

**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, February 10, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)
Hodge, Craig, Director, Zero Waste Committee (Co-Chair)
Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada
Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.
Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.
Janzen, Tessa – Recycle BC
Johnson, Gord – Northstar
Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero Waste
Lannin, Mike – Super Save Group
MacNeil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd.
McRae, Ralph D. – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.
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
Van Beusekom, Brent – Product Care Association
Von Stefanelli, Nicole – Urban Impact Recycling Ltd.
Zarbl, Michael – Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Agassiz, Sam – West Coast Reduction Ltd.
Crawford, Jeremy – Waste Control Services
Furtado, Glen – Cement Association of Canada
Jansen Vandoorn, Josh – Anaconda Systems Ltd.
Johnston, Kurt – CleanStart Property Services
Kawakami, Sean – Convertus Canada Ltd.

Kheyrandish, Ataollah – Richmond Steel Recycling
Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd.
MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City
Skoropada, Lorne – Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

METRO VANCOUVER AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Allen Jensen, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations
Chris Chong, Multimedia Specialist, ERL
Joanne Gauci, Senior Policy Advisor, Solid Waste Services
Karen Storry, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
Stephanie Lui, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services
Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
Vanessa Hatten, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
Zeenia Mizan, Program Assistant, Solid Waste Services

GUESTS:

Celena Benndorf, Panel Member
Ryan Willams, Panel Member

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Christine McLenan, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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**Wednesday, February 10, 2026
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference**

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MEETING MINUTES

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 Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to hear feedback on the initial draft solid waste management plan and to vote on the Industry Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan.

A welcome was extended to Celena Benndorf and Ryan Willams, members of the Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel, who were attending as observers.

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

Members were advised that the meeting would begin by inviting each member to provide individual feedback on the initial draft solid waste management plan. There would then be two rounds of discussion in self-selected breakout rooms focussing on four topics selected from the survey sent out the prior week. An opportunity to provide additional feedback in plenary after the breakout room sessions would be provided.

1. AGENDA

1.1 February 10, 2026, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the February 10, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments or additions.

A question was raised regarding whether the Vancouver Landfill map and cross-section provided in the meeting package was in response to a request for additional information at the last meeting. It was confirmed this topic was an information item and could be discussed later in the agenda.

2. MINUTES

2.1 January 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the January 13, 2026, meeting minutes, included in meeting package and posted to the Industry Advisory Committee web page.

It was noted that the comments on the inaccuracies of the recycling statistics, the cost of meeting the net zero 2050 climate agenda, and the request that information on the landfill be provided, were not included in the minutes.

Co-Chair Hodge affirmed that the minutes would be amended to reflect those comments.

During discussion on the use of an external professional minute-taking company and the accuracy of the meeting minutes, it was confirmed that the meeting minutes are reviewed by

Metro Vancouver staff prior to inclusion in the meeting packages; however Industry Advisory Committee members are also able to review and provide comment.

Co-Chair Hodge noted that the amended minutes would be brought forward to the next meeting.

Action: Metro Vancouver staff will review the recording of the January 13, 2026, Industry Advisory Committee meeting and amend the minutes as noted.

Addendum:

Following the meeting, staff confirmed that the concerns raised regarding missing items in the previous minutes were the result of a misunderstanding. The items referenced by members related to the January 28, 2026 meeting instead of the minutes under review. The applicable minutes are still in development. No revisions to the reviewed minutes are required.

3. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Initial Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Round-robin session

Industry Advisory Committee members were individually invited to provide their feedback on the initial draft solid waste management plan. Comments were offered regarding:

- Plan scope and clarity
- Data, metrics, and targets
- Financial transparency and cost implications
- Disposal capacity and long-term planning
- C&D waste management
- Industry engagement
- Waste-to-Energy Facility and recycling and waste infrastructure

A separate feedback summary of comments received is attached to the minutes (Attachment 1) and will be considered in developing the revised draft solid waste management plan.

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, reviewed a slide titled, “Initial Draft Solid Waste Management Plan”, and gave an overview of the development of the plan and proposed topics of discussion for the breakout groups, highlighting:

- Development of the plan over several years of engagement including the vision and guiding principles, idea generation, and options analysis.
- An overview of the plan structure including six goals associated with the waste hierarchy: Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Dispose
 - 30 strategies and 117 actions organized under the six goals
- Breakout room topic options:
 - Targets and the associated metrics that will be used to track progress of the plan
 - Regulatory strategy that outlines priorities and examples related to future regulation

- Recycling and waste centre strategy which contains priorities for further developing the system of recycling and waste centres, drive times analysis, and best practices for facility upgrades
- Residual management which includes current approaches and technical considerations should further capacity be needed.

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services, reviewed a slide title, “Select your Breakout Room.” Breakout rooms were determined by topic and members were to select and rotate through the topics they are interested in. Two Metro Vancouver staff would be in each session to take notes and answer questions. Two rounds of the small group discussions would be held.

Prior to the meeting, Metro Vancouver polled members to identify priority parts of the plan for small group discussion. Final small group topics were:

- Targets and Metrics
- Regulatory Strategy
- Residual Waste Management Strategy
- Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy

The meeting transitioned into breakout sessions at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened in plenary at 3:33 p.m.

No comments were provided to the invitation for members to share takeaways from the breakout session discussions.

Samantha Joy advised that a summary of the feedback taken by the notetakers in each breakout session would be circulated in draft to the Industry Advisory Committee and kept as recorded feedback toward the draft plan.

The small group feedback summary is also attached to the meeting minutes (Attachment 1).

Terry Fulton advised that a revised draft plan would be provided to the Zero Waste Committee, showing the changes from the version discussed today.

Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services, outlined the next steps in the process for feedback options:

- Comments are open until February 20, 2026, via email, online discussion board or meeting by request
- Presentation of the revised draft to the Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board
- Additional opportunity to provide comments on the revised draft after presentation to the Zero Waste Committee and Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Board and prior to submission to the Province of British Columbia.

4. VOTING ITEM

4.1 IAC 2026 Work Plan

Co-Chair Hodge provided a brief background on the development of the workplan, , opened the floor for comments, and called for a motion to approve the draft 2026 Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Solid Waste Management 2026 Work Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

The agenda varied to reconsider the feedback from the breakout sessions, during which the following comments were offered:

- The landfill and incineration are grouped together under the residual management category
 - One is a Metro Vancouver-owned asset and the other is an external asset that is not owned by Metro Vancouver
 - There is no apparent reasonable argument or incentive to include incineration as disposal
 - Questions about liability of the Waste-to-Energy facility and controlling the pollution it creates, aging infrastructure, how to manage that going forward
 - The Waste-to-Energy Facility is a liability within the plan and has not been proven to be a necessary inclusion, considering the extra capacity in the landfill and the available contingency options
- Confirmation that the notes taken in the breakout session will be aggregated and will be attached to the minutes.

It was confirmed that the next version of the plan would be a redlined version from the initial draft.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, reviewed a slide titled, “Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates,” and highlighted:

- Update on capital program across all utilities
- 500 attendees at the Zero Waste Conference
- Update on Vancouver Landfill agreement
- Industry Advisory Committee call for membership
- Update on Collaborative Engagement program
- Nitrous oxide cylinder recycling
- Request for Proposal for reuse services at the United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Vancouver Landfill Cross Section Fill Heights

Paul Henderson referenced the current cross section elevations for the Vancouver landfill included in the meeting package and highlighted:

- Variations in elevation across the site
- The new agreement allows for 39 metres elevation at post settlement height, which factors in approximately 10 metres of estimated settlement
- Significant areas of the site have never been filled or have not been filled in the last couple of decades
- There is some potential for refilling of the site, restricted to east of the western 40 hectares which had been restricted to construction and demolition material.
- Additional capacity available at the landfill will take the region to about 2050
- The agreement is based on “the earlier of”; if the landfill reaches capacity prior to 2050 the agreement ends then, or could go to as late as 2050
- Remaining landfill capacity will be reported as part of the solid waste management plan monitoring.

In response to a question if the 10-metre settlement modeling is based on arial surveys or historical settlement, it was noted that the modeling is based on what has been historically seen for settlement. The City of Vancouver regularly surveys the elevations of the landfill. The City of Vancouver is best to ask about specific compaction data; however, it is understood to be approximately one tonne per cubic metre of initial volume, then subsequent settlement after that.

Action: Metro Vancouver staff will request City of Vancouver compaction data and circulate to the Industry Advisory Committee.

In response to question about slide slope ratios, the City of Vancouver fills to a 3:1 slope, the maximum slope allowed. Due to varying characteristics at the site, there are some areas where they do intend to fill over existing side slopes but that would be to the specified maximums.

Action: Metro Vancouver staff will invite a City of Vancouver staff person to present to the Industry Advisory Committee.

Co-Chair Hodge thanked members for their participation and left the meeting at 3:58 p.m. Co-Chair Lori Bryan, assumed chairing duties.

In response to considerations for the costs of managing leachate and methane gas for the expected 10 million additional landfilled, it was noted that the estimate is based on current fill rates of 750,000 tonnes per year. The City of Vancouver produces a report on its website that outlines environment protection systems.

6.2 Regional Waste Flows

This item was not considered.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Bryan thanked members for their participation including the observers from the Consultation and Engagement Panel. The next regular Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting would be held on March 10, 2026.

Industry Advisory Committee members were reminded that:

- Industry Advisory Committee membership applications due on February 20
- The Waste Management Association of BC annual conference is on February 26.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Attachments:

- 1) February 10, 2026 – Solid Waste and Management Plan: Initial Draft Feedback Session Summary.