

**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, February 4, 2025, virtual Zoom meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Lori Bryan, Waste Management Assoc. of BC<br>(Co-Chair)                 | Angus MacFarlane, Growing City                         |
| Craig Hodge, Director, Metro Vancouver<br>Board of Directors (Co-Chair) | Ralph McRae, Revolution Infrastructure Inc.            |
| Izzie Abrams, Waste Connections of Canada                               | Achilles Mallari, Sierra Waste Services Ltd.           |
| James Collins, Tymac Launch Service Ltd.                                | David Millman, Waste Management of<br>Canada Corp.     |
| Glen Furtado, Cement Association of Canada                              | Maya Moucachen, Merlin Plastics                        |
| Grant Hankins, Canada Minibins.com Ltd.                                 | Shad Prasad, Cascade Recovery +                        |
| Gord Johnson, Northstar                                                 | Sandy Sigmund, Encorp Pacific Canada,<br>Return-It     |
| Jamie Kaminski, HSR Zero Waste                                          | Dayton Skei, EverGen                                   |
| Leanne Koehn, Ridge Meadows Recycling<br>Society                        | Pinky Vargas, Republic Services                        |
| Mike Lannin, Super Save Group                                           | Michael Zarbl, Major Appliance Recycling<br>Roundtable |

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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| Edwin Berkhof, Evergen Infrastructure Corp. | Patrick MacNeil, Wescan Disposal Ltd.                       |
| Jeremy Crawford, Waste Control Services     | Matthew McAra, GFL Environmental Inc.                       |
| Happy Deol, Super Save Group                | Dimitri Pantazopoulos, Waste Connections of<br>Canada       |
| Jen Diamant, Capital Salvage                | Fabio Scaldaferri, Pacific Mattress Recycling<br>Inc.       |
| Christian Dietrich, Ecowaste Industries     | John Turner, BC Biocarbon Ltd.                              |
| Jeff Gontovnick, 1-800-GOT-JUNK?            | Jasper Van de Wetering, Heidelberg Materials<br>Canada Ltd. |
| Josh JansenVandoorn, Anaconda Systems Ltd.  | Stewart Young, GFL Environmental Inc.                       |
| Imran Jessa, Delta Textiles Exporters Inc.  |                                                             |
| Sean Kawakami, Convertus Canada Ltd.        |                                                             |
| Aiden Kiani, Lock-Block Ltd.                |                                                             |

**METRO VANCOUVER STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Allen Jensen, Senior Project Engineer, Solid<br>Waste Planning         | Lynne Vidler, Lead Senior Engineer, Solid<br>Waste Services                      |
| Brooke Atkinson, Senior Engagement<br>Specialist, Solid Waste Services | Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro<br>Vancouver                          |
| Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid<br>Waste Planning             | Stephanie Liu, Program Manager,<br>Community Engagement, Solid Waste<br>Services |
| Kelly Du, Project Engineer, Solid Waste<br>Planning                    | Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid<br>Waste Planning                   |
| Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid<br>Waste Services               |                                                                                  |

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Megan Krempel, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

# **Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting**

February 4, 2025  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Virtual, Zoom Meeting

## **Agenda**

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1. Agenda
  - 1.1. February 4, 2025, Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes
  - 2.1. January 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes
3. Reports and Items for Discussion
  - 3.1. Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Timeline Update  
For information  
Designated Speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Planning
4. Voting Item: 2025 Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan
5. Next Steps
  - 5.1. 2025 IAC Membership Call for Submissions Reminder – Submission date February 12, 2025  
Verbal Updated  
Designated Speaker: Lori Bryan, Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair
  - 5.2. Co-Chair Nominations in March  
Verbal Update  
Designated Speaker: Lori Bryan, Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair
6. Other Business
  - 6.1 WMABC Conference – February 27, 2025  
For information  
Designated Speaker: Director Craig Hodge, Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair
  - 6.2 Zero Waste Committees and Other Updates  
For information  
Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
7. Other Business
  - 7.1 Regional Waste Flows
  - 7.2 2025 IAC Meeting Schedule
  - 7.3 Incoming Correspondence: Ministry Response to Metro Vancouver's Letter Re: Expanding Product Categories in EPR

## MEETING MINUTES

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Co-Chair Craig Hodge called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee (Industry Advisory Committee) meeting. Members were reminded to ensure their full name was visible on the Zoom platform so attendance could be confirmed and that they had access to the Zoom raised hand function in preparation for voting.

### **1. AGENDA**

#### **1.1 February 4, 2025, Meeting Agenda**

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the February 4, 2025, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **2.1 January 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Industry Advisory Committee Meeting. No changes or additions were brought forward.

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

#### **3.1 Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Timeline Updates**

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Planning, shared a presentation titled “Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Timeline Update”. The presentation highlighted the following:

- Completion of many of the direction-setting steps, including the vision and guiding principles, and near completion of the idea generation phase
- Feedback from idea generation engagement will be summarized into a report and will inform the development of the options analysis phase
- Currently working towards submitting the draft updated solid waste management plan to the Province in 2026
- The solid waste management plan’s goals will be closely tied to the waste hierarchy
- Targets will be used to measure progress
- Actions and strategies are specific components of the plan and include:
  - Regulatory framework
  - Residuals management options framework
  - Options analysis criteria
  - Recycling and waste centre requirements
- Opportunities for the Industry Advisory Committee to have input on:
  - Goals and hierarchy
  - Options analysis criteria
  - Targets and performance indicators
  - Framework for residuals management options decisions
  - Framework for regulatory initiatives
  - Evaluation of actions and strategies.

### **4. VOTING ITEM: 2025 INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

The updated Draft Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan was reviewed, and the following highlighted:

- Previous feedback on what should be prioritized in the 2025 Work Plan:
  - The solid waste management plan update

- Disposal options, including contingency disposal, waste-to-energy, and the Vancouver Landfill
- Soil management
- Carry-over items from the 2024 Work Plan
- The Work Plan was developed through input from the Industry Advisory Committee members, Co-Chairs, and the solid waste management plan project team
- Solid waste management plan update topics have been indicated with “SWMP” on the work plan

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, welcomed any additional proposals or amendments to the 2025 Work Plan prior to the vote.

During discussion, it was suggested that the “hierarchy for solid waste management” tied closely with solid waste management plan goals. The Work Plan was amended to include “Draft Goals and Hierarchy”.

Co-Chair Hodge reminded members of the process for motions to be approved, per the Industry Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Draft 2025 Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. NEXT STEPS**

**5.1 2025 Industry Advisory Committee Membership Call for Submissions Reminder – Submissions date February 12, 2025**

Committee members were reminded that 2025 Industry Advisory Committee membership submissions were due on February 12, 2025. The Committee members were thanked for their contributions to the committee over the past year and were encouraged to consider continuing participation on the committee. A final email reminder for membership submission would be sent on February 10, 2025. Members were invited to reach out to Metro Vancouver staff with any related questions.

**5.2 Co-Chair Nominations in March**

Co-Chair Hodge advised that nominations for the Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair would be accepted at the March 4, 2025, Industry Advisory Committee Meeting. Additional nominations would be received up to the election at the April 2025 meeting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 WMABC Conference – February 27, 2025**

Co-Chair Hodge advised that the Waste Management Association of British Columbia (WMABC) Conference would be held on February 27, 2025, and would include industry presentations, learning sessions, and networking opportunities.

Lori Bryan, Co-Chair, further informed that the one-day WMABC Conference would be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Guildford, Surrey. Government and provincial updates would be

provided along with sessions related to deconstruction and reuse and pioneers of recycling, among other topics.

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

Paul Henderson reviewed the agenda for the February 6, 2025, Zero Waste Committee Meeting and noted the meeting would be livestreamed.

Meeting agenda topics include:

- An update on activities related to the Zero Waste Conference on November 27, 2025, and the National Zero Waste Council:
  - The Zero Waste Conference is to be held every two years
  - A potential theme being considered was making the business case for waste prevention
- Public /Technical Advisory Committee update to Terms of Reference
- Annual solid waste and recycling statistics
- Engagement panel recruitment is ongoing
- Procurement for recycling and waste centre operations and maintenance service contracts in light of five facility contracts expiring in 2025:
  - Two separate Request for Proposal processes; one for three larger facilities and another for two smaller ones.

A Committee member alerted Metro Vancouver staff that they had no longer been receiving email notifications of upcoming Zero Waste Committee Meetings. Metro Vancouver staff noted they would look into the past process and follow up with the member. Staff would additionally circulate an invitation to “save the date” for the Zero Waste Conference on November 27, 2025, noting that the fee would be waived for Industry Advisory Committee members.

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Regional Waste Flows**

### **7.2 2025 IAC Meeting Schedule**

### **7.3 Incoming Correspondence: Ministry Response to Metro Vancouver’s Letter Re: Expanding Product Categories in EPR**

No additional questions or comments were put forward regarding the information items.

A comment was offered in regard to the ambitious Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan and the hope that the Industry Advisory Committee could work hard to accomplish many of the work plan items. Chair Hodge acknowledged the members of the Industry Advisory Committee and felt confident about the group’s achievements over the coming year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Hodge thanked members for their comments and feedback and advised that the next Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting (for 2025 Committee members only) would be held on March 4, 2025, virtually via Zoom.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.