

**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 virtually at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Craig Hodge, Director, Zero Waste Committee  
(Co-Chair)  
Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada  
Furtado, Glen – Cement Association of Canada  
Johnson, Gord – Northstar  
Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.  
Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero Waste  
Kawakami, Sean – Convertus Canada Ltd.  
Kheyrandish, Ataollah – Richmond Steel  
Recycling  
Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd  
Lannin, Mike – Super Save Group  
MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City  
Mac Neil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd.  
Millman, David – Waste Management of  
Canada Corp.

Moucachen, Maya – Merlin Plastics  
Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections  
of Canada  
Prasad, Shad – Cascades Recovery +  
Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc.  
Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp Pacific Canada,  
Return-It  
Skei, Dayton – Evergen Infrastructure Corp.  
Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact  
Recycling Ltd.  
Van Beusekom, Brent – Product Care  
Association  
Vargas, Pinky – Republic Services  
Zarbl, Michael – Major Appliance Recycling  
Roundtable

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste  
Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)  
Agassiz, Sam – West Coast Reduction Ltd.  
Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.  
Crawford, Jeremy – Waste Control Services  
Dietrich, Christian – Ecowaste Industries  
JansenVandoorn, Josh – Anaconda Systems  
Ltd.  
Janzen, Tessa – Recycle BC

Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd.  
Johnston, Kurt – CleanStart Property Services  
Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd.  
McRae, Ralph – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.  
Muir, Wesley – Veolia North America (Canada)  
Prasad, Shad – Cascade Recovery +  
Skoropada, Lorne – Ridge Meadows Recycling  
Society

**METRO VANCOUVER AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:**

Lynn Belanger – City of Vancouver

Chris Clarke – Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver

Joanne Gauci – Policy Coordinator, Metro Vancouver

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver

Allen Jensen – Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver

Stephanie Liu, Manager, Solid Waste Community Engagement, Metro Vancouver

Zeenia Mizan – Program Assistant, Metro Vancouver

Nanette van Doorn – Communications Advisor, Metro Vancouver

Lynne Vidler, Lead Senior Engineer, Metro Vancouver

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Sandra Moore, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Zoom Teleconference

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## MEETING MINUTES

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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. Housekeeping reminders were provided, including that the meeting was being live-streamed and would be posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage.

### 1. AGENDA

#### 1.1 June 10, 2025, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the June 10, 2025, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

### 2. MINUTES

#### 2.1 May 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the May 6, 2025, Industry Advisory Committee meeting and clarified that the minutes are prepared by an external notetaker as required by the committee Terms of Reference. It was further noted that meeting minutes are not taken during the breakout sessions, but key comments are captured by Metro Vancouver staff members. Summaries of the small group feedback are provided following the sessions, posted on the website, and, if relevant, included in the feedback log for the solid waste management plan update. It was suggested that the small group feedback summaries could be included as an attachment to the minutes moving forward.

Co-Chair Hodge noted that concerns that had been raised by a member through email regarding certain discussions not captured in the minutes.

The following remarks were offered by a committee member, with *responses* noted as follows:

- Concern regarding a discussion about the progress and process of the solid waste management plan update at the last meeting not being included in the minutes.
  - Specifically feedback on the draft hierarchy and disagreement on the inclusion of energy recovery being classified as recycling.
  - Further feedback that the committee wants meaningful opportunities to contribute to the solid waste management plan and requested a draft for comment at the earliest date possible.
- With regard to previous minutes being amended, concerns raised about not notifying members when amended minutes are published
- Concern about insufficient time to review meeting minutes prior to a meeting
  - *Agreement that the timing of the distribution of the minutes can be reviewed, to ensure members receive the minutes promptly*
  - *Clarification that following the discussion and feedback received at the previous meeting regarding the updated hierarchy and goals for the updated plan, Metro Vancouver staff are working on an updated version that incorporates feedback received from this committee and others and which will be circulated to the members*

*for review and comment*

- *Members were encouraged to review the minutes and identify if any key points are missing, and are provided an opportunity at each meeting to offer comments*
- *Confirmation that any previous updates requested to the minutes have been completed and amended minutes reposted to the web page. In future, members will be notified when revised minutes or feedback summaries are posted to the webpage.*

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

#### **3.1 SWMP: Regulatory Strategy**

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, shared a presentation titled “Solid Waste Management Plan Regulatory Strategy” and highlighted the purpose of the strategy, roles and responsibilities within and outside the GVS&DD Authority, existing Metro Vancouver Solid Waste bylaws, draft regulatory priorities, examples of potential future regulatory mechanisms, and next steps.

The members joined four breakout groups to consider the following question, “*Considering the draft regulatory priorities and example possible future regulatory mechanisms, is anything missing or that should be changed? Any other comments?*”

The group reconvened, and members were invited to highlight important discussions from their groups to share with the larger group.

A summary of the feedback from the small group discussions will be provided to the committee, posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage, and considered as input to the options analysis phase of engagement for the solid waste management plan update.

Co-Chair Hodge invited members to share additional questions and/or comments. The following questions and comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were captured:

Q/C: With regards to the generator levy – can you share how many tonnes are currently reported to Metro Vancouver?

R: *As far as we are aware, all the residential, commercial, and institutional garbage generated within the Metro Vancouver region is delivered to the Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities. We have no information at this point in time to suggest that garbage is being hauled elsewhere.*

Q/C: If garbage is not currently leaving the region, why would we continue to introduce measures to further strengthen the generator levy?

R: *The current situation suggests that the generator levy as a tool is working effectively. At this point, we do not see any gaps in the regulatory framework with respect to ensuring compliance with the generator levy.*

Q/C: I guess that maybe down the road it may need to be looked at, but for now it looks like we do not have to do anything new.

R: *Metro Vancouver does not see value in implementing regulatory measures that do not have a benefit or where the benefits would be outweighed by impacts. We can look at priorities to make sure that is clear as that would be a consideration in looking at any new regulatory mechanism.*

It was noted that the GVS&DD Board makes the final decisions with respect to regulatory measures. If challenges are identified with respect to being able to ensure compliance with the generator levy provisions, then proposed amendments would be brought forward to the Board.

It was further noted that there are no specific plans to implement new regulatory measures throughout the term of the plan however if any new regulatory measures were proposed, there would be an engagement process related to the specific proposed measure. The updated solid waste management plan will not prescribe specific regulatory measures but will describe priorities to use when considering new regulatory measures in the future, along with potential example regulatory measures as described in the presentation.

### **3.2 SWMP: Idea Generation Engagement Summary Report Back**

Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services shared a presentation titled “Idea Generation Engagement Summary: Solid Waste Management Plan Update” and highlighted the project timeline, idea generation feedback summary, options analysis engagement, and next steps.

Co-Chair Hodge invited members to share related questions and/or comments. The following questions and comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were captured:

Q/C: When we get the draft solid waste management plan, how much time will we have to review the plan before it is submitted to the Ministry?

R: *We will make sure everyone has sufficient time to review the drafts. To avoid trying to talk through the entire plan during one meeting, our approach will be to send out sections of the draft plan as we have them to provide the opportunity for early feedback. We are still considering the process for the Zero Waste Committee and the Board, but we will have more information on that soon.*

Q/C: During this process of updating to the solid waste management plan, what plan have we be working under?

R: *Solid waste management plans do not expire. The provincial guideline is that the process to update the plan should be initiated within 10 years of the plan being approved. The current plan stays in effect until the next plan is approved.*

Q: If industry is not happy with the existing plan, but Metro Vancouver is – where is there incentive to get the plan moving forward, and completed in a timely fashion?

R: *We are all committed to get to a new plan as fast as we can. We think the plan update is valuable and from the Metro Vancouver perspective, we are keen to get to a new plan as fast as we can.*

R: *We, as a region, are motivated to complete the draft plan. Once a draft plan is submitted to the Minister of Environment and Parks, the Minister will need time to review the draft and all the feedback received throughout the process.*

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Paul Henderson shared a presentation titled, “Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates”, which highlighted reports that went to the Zero Waste Committee in June including: food scraps recycling campaign results, a solid waste management plan progress update, the completion of the Waste-to-Energy Facility Carbon Capture/Storage report, GVS&DD audited 2024 summary financial statements, and continued improvements at recycling and waste centres. A summary of a recent Home Demolition Waste Prevention Forum was also provided.

##### **4.2 September Facility Tour and Zero Waste Conference Registration**

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver, highlighted the upcoming tour on September 18 at the Vancouver landfill. It was noted that a meeting invitation was sent to committee members, and any interested members could contact staff regarding attending. It was further noted that an Educational Resources and Tools workshop focusing on multi-family was coming up on June 23, and a registration link was included in the meeting agenda. Members were also invited to contact staff if they were interested in attending the Zero Waste Conference in November.

#### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Concrete and Asphalt Recycling Opportunities Review**

##### **5.2 Regional Waste Flows**

##### **5.3 2025 IAC Work Plan**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Hodge provided closing comments, thanking members for their comments and feedback and advised that the next Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting would be held online on September 9, 2025.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.