

**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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, in-person at the Element Hotel, Burnaby, BC.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Hodge, Director, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors (Co-Chair)	Achilles Mallari, Sierra Waste Services Ltd.
Izzie Abrams, Waste Connections of Canada	David Millman, Waste Management of Canada Corp.
Rob Cooney (alternate for Glen Furtado), Cement Association of Canada	Maya Moucachen, Merlin Plastics
Jeremy Crawford, Waste Control Services	Dimitri Pantazopoulos, Waste Connections of Canada
Christian Dietrich, Ecowaste Industries.	Shad Prasad, Cascade Recovery +
Grant Hankins, Canada Minibins.com Ltd.	Ken Schultz (alternate for Fabio Scaldaferrri), Pacific Mattress Recycling Inc.
Josh JansenVandoorn, Anaconda Systems Ltd.	Sandy Sigmund, Encorp Pacific Canada, Return-It
Gord Johnson, Northstar	Dayton Skei, EverGen
Jamie Kaminski, HSR Zero Waste	John Turner, BC Biocarbon Ltd.
Sean Kawakami, Convertus Canada Ltd.	Jasper Van de Wetering, Heidelberg Materials Canada Ltd.
Aiden Kiani, Lock-Block Ltd.	Michael Zarbl, Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
Leanne Koehn, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society	
Mike Lannin, Super Save Group	
Angus MacFarlane, Growing City	
Patrick MacNeil, Wescan Disposal Ltd.	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lori Bryan, Waste Management Assoc. of BC (Co-Chair)	Matthew McAra, GFL Environmental Inc.
James Collins, Tymac Launch Service Ltd.	Ralph McRae, Revolution Infrastructure Inc.
Harwant Deol, Super Save Group	Pinky Vargas, Republic Services
Imran Jessa, Delta Textiles Exporters Inc.	Stewart Young, GFL Environmental Inc.

METRO VANCOUVER (MV) AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Chris Allan, Director of Operations, Solid Waste Services
Chris Clarke, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
Lynn Belanger, City of Vancouver
Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Zack Ha, Support Staff Admin Assitant, Solid Waste Services
Zeenia Mizan, Communications Officer, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, Solid Waste Services

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Dione Costanzo, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

October 8, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In-Person

Agenda

1. Agenda
 - 1.1. October 8, 2024, Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes
 - 2.1. September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes
3. Reports and Items for Discussion
 - 3.1. Progress Update on Solid Waste Management Plan Update Timeline
For Information and feedback
Designated speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Operations
 - 3.2. Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Idea Generation Workshop
For input/feedback
Designated speaker: Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services and Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
Small group and plenary discussions proposed questions:
4. Other Business
 - 4.1. Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates
For information
Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
 - 4.2. Waste-to-Energy Facility Tour
5. Information Items
 - 5.1. Regional Waste Flows
 - 5.2. 2024 Work Plan

MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair, Director Craig Hodge, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste Industry and Recycling Advisory Committee (Industry Advisory Committee) meeting.

Co-Chair Hodge noted that the meeting was being live streamed, and a public record of the meeting would be posted to the website.

1. AGENDA

1.1 October 8, 2024, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the October 8, 2024, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

2. MINUTES

2.1 September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024. There were no changes or additions to the meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024.

It was noted that a feedback summary from the September meeting has been published to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage under the September meeting tab. Anyone experiencing challenges with locating the report was encouraged to contact Metro Vancouver staff.

3. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Progress Update on Solid Waste Management Plan Update Timeline

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, shared a presentation about the Solid Waste Management Plan and reviewed the remaining priorities. The presentation highlighted the following:

- Project overview and committee involvement
- Process for moving the plan through the Idea Generation stage and public engagement to the Board of Directors for adopting goals and targets
- Discussion of the goals and evaluation criteria for performance indicators that will inform the Plan over the next year
- Timeline targeting of mid-2026 for Plan completion.

3.2 Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Idea Generation Workshop

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services, shared a presentation on Idea Generation and the solid waste management plan update engagement.

Four questions were presented for discussion. Industry Advisory Committee members were divided into breakout groups and allocated time in two different roundtable groups, with 20 minutes each, to consider the questions below or any other relevant questions put forward. Each breakout group included a Metro Vancouver staff note taker.

Questions for consideration:

“As Metro Vancouver updates the plan, what ideas and actions can build on our success to:

- *Leverage knowledge and expertise through collaboration*

- *Plan for future waste management infrastructure and systems*
- *Enhance accountability for eliminating waste*
- *Promote confidence in recycling systems?"*

Following small group discussions, Samantha Joy initiated a full group discussion, and the following comments were offered:

- There is a need for regulatory certainty to move forward with plans and strategies as past uncertainty has stalled projects
- There is a disconnect between municipal and provincial government departments, particularly with multi-year delays in obtaining permits, that makes it difficult to build the necessary infrastructure for pursuing projects; aligning permitting processes with infrastructure goals is necessary to plan future systems.

In closing, it was noted that all ideas will be considered as input to the Idea Generation Phase. A summary of feedback from the small group discussions is available in a separate document posted to the Industry Advisory Committee web page.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, provided an update on recent discussions and activities of the Zero Waste Committee and highlighted:

- Solid Waste Services – Financial Plan 2025-2029 – projects the budget and tipping fees for the next 5 years along with the 2025 Solid Waste budget
 - The report will go to the Board on November 1 for approval
 - The report proposes a \$7 per tonne increase in garbage tipping fees. The generator levy is also included in that report.
- Report on the single-use item reduction campaign called Create Memories Not Garbage that is run around Christmas time
- The City of Vancouver finalized an agreement regarding the piping for the District Energy project
- Procurement updates:
 - District energy (RFQ) for construction of the pipe system
 - Recycling and waste centres (RFQ) – operations and maintenance contract
 - Waste-to-Energy Facility (RFP) – operations and maintenance contract
- There is a new Executive Director at the Recycling Council of BC
- Metro Vancouver and the National Zero Waste Council provided letters in response to federal consultations on greenwashing and right-to-repair
- Feedback from Industry Advisory Committee small group discussion on the generator levy are posted on the website and will be reported to the Zero Waste Committee. The draft report to the Zero Waste Committee will be circulated to Industry Advisory Committee members for feedback before publishing.

- Seeking participants for interviews on development of a source reduction incentive program, focusing on processors and haulers to help maximize recycling among residents and businesses.
- The Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel provides a platform to share ideas and feedback on the Solid Waste Management Project; there will be an opportunity to present to the panel in early 2025, with a focus on receiving comments on how the engagement process has gone so far.

4.2 Waste-to-Energy Facility Tour

There is an Energy Waste Facility tour at 11:00 a.m. on November 22, 2024.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Waste Flows

5.2 Industry Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan

No questions were raised in relation to the Information Items.

In response to a question regarding a Co-Chair who has missed two meetings it was confirmed that, according to the terms of reference, regular attendance is required, and Co-Chairs can agree to remove any member for non-attendance. Staff regularly update the Co-Chairs on member attendance, and reach out to understand any barriers to participation.

In response to a question regarding Section 4, it was confirmed that the proposed tipping fee increase is \$7 per tonne. The overall proposed tipping fee increase in 2025, about 5%, is driven by inflation and rising capital costs, as the portion of the budget allocated to capital has grown. Waste flow projections have also been adjusted based

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Hodge thanked members for their comments and feedback and advised that the next Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting would be held on November 5, 2024, via Zoom.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.