

**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 at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, via Zoom Video Conference.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lori Bryan, Waste Management Assoc. of BC (Co-Chair)	MacFarlane, Angus, Growing City
Craig Hodge, Director, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors (Co-Chair)	Mallari, Achilles, Sierra Waste Services Ltd.
Abrams, Izzie, Waste Connections of Canada	McAra, Matthew, GFL Environmental Inc.
Berkhof, Edwin, Evergen Infrastructure Corp.	McRae, Ralph, Revolution Infrastructure Inc.
Carrusca, Ken, Cement Association of Canada	Millman, David, Waste Management of Canada Corp.
Crawford, Jeremy, Waste Control Services	Moucachen, Maya, Merlin Plastics
Diamant, Jen, Capital Salvage	Pantazopoulos, Dimitri, Waste Connections of Canada
Dietrich, Christian, Ecowaste Industries	Prasad, Shad, Cascade Recovery +
Hankins, Grant, Canada Minibins.com Ltd.	Sigmund, Sandy, Encorp Pacific Canada, Return-It
JansenVandoorn, Josh, Anaconda Systems Ltd.	Turner, John, BC Biocarbon Ltd.
Kaminski, Jamie, HSR Zero Waste	Van de Wetering, Jasper, Heidelberg Materials Canada Ltd.
Kiani, Aiden, Lock-Block Ltd.	Vargas, Pinky, Republic Services
Koehn, Leanne, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society	Young, Stewart, GFL Environmental Inc.
MacNeil, Patrick, Wescan Disposal Ltd.	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Collins, James, Tymac Launch Service Ltd.	Kawakami, Sean, Convertus Canada Ltd.
Deol, Harwant, Super Save Group	Lannin, Mike, Super Save Group
Gontovnick, Jeff, 1-800-GOT-JUNK?	Scaldeferri, Fabio, Pacific Mattress Recycling Inc.
Jessa, Imran, Delta Textiles Exporters Inc.	Zarbl, Michael, Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
Johnson, Gord, Northstar	

METRO VANCOUVER AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Zeenia Mizan, Program Assistant, Solid Waste Services
Nanette van Doorn, Engagement and Communications Consultant, Solid Waste Services

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Justine Wiklo, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

March 5, 2024

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Zoom

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 - 7.2. 2024 Solid Waste and Recycling industry Advisory Committee Work Plan
 - 7.3. 2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Members

MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Craig Hodge called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting. Participants were reminded to use the Zoom “raised hand” function to provide questions or comments or for any voting that might be required, and to ensure their names were correctly identified in the Participant list.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Co-Chair Hodge welcomed new Industry Advisory Committee members and thanked returning members for their continued interest. Industry Advisory Committee members were reminded to submit their conflict statements, which are available on the Industry Advisory Committee webpage. Members are not permitted to vote on decision items without a signed conflict statement.

Co-Chair Lori Bryan facilitated a round of self-introductions.

Co-Chair Bryan advised that the Industry Advisory Committee will meet seven times in 2024, and three of those meetings will take place in person. The Terms of Reference were reviewed, and highlighted the importance of working constructively and collaboratively, and to be mindful of the Code of Conduct.

2. AGENDA

2.1 March 5, 2024, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the March 5, 2024, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

3. MINUTES

3.1 February 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024. There were no changes or additions to the meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Biennial Report

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver, reviewed the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Biennial Report, noting the following highlights:

- The 2022 Annual report is combined with the Biennial report
- Biennial report includes recycling and waste data, waste prevention and reduction initiatives underway including the Food Recovery Network, Reuse Days, and Repair Cafes, updates on new Recycling and Waste Centres in Metro Vancouver, and details about the Waste-to-Energy Facility District Energy Project.
- The 2022 recycling rate is 65%, which is the same as 2021; however, there has been a decrease in waste generation
- The 35% disposed has been further separated to disposal facility and further split up by sector
- Reported concrete and asphalt numbers are unchanged from 2021, due to challenges in verifying increases in recycling quantities from private facilities

- The recycling rate is increasing, as waste generation is decreasing; however, these trends have leveled out in recent years.
- In 2022, the residential sector has seen an overall decrease in waste generation; however, the commercial sector has seen an increase as employees return to offices following the COVID pandemic
- It is difficult to get a reuse estimate; however, it is hoped that the methodology for this will improve through a performance metrics review being conducted by Morrison Hershfield. Reuse quantities are not included in the recycling calculations.
- Definitions in the report are based on the *British Columbia Environmental Management Act*
- The term “recycling rate” is used instead of “diversion rate”, as diversion rate is defined differently amongst jurisdictions, and the term “recyclables” is defined in the *Environmental Management Act*
- Based on feedback, the updated report format includes detailed methodology, assumptions, data sources, and construction and demolition recycling rates
- The next step is to present the report to the Public/Technical Advisory Committee for feedback, then present to the Zero Waste Committee. The report and feedback summary will then be submitted to the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for review.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- This is the 2022 Biennial Report, with data from 2021 to 2022
- The 2021 Biennial Report refers to data from 2020 to 2021
- The Biennial Report is required by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Questions on how landfill cover materials specifically ground wood are accounted for. Landfill cover materials including ground wood are not included as recycling or disposal. Some communities do count landfill cover as recycling. Detail on how landfill cover is treated will be included in reporting to the Zero Waste Committee and Board.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 IAC Facility Tour Opportunity

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver, advised that the June 11, 2024, Industry Advisory Committee meeting will be a shorter meeting followed by an optional tour of either the Waste-to-Energy Facility, the Vancouver Landfill, or the United Boulevard Facility.

A poll was conducted on Menti Meter, and the majority of participants selected the Waste-to-Energy Facility for the June 11, 2024, tour. It was noted that there will be other opportunities to tour the additional facilities in the future.

5.2 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, provided an update from the Zero Waste Committee, noting the following highlights:

- The March Zero Waste Committee Meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will take place in April 2024

- The Waste Management Association of BC conference was in February 2024, and there was consideration on the hazardous materials such as bear spray, lithium-ion batteries, and vapes that have caused a number of fires in facilities
- There is a need to address the impact of hazardous materials, and a workshop is being considered to bring relevant parties together including waste industry, product stewards, and local governments
- A residuals management working sub-group with voluntary participation is also being put together, which will cover a range of topics including long-term disposal planning, competition, the generator levy, procurement, and capital budget
- A request will be sent out for Industry Advisory Committee members who are interested in participating in the working sub-group.

6. CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Co-Chair Hodge advised that as per the Terms of Reference, the committee is to nominate a Co-Chair to be elected on April 9, 2024. Lori Bryan was nominated by Grant Hankins and accepted the nomination. Additional nominations can be made at the April 9 meeting from the floor.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Regional Waste Flows – February

7.2 2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan

7.3 2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Members

In reference to the information items, Co-Chair Hodge noted all were attached to the agenda package. Waste flows are published after the agenda package and are available just before the meeting each month.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Hodge thanked Industry Advisory Committee members for their participation, comments, and feedback, and advised that the next Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting would be held on April 9, 2024, in-person

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.