

**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 Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)
Craig Hodge, Director, Zero Waste Committee (Co-Chair)
Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada
Agassiz, Sam – West Coast Reduction 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
MacNeil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd.
McRae, Ralph D. – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.
Moucachen, Maya – Merlin Plastics
Muir, Wesley – Veolia North America (Canada)
Skei, Dayton – Evergen Infrastructure Corp.
Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp Pacific Canada, Return-It
Vargas, Pinky - Republic Services
Von Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact Recycling Ltd.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.
Crawford, Jeremy – Waste Control Services
Furtado, Glen – Cement Association of Canada
Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.
Janzen, Tessa – Recycle BC
Jansen Vandoorn, Josh – Anaconda Systems Ltd.
Johnson, Gord – Northstar
Johnston, Kurt – CleanStart Property Services
MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City
Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd.
Millman, David – Waste Management of Canada Corp.

Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections of Canada
Prasad, Shad – Cascade Recovery +
Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc.
Skoropada, Lorne – Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Van Beusekom, Brent – Product Care Association
Zarbl, Michael - Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable

METRO VANCOUVER AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Allen Jensen, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations
Chris Chong, Multimedia, Metro Vancouver
Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning
Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services

Stephanie Lui, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services
Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Zeenia Mizan, Program Assistant, Solid Waste Services

GUESTS:

Veronika Bylicki, Panel Member
Andrea Reimer, Panel Member

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Megan Krempel, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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**Wednesday, January 28, 2026
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference**

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For information
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 - 2.2 Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Review of the Initial Draft Plan**
For information and Q&A
Designated speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services

 - 3. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 3.1 Public Presentations to the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel – Options Analysis**
For information
Designated Speaker: Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services

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MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Craig Hodge, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to walk Industry Advisory Committee members through the initial draft solid waste management plan, obtain initial feedback from members, and identify areas of the draft plan that require further discussion at the Industry Advisory Committee Meeting on February 10, 2026. The draft plan was published on January 22 and is available on the Industry Advisory Committee website under the January 28, 2026, Industry Advisory Committee meeting header or on the solid waste management plan update page of the Metro Vancouver website.

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

A warm welcome was extended to Andrea Reimer and Veronica Bylicki, members of the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel, who attended as observers.

1. AGENDA

1.1 January 28, 2026, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the January 28, 2026, meeting agenda. The Co-Chair advised that quorum had not been reached; however, Industry Advisory Committee members were in agreement that the meeting continue with the information items and no formal business be conducted.

2. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2.1 Vancouver Landfill Update

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, advised that an agreement had been reached with respect to the Vancouver Landfill. Metro Vancouver recently issued a media release announcing the agreement, which would allow the Vancouver Landfill to continue its operations up until approximately 2050 with no change to the previously agreed landfill height and area. There was no indication that the extension of the life of the landfill would have any significant additional environmental impacts.

During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered regarding:

- Agreement term defined by the earlier of the following:
 - 2050
 - The landfill filled to a post settlement height of 39 metres

2.2 Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Review of the Initial Draft Plan

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, reviewed a presentation titled, “Initial Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Walkthrough” and highlighted:

- Draft 2050 targets:
 - 20% reduction in waste generation per capita by 2050

- 80% diversion and 75% recycling by 2050
- 50% reduction in disposal per capita by 2050
- Carbon neutrality by 2050
- Targets have interim 2040 targets
- Draft plan contains:
 - Secondary metrics related to goals
 - Roles and responsibilities of Metro Vancouver, other levels of government, member jurisdictions, private sector, non-profit, and private residents
 - Strategies and actions:
 - Specific initiatives to achieve plan goals and targets
 - Organized according to waste hierarchy
 - 117 actions - many revised and consolidated for clarity from the initial list of 200 action options
 - New items include member jurisdiction actions and disposal actions
- Reflection of circular economy and waste prevention in the plan
- Alignment and linkages between the solid waste management plan and other Metro Vancouver strategic plans, such as the Clean Air Plan and Metro 2050
- Member actions intended as potential areas of focus for member jurisdictions to consider, but are not requirements
- Regulatory strategic approach, including examples of future regulation
- Recycling and waste centre strategic approach including drive time analysis:
 - Map of drive time to regional facilities and potential areas for future facility development
- Residual management strategic approach, including residual management options technical criteria
- Education and outreach:
 - Plan emphasis on the value of behavioural change campaigns
- Accessibility and inclusion section reflecting feedback from engagement
- Financial overview:
 - Affordability guides all actions in the draft plan
 - Prioritizing of actions with the highest potential to advance progress toward plan targets
- A plan monitoring committee will provide feedback on plan progress
- Glossary of definitions for solid waste terms based on existing provincial or industry definitions (where available)
- Appendices:
 - Dispute resolution process
 - 2026-2030 Solid Waste Operating and Capital Plans
- Next steps:
 - Additional discussion at the Industry Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled February 10, 2026
 - Deadline for feedback on the initial draft plan is February 20, 2026

- Revised draft to the Zero Waste Committee and Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board
- Additional opportunity to provide comment on the revised draft prior to submission to the Minister of Environment and Parks for review and approval.

Industry Advisory Committee members were asked to provide initial thoughts on the initial draft solid waste management plan and identify areas that might require further review. Comments were offered regarding:

- Targets and metrics for the plan not ambitious enough
- Plan scope and planning horizon should be more detailed
- Financial planning and feasibility of the plan actions needs to be included in the plan
- Requests for further clarification or strengthening of certain actions
- General feedback related to infrastructure, hauler and industry licensing, and interdependencies of the solid waste management plan with other regional, provincial, and federal plans

A separate feedback summary of comments received is attached to the minutes and will be considered in developing the revised draft solid waste management plan.

In response to a question on the current height of the Vancouver Landfill, it was confirmed that the agreement would allow for the landfill to be filled to the previously agreed upon height of 39 m and within the previously agreed-upon footprint. The actual height of the landfill varies depending on settlement and how recently garbage was put into the area being filled. The Vancouver Landfill is owned by the City of Vancouver, and it conducts surveys of the landfill; Metro Vancouver does not.

Action: Metro Vancouver staff will request more information from the City of Vancouver on specifics of the Vancouver Landfill height and footprint and report back to the Industry Advisory Committee.

Co-Chair Hodge thanked Industry Advisory Committee members for their input and looked forward to further discussion on the initial draft solid waste management plan at the Industry Advisory Committee’s meeting on February 10, 2026.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Public Presentations to the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel – Options Analysis

Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services, advised of:

- An opportunity for any member of the public to present to the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel on February 11, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., to provide feedback on the solid waste management plan engagement process:
 - The session will be livestreamed and recorded
 - Information can be found on the solid waste management plan webpage.

- The February 20, 2026 deadline for submission of interest for members wishing to continue participating on the Industry Advisory Committee.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 2026 IAC Meeting Dates

4.2 Updated IAC Terms of Reference

Co-Chair Hodge referred to the documents provided and welcomed any questions or comments. No additional comments were put forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Hodge thanked members for their participation. The next regular Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting would be held on February 10, 2026, and would include an in-depth discussion on the initial draft solid waste management plan.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.