

**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, November 5, 2024, virtual Zoom meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lori Bryan, Waste Management Assoc. of BC (Co-Chair)	Aiden Kiani, Lock-Block Ltd.
Craig Hodge, Director, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors (Co-Chair)	Leanne Koehn, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Izzie Abrams, Waste Connections of Canada	Mike Lannin, Super Save Group
Jeremy Crawford, Waste Control Services	Angus MacFarlane, Growing City
James Collins, Tymac Launch Service Ltd.	Patrick MacNeil, Wescan Disposal Ltd.
Happy Deol, Super Save Group	Achilles Mallari, Sierra Waste Services Ltd.
Christian Dietrich, Ecowaste Industries	David Millman, Waste Management of Canada Corp.
Glen Furtado, Cement Association of Canada	Dimitri Pantazopoulos, Waste Connections of Canada
Grant Hankins, Canada Minibins.com Ltd.	Shad Prasad, Cascade Recovery +
Josh JansenVandoorn, Anaconda Systems Ltd.	Dayton Skei, EverGen
Gord Johnson, Northstar	John Turner, BC Biocarbon Ltd.
Jamie Kaminski, HSR Zero Waste	Jasper Van de Wetering, Heidelberg Materials Canada Ltd.
Sean Kawakami, Convertus Canada Ltd.	Pinky Vargas, Republic Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Imran Jessa, Delta Textiles Exporters Inc.	Sandy Sigmund, Encorp Pacific Canada, Return-It
Matthew McAra, GFL Environmental Inc.	Stewart Young, GFL Environmental Inc.
Ralph McRae, Revolution Infrastructure Inc.	Michael Zarbl, Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
Maya Moucachen, Merlin Plastics	
Fabio Scaldaferrri, Pacific Mattress Recycling Inc.	

METRO VANCOUVER STAFF PRESENT:

Brooke Atkinson, Senior Engagement Specialist	Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver
Chris Clarke, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver	Stephanie Liu, Program Manager Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services
Nanette van Doorn, Communications Coordinator, Solid Waste Services	Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver
Paul Henderson, General Manager, Metro Vancouver	Zack Ha, Administrative Assistant, Metro Vancouver

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Priya Kullar, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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November 5, 2024

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom Meeting

Agenda

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 - 1.1. November 5, 2024, Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes
 - 2.1. October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
3. Reports and Items for Discussion
 - 3.1. Developing Goals and Targets for an Updated Plan
For information
Designated Speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
 - 3.2. Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Performance Metrics Review
For information/feedback
Designated Speaker: Lyndsay Seidel-Wassenaar, Project Lead, Sonnevera
Small group and plenary discussions proposed questions:
 - *What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?*
 - *How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved?*
 - *What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?*
 - 3.3. 2025 IAC Draft Work Plan Development
For input/feedback
Designated Speaker: Lori Bryan, IAC Co-Chair
Plenary discussion proposed question:
 - What are some potential topics the committee could focus on in 2025?
4. Other Business
 - 4.1. Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates
For information
Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
 - 4.2. 2025 Meeting Dates (Tentative)
For information/feedback
Designated Speaker: Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
5. Information Items
 - 5.1. Regional Waste Flows
 - 5.2. 2024 Work Plan
 - 5.3. 2025 Draft Meeting Schedule

MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair, Director Craig Hodge, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry 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 November 5, 2024, Meeting Agenda

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

2. MINUTES

2.1 October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024. There were no changes or additions to the meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024.

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

3. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Developing Goals and Targets for an Updated Plan

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, shared a presentation titled, "Developing Goals and Targets for an Updated Plan". The purpose of this presentation was to provide goals and context to frame the discussion on performance metrics questions that followed. The presentation highlighted the following:

- A summary of the plan components
- BC Waste Hierarchy vs. other hierarchies (which de-emphasize disposal)
- Considerations for updated targets
- Previous feedback on performance metrics
- Conceptual goals

3.2 Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Performance Metrics Review

Lyndsay Seidel-Wassenaar, Project Lead, Sonnevera, shared a presentation titled, "Performance Metrics Study Update". The highlights from the presentation include:

- Considerations for developing metrics
 - When selecting metrics, it is important to consider the key purpose of tracking information
 - Several metrics will be required to properly review and analyze different trends
- Summary of performance metrics project scope
- Considerations for developing a performance metrics applicability criteria
- Examples of performance metrics from a jurisdictional review

Lyndsay Seidel-Wassenaar shared that the next steps include continuation of this work over the next few months and to review with Metro Vancouver.

Co-Chair Hodge advised that attendees would be placed into smaller groups for the breakout discussions. Before proceeding to the breakout rooms, attendees were asked if they had any questions about the presentation that was just shared. The following questions and *responses* were provided:

- Why was Richmond used as a comparable jurisdiction when they are part of Metro Vancouver?
 - *Richmond had specific examples and areas that they are leading in (construction waste for example) that warranted more inquiry. In addition, we looked at cities outside of the Lower Mainland (e.g. Victoria) and other areas in North America and Europe.*
 - *Committee members were encouraged to share other jurisdictions that should be included in the research.*
- In the previous presentation shared by Terry Fulton, there was a list of concerns and considerations outlined. At what point are we addressing those and/or how will they be followed up to ensure they are addressed?
 - *All the feedback received from the Industry Advisory Committee this year is being considered as input to the solid waste management plan update. In addition, we are reporting to the Zero Waste Committee in November on feedback heard from the Industry Advisory Committee regarding the Generator Levy.*

Three questions were presented for discussion. Industry Advisory Committee members were divided into breakout groups and allocated time in four different roundtable groups, with 20 minutes each, to consider the questions below. Each breakout group included a Metro Vancouver staff note taker.

Questions for consideration:

- *What should Metro Vancouver consider when evaluating potential metrics to include in the updated solid waste management plan?*
- *How do you see the waste and recycling industry being involved?*
 - *What types of information/data could the recycling and waste industry reasonably provide?*

Following the breakout, a representative from each group reported back on key highlights from their discussions. The following comments were either verbally shared in the Zoom meeting or the notes from the breakout session was shared onscreen for all attendees to see.

A summary of feedback from the small group discussions is available in a [separate document posted to the Industry Advisory Committee web page](#).

3.3 2025 IAC Potential Topic Development

Co-Chair, Lori Bryan, shared a presentation titled, “Industry Advisory Committee Draft 2025 Work Plan Development” and provided a review of the different items discussed in 2024.

Committee members were asked the following question for consideration: “What are some potential topics the committee could focus on in 2025?” The following comments were offered:

- Need to determine which waste hierarchy will be used before determining new topics.
- Topics that were suggested, but not included, in 2024’s plan can be revisited for the new plan.

A committee member asked about soil management and why this is not currently a Metro Vancouver solid waste issue?

- *Soil is a material that is not covered in the current Solid Waste Management Plan. Although it is a significant issue in the region looking at soil as a specific issue is considered out of scope*
- *Co-Chair Hodge recommended adding this topic to the list of potential topics for further discussion along with metrics.*

Co-Chair Bryan stated that the next steps include sharing the potential topic areas with attendees in January 2025. IAC members will vote on the work plan in early 2025. Co-Chair Bryan stated that any suggestions on what to include in the 2025 plan can be sent to Metro Vancouver staff for consideration and inclusion.

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 reported:

- The Consultation and Engagement Panel terms of reference was updated, which relates to creating a mechanism to add additional members to the panel.
- The Industry Advisory Committee Feedback Summary Report was circulated to the committee two weeks ago and did not receive additional feedback.
- There is a combined Zero Waste Committee and Public/Technical Advisory Committee meeting happening in November. This meeting is part of the engagement process for the Idea Generation phase of engagement for the solid waste management plan update. There are 14 individual presentations; each presenter has five minutes to present and receive questions:
 - The regular Zero Waste Committee meeting is at 1:00 p.m., and public participation meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m.
 - This meeting will be livestreamed, and participants can be viewed online.

4.2 2025 Meeting Dates (Tentative)

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services, shared a slide with the tentative meeting dates for 2025. A finalized calendar will be shared in January. Members were reminded that the Co-Chairs can request more or less meetings than what is proposed as per the Terms of Reference.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Waste Flows

5.2 2024 Work Plan

5.3 2025 Draft Meeting Schedule

No questions were raised concerning the Information Items.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Hodge advised attendees that the Waste-to-Energy Facility tour is taking place on November 22, 2024. Members can either advise Metro Vancouver staff they will be attending or respond to the calendar invite directly. 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 January 7, 2025, virtually via Zoom.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.