Canadian Mattress
Recycling Inc.
Shad Prasad, Cascade Recovery+
Kevin Preuss, K2 Services
Rustam Punja, Geocycle Canada
Liliana Segal, Green Chair Recycling
Cynthia Shore, Republic Services
Nicole Stefenelli, Urban Impact Recycling
Sebastian van Wollen, Blue Planet Recycling
Michael Zarbl, Major Appliances Recycling
Roundtable

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robbie Gill, Cloverdale Fuel Ltd.
Jamie Kaminski, HSR Zero Waste

Jacqueline Lotzkar, Pacific Metals Recycling
Inc.

METRO VANCOUVER STAFF:

Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations
Brooke Atkinson, Communications and Education Coordinator
Sarah Evanetz, Division Manager, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations
Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
Mani Massah, Project Engineer, Zero Waste Implementation
Karen Storry, Senior Engineer, Zero Waste Implementation
Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning
Lynne Vidler, Lead Senior Engineer, Solid Waste Operations

CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Lynn Belanger, Manager, Transfer and Landfill Operations Branch
John McDermott, Manager, Solid Waste Strategic Services Branch

AGENDA:

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting #1

March 1, 2022

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Zoom

Agenda

- 1) Meeting Objectives and Agenda
- 2) Committee Member Introductions
- 3) Industry Advisory Committee Overview
 - a) Overview of Terms of Reference
 - b) Committee Members Contact Information
 - c) 2022 Meetings
 - d) IAC Webpage
 - e) Co-Chair Election Process
- 4) Potential Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Standing Agenda Items
 - a) New Facility Updates
 - b) Operational Updates
 - c) Solid Waste Management Plan
 - d) Zero Waste Committee Reports of Interest
 - e) City of Vancouver Operational Updates
- 5) Committee Areas of Interest
- 6) Environment and Climate Change Canada Technical Issues Paper on Recycled Content for Certain Plastic Manufactured Items – Presentation
- 7) Next Steps
 - a) Next meeting is on April 5, 2022

References:

- 1) IAC 2022 Committee Members List: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/SolidWastePublications/SolidWasteRecycling-IAC-2022MembershipList.pdf>
- 2) IAC Terms of Reference: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/SolidWastePublications/ToR-IAC.pdf>

MEETING MINUTES:

1. WELCOME

Craig Hodge, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste Industry and Recycling Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting.

2. INTRODUCTION OF AGENDA AND MEETING OBJECTIVES

Co-Chair Hodge introduced the agenda and asked members to introduce themselves. A round of self-introductions was held, and Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver staff were introduced.

Brooke Atkinson, Communications and Education Coordinator, Metro Vancouver, reviewed Zoom functions and etiquette, noting that the meeting would be recorded and provided to a non-member who asked to observe the meeting.

3. INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Brooke Atkinson provided an overview of the IAC and highlighted:

- IAC Terms of Reference
- Committee member contact information sharing
- The 2022 meeting schedule
- The IAC webpage
- Under the Terms of Reference, a second Co-Chair is elected by Committee members on an annual basis.

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, reviewed the Co-Chair election process and highlighted that the process will be based on the Sturgis method:

- Nominations for Co-chair to be put forward by Committee members at the April 5, 2022 meeting
- One individual from each organization votes
- Members will vote for nominees in alphabetical order by last name
- Members vote for the nominee or nominees of their choice with a show of virtual hands (members may vote for each and every nominee)
- Following the first round of voting, if the leading nominee has less than 50% + 1 of the votes, voting will continue until a nominee achieves 50% + 1 votes with the nominee with the least votes dropping out in each round.

During discussion, the following motion was presented by Committee member Ralph McRae:

“THAT all members forthwith file with the Chairperson(s) a written statement detailing all existing or potential conflicts that the member and the organization they represent may have in regard to their relationship with Metro Vancouver;

THAT they timely update that statement to reflect any change of circumstance or if the Committee's deliberations expose conflicts that may not have been initially apparent;

THAT the Chairperson(s) compile a record of all reported conflicts and deliver such to all Committee members and that such record will be neither confidential nor privileged;

THAT any Committee member or principal who does not have a conflict must file a NIL statement to that effect;

THAT any member who fails to file the requisite statement and updates be forthwith excluded from the Committee and its deliberations until such time as he or she fully complies; and

THAT the Chairperson(s) be vested with the power to remove any Committee member whose actual or potential conflicts of interest are inconsistent with a fair and objective deliberations of the issues that may come before the Committee."

Co-Chair Hodge ruled the motion a notice of motion to be voted on at the April 5, 2022, IAC meeting.

Paul Henderson noted that depending on the Committee's decision on the above motion at the April 5 meeting, the second Co-Chair election could be delayed.

4. POTENTIAL IAC STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

The following potential IAC standing agenda items were described:

- New facility updates
- Operational updates
- Solid Waste Management Plan
- Zero Waste Committee reports of interest
- City of Vancouver operational updates.

Paul Henderson noted that these standing agenda items mirror standing items from meetings held with the Waste Management Association of B.C. that began to help coordinate pandemic response in 2020 and have been ongoing since.

In response to a question, it was noted that future meetings would provide opportunities for Committee members to request Metro Vancouver staff provide information on any Zero Waste Committee report of interest.

Action: *It was requested that Metro Vancouver provide Committee members records related to Metro Vancouver meetings with the Waste Management Association of BC.*

COMMITTEE AREAS OF INTEREST

Committee members were invited to participate in an online Mentimeter exercise to help identify areas of interest for future discussion. It was noted that the Committee workplan

would be developed for consideration by the Committee following election of the second Co-Chair.

The following diagram displays results of the Mentimeter exercise using key words inputted by Committee members:



Paul Henderson asked if any Committee members wanted to speak to any item from the Mentimeter exercise. No Committee members requested to speak.

5. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA TECHNICAL ISSUES PAPER ON RECYCLED CONTENT FOR CERTAIN PLASTIC MANUFACTURED ITEMS

Mani Massah, Project Engineer, Zero Waste Implementation, Metro Vancouver, gave a presentation titled, “Recycled Content for Certain Plastic Manufactured Items Regulations”, and highlighted:

- Background of the Government of Canada’s recent activity on plastic pollution:
 - On February 12, 2022, publication of a notice of intent and technical issues paper on the proposed development of regulations that would set minimum recycled content requirements for certain plastic manufactured items was released as well as the beginning of a 30-day public comment period
- Proposed minimum recycled content regulation:
 - Could apply to any person or business that manufactures, imports, or sells the items in Canada
 - The initial version of the proposed regulations will target packaging and durable items like waste bins

- Plastic packaging in Canada will be required to contain at least 50% recycled content by 2030
- Proposed item categories:
 - Packaging in direct contact with food (e.g., beverage containers)
 - Packaging not in direct contact with food (e.g., bottles, rigid containers and trays, foam packaging, film and flexible plastic packaging, garbage bags)
 - Durable items (e.g., waste bins)
- Proposed excluded items:
 - Primary food packaging (except beverage containers)
 - Certain types of reusable packaging
 - Certain product applications where legal requirements do not allow for recycled content and/or there is risk for human health or the environment
- Draft high-level feedback:
 - Metro Vancouver supports the Government of Canada to develop recycled content regulations to reduce pollution and create conditions for achieving a circular economy
 - It is believed that the regulation should consider both pre-consumer and post-consumer recycled content with a maximum limit to the amount of pre-consumer content
 - With respect to sources of recycled content, circular recycling technologies that have a low environmental impact and local economic benefits should be prioritized
 - Do not allow the trading of recycled content as part of a credit system, which could mean that an end product may contain no recycled content
 - Beyond recycled content requirements, the Government of Canada is encouraged to look into current collection challenges for items such as foam plastics.

During discussion, comments were provided regarding:

- Recycled content requirements and labelling must be clear to avoid “greenwashing”;
- In parallel to considering regulations for recycled content, the government should support industry through funding or other mechanisms to further develop plastics remanufacturing capacity in Canada; and
- Implementation of recycled content regulations must consider the availability of recycled materials.

IAC members were invited to submit additional feedback to mani.massah@metrovancover.org before the end of the public comment period on March 14, 2022.

6. NEXT STEPS

Co-Chair Hodge thanked Committee members for their participation and advised that the next meeting was scheduled to occur on April 5, 2022.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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