

**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, January 13, 2026.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)  
Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada  
Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.  
Crawford, Jeremy – Waste Control Services  
Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.  
Johnson, Gord – Northstar  
Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero Waste  
Kheyrandish, Ataollah – Richmond Steel Recycling  
Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd.  
Lannin, Mike – Super Save Group  
MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City  
MacNeil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd.  
Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd.

Millman, David – Waste Management of Canada Corp.  
Moucachen, Maya – Merlin Plastics  
Muir, Wesley – Veolia North America (Canada)  
Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections of Canada  
Prasad, Shad – Cascade Recovery +  
Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc.  
Skei, Dayton – Evergen Infrastructure Corp.  
Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp Pacific Canada, Return-It  
Vargas, Pinky - Republic Services  
Von Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact Recycling Ltd.  
Zarbl, Michael - Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Hodge, Director, Zero Waste Committee (Co-Chair)  
Agassiz, Sam – West Coast Reduction Ltd.  
Furtado, Glen – Cement Association of Canada  
Janzen, Tessa – Recycle BC  
Jansen Vandoorn, Josh – Anaconda Systems Ltd.

Johnston, Kurt – CleanStart Property Services  
Kawakami, Sean – Convertus Canada Ltd.  
McRae, Ralph D. – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.  
Skoropada, Lorne – Ridge Meadows Recycling Society  
Van Beusekom, Brent – Product Care Association

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

Kelly Du, Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver

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

Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Metro Vancouver

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver

Zeenia Mizan – Program Assistant, Metro Vancouver

**GUESTS:**

Komal Fatima, Consultation and Engagement Panel Member

Andrea Reimer, Consultation and Engagement Panel Member

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Jasmine Claypool, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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**Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Zoom Teleconference**

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*For information*

*Designated speaker: Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services*

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**6.1 Regional Waste Flows**

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**6.3 [Residual Waste Management Options Review \(link\)](#)**

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## MEETING MINUTES

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Co-Chair Lori Bryan, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting, noting the attendance of Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel Members Komal Fatima and Andrea Reimer. General 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 January 13, 2026, Meeting Agenda**

Co-Chair Bryan reviewed the January 13, 2026, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **2.1 November 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Bryan called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the November 4, 2025, Industry Advisory Committee meeting. No additions or changes were made.

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

#### **3.1 2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Statistics and Biennial Report**

Kelly Du, Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, provided a self-introduction and referred to slides #5-17, related to “2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Statistics”. Highlights included:

- An updated performance and monitoring approach:
  - Terminology has been refined to differentiate between “recycling rate” which includes only recycled materials whereas “diversion rate” reflects both recycled and recovered materials. Statistics from 2023 and prior used “recycling rate” to describe what is now considered “diversion rate.”
  - Asphalt is reported, but removed from the total recycling calculation
  - Updated concrete numbers based on recent reported recycling values
  - Assumptions for small load waste were updated to align with more recent survey data, showing a higher overall proportion of commercial/institutional to residential small loads than previously assumed
- Diversion rate over time generally shows an upward trend but has plateaued in recent years
- 2024 Summary:
  - Increased recycling and disposal in the commercial sector, which is partly due to updated small loads assumptions
- Recycled and Diverted Materials:
  - Increase in gypsum attributed to stockpiled materials
  - Decrease in wood correlated with lower housing starts and market challenges
- Aim to continue to improve methodology in 2026, will explore possibility of having a third party perform checks on concrete reported values.

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Metro Vancouver, advised that asphalt was historically reported in the recycling totals but has been removed because it mostly comes from street projects. The increase in the concrete number reflects a change in methodology from prior years, where concrete was set at 2021 levels due to uncertainty, and is now updated to report actual numbers. Reused materials, such as wood used as an alternative to fossil fuels, were included in diversion numbers rather than the recycling numbers.

During ensuing discussion, the following questions and comments (Q/C) and *responses (R)* were captured:

Q/C: What type of data is being received related to “unlicensed private facilities”?

*R: These are the facilities processing concrete and asphalt. They are exempt from licensing under Bylaw 181. Licensed private facilities under “Garbage” refer to those managing construction/demolition waste.*

Q/C: Suggestion that “Unlicensed Private Facilities” be relabeled to “Concrete and Asphalt Processing Facilities”.

**ACTION (01):** Staff will update the chart on slide #8 of the presentation. “Unlicensed Private Facilities” is now labelled “Reported Concrete”

### **3.2 Next Steps for Draft Plan – January 28, 2026, meeting added to the schedule**

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Metro Vancouver, reminded the meeting that presentation slides are available on the Industry Advisory Committee webpage.

**ACTION (02):** Metro Vancouver will include the presentation slides in the agenda package going forward.

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, referred to slides titled, “Plan Timeline”, and “Remaining Steps to Finalize the Plan”, highlighting the draft solid waste management plan is under development, encompassing the feedback heard through all phases of engagement. The intent is for the initial draft plan to be made available online on January 22 and presented to advisory committees and other parties in the coming weeks. The Industry Advisory Committee will receive a presentation on the initial draft plan during the January 28, 2026, meeting and a second opportunity to discuss the initial draft in greater detail at the meeting on February 10. Feedback on the initial draft plan is welcome to February 20. Comments will also be welcome on the subsequent revised draft plan prior to submission to the Minister of Environment and Parks.

### **3.3 2026 IAC Draft Work Plan Development**

Samantha Joy referred to slides (#22 - #28) related to, “IAC 2026 Work Plan Development”, noting that a Draft Workplan was included in the Agenda, with opportunity to discuss

additions/changes. While additional workplan topics may arise, the Draft Workplan represents the key topics for the year.

Co-Chair Bryan invited discussion on the following questions:

- Does this list represent the topics the committee is interested in focusing on in 2026?
- Is there anything missing or that could be removed?

During ensuing discussion, the following questions and comments (Q/C) and *responses (R)* were captured:

Q/C: Regarding the Quarter 2 Workplan – Key Topics and Priorities, are the topics for discussion to be reviewed again?

R: *It is divided into quarters; these are things that we would likely be talking about in the April, May, and June 2026 meetings.*

Q/C: Confirming that the draft solid waste management plan is being sent to the Zero Waste Committee in February?

R: *The initial draft solid waste management plan will be reviewed in Quarter 1. A revised draft will then be provided to the Zero Waste Committee and Board. Following the Board meeting there will be an additional comment period on the revised draft plan. The revised draft plan, along with all feedback, will then be provided to the Minister. If there are significant updates to the draft plan as a result of feedback following the Board meeting, staff would bring the plan back to the Board for consideration.*

Co-Chair Bryan noted that one member had expressed interest in an item being included in the workplan and wanted to confirm that it was. It was also noted that any additions could be emailed to staff or the Co-Chairs. The Workplan would be voted on/adopted at the February 10, 2026 meeting.

#### **4. VOTING ITEM**

##### **4.1 Terms of Reference – Proposed Amendments**

Co-Chair Bryan noted that a redline version of the proposed amendments to the Industry Advisory Committee Terms of Reference was included in the Agenda package. In response to a suggestion, it was displayed on-screen.

Paul Henderson noted that an addition regarding the absence of both Co-Chairs and the election of a temporary Chair was prompted by the October 2025 meeting, during which Co-Chair Craig Hodge could only attend a portion of the meeting, and Co-Chair Bryan was absent.

Samantha Joy reviewed proposed revisions including general grammar and language edits, inclusion of the implementation of the solid waste management plan as a committee point

of interest, updates to align with Board priorities with regards to in-person meetings and, and clarification that individuals can observe meetings by livestream rather than joining through Zoom.

The quorum requirement was proposed to be revised to apply specifically to meetings with voting items, noting that the October 2025 meeting did not have quorum, but was recorded and proceeded for discussion, without formal meeting minutes.

Paul Henderson noted that the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference require Industry Advisory Committee approval.

During discussion, a member expressed concern with meetings proceeding without quorum, noting that the Industry Advisory Committee's purpose is to provide input without quorum risk the potential for inadequate input and feedback. It was suggested that the revision be removed, in favour of the original clause.

In response, Paul Henderson noted there could be challenges with members attending in-person meetings and offered that continuing a meeting without quorum could still be considered on a case-by-case basis since it potentially benefits the attending members.

**It was MOVED and Seconded**

That the Metro Vancouver Regional District Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee approve the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference, except for the changes related to quorum.

**CARRIED**

Following online voting and tallying, the Motion to accept the proposed updates to the Terms of Reference, except the changed related to quorum was passed. The first motion was not considered.

**ACTION (03):** Staff will finalize the revised Terms of Reference and post the updated version to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee's webpage.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**5.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates**

Paul Henderson referred to a slide titled, "Zero Waste Committee Updates", and offered comments regarding the agenda for the meeting scheduled January 15, 2026, items that are on both the Zero Waste Committee Work Plan and that of the Industry Advisory Committee, annual reports available on the website, the Disposal Ban Program, and the reusable coffee cup launch at Metro Vancouver (included in the Manager's Report).

An update regarding nitrous oxide cylinders was provided, noting challenges and work underway to accept all cylinders, including those that may not be fully empty. In December

2025 over 100 cylinders were brought to Metro Vancouver recycling depots. Information has been requested from Health Canada regarding cylinder recalls and the legality of sales.

It was noted that discussions are underway between Metro Vancouver, the City of Vancouver, and the City of Delta regarding the Vancouver Landfill's 1999 agreement and a potential revision of the total tonnage restriction. Additional information will be shared at the conclusion of those discussions.

## **5.2 2026 IAC Member Submissions**

Samantha Joy reported that the submission period for 2026 Industry Advisory Committee applications will be between January 19 and February 15, 2026, noting that current members are required to reapply per the Terms of Reference.

Members were invited to communicate any questions to staff or Co-Chairs. Members were also informed of an upcoming opportunity to present to the Consultation and Engagement Panel on the engagement during the options analysis phase of the solid waste management plan update

**ACTION (04):** Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, to email Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee members links to 1) the 2026 member application and 2) to express interest in presenting to the Consultation and Engagement Panel.

It was noted that the opportunity to apply for committee membership is being encouraged through social media, emails to the Metro Vancouver industry mailing list, and networking.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Regional Waste Flows**

### **6.2 2026 IAC Meeting Dates**

### **6.3 [Residual Waste Management Options Review \(link\)](#)**

Co-Chair Bryan noted that the Information Items were included in the agenda, along with a link, and were also available on the webpage.

It was noted that the purpose of the upcoming January 28, 2026, meeting is to receive a walkthrough of the initial draft solid waste management plan and to provide initial feedback. That meeting will be recorded and shared, with members able to access the presentation and connect with Metro Vancouver staff before the February 10, 2026, meeting. There will be a more fulsome opportunity for discussion during the February 10, 2026, meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Bryan provided closing comments, thanking members for their participation and advised that the next regular Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meetings would be on January 28, 2026, and February 10.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.