

**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, March 10, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)
Craig Hodge, Director, Zero Waste Committee (Co-Chair)
Baker, Todd – Ecowaste Industries Ltd.
Drissi El-Bouzaidi, Nabil – Ecowaste Industries Ltd.
Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.
Johnson, Gord – Empower/Northstar
Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero Waste
Kawakami, Sean – Convertus Group
Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd.

L'Heureux, Lindsay – Recycle BC
Ligumsky, Alan – Peak Disposal Services Inc.
Mac Neil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd.
MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City
McRae, Ralph – Revolution
Millman, David – WM Canada
Muir, Wesley – Veolia North America (Canada)
Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc.
Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp Return-It
Skei, Dayton – Evergen Infrastructure Corp.
Vargas, Pinky – Republic Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada
Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.
Hakimé, Maya – Merlin Plastics
Kheyrandish, Ataollah – Richmond Steel Recycling
Lannin, Mike – Super Save Group
Lotzkar, Jacqueline – Canadian Association of Recycling Industries (CARI)

Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd.
Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections of Canada
Von Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact Recycling Ltd.
Watson, Jason – JW Recycle-IT Inc.
Zarbl, Michael – Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable

METRO VANCOUVER AND CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations, Metro Vancouver
Chris Chong, Multimedia Specialist, Metro Vancouver
Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver
Allen Jensen, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver

Stephanie Lui, Program Manager, Metro Vancouver
Nicole MacDonald, Program Manager, Regulation and Enforcement, Solid Waste, Metro Vancouver
Zeenia Mizan, Program Assistant, Metro Vancouver
Underwood, Chris, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning, Metro Vancouver

OBSERVERS:

Bylicki, Veronika
Fassbender, Peter

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Jasmeen Dhillon, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference

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For information
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MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Craig Hodge, called the meeting to order at 2:03 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 the recording would be posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage.

A warm welcome was extended to Veronika Bylicki and Peter Fassbender, members of the Solid Waste management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel, who attended as observers.

1. AGENDA

1.1 February 10, 2026, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the March 10, 2026, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

2. MINUTES

2.1 January 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the January 28, 2026, Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Concern was expressed that the “Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Initial Draft Feedback Summary” contained an inaccuracy regarding hauler licensing; it was noted that hauler licensing and flow control have been discussed in past meetings and raised by committee members as an important and relevant topic where more information and discussion is required. Director Hodge suggested continuing this conversation with the discussion on feedback summaries in item 7: Information Items

2.2 February 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the February 10, 2026, Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Members commented that feedback provided during the Round-Robin Individual Feedback Summary was not included in the Meeting Minutes. It was noted by staff that:

- Meeting Minutes indicate that a separate feedback summary of comments received is attached and will be considered in developing the revised draft Solid Waste Management Plan
- Feedback from the Round-Robin is included in the agenda package in a document titled, “Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Initial Draft – Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Feedback Session”
- Some members expressed that, in general, meeting minutes do not always represent member feedback.

3. 2026 IAC MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee
held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Co-Chair Hodge led a round of introductions of the incoming 2026 committee and welcomed new Industry Advisory Committee members.

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the Industry Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

The following 2026 Industry Advisory Committee meeting dates were noted:

- March 10, 2026
- April 7, 2026
- May 12, 2026
- June 9, 2026
- September 15, 2026
- October 6, 2026
- November 10, 2026.

4. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Timeline Update

Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, shared a presentation titled, “Revised Draft Solid Waste Management Plan” and highlighted:

- The phases of the solid waste management plan update process
- The revised draft plan includes six goals, 30 strategies, and over 100 actions
- Upcoming solid waste management plan reports to the Zero Waste Committee:
 - Draft Solid Waste Management Plan
 - Engagement Summary Report
 - Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel Report.

Co-Chair Hodge opened the floor for members to respond to the information presented. The following question and/or comment (Q/C) and response (R) were captured:

Q/C: Hauler licensing, flow controls, and privatization of the waste system have been tabled multiple times throughout this plan update process. Some folks have been advocating for this going on 40 years. Seems like this issue has not been addressed or considered in the plan.

R: *There are multiple points of view, on this issue. The plan has been developed in consideration of feedback from multiple audiences and considers the priorities of the Board. Metro Vancouver staff has reported on the feedback about privatization of the waste system being of interest to some parties as well as on feedback that calls for more regulation and oversight of the system.*

4.2 Operational Challenges of Daylight Savings Time Permanent Adoption

Co-Chair Lori Bryan reviewed a slide titled, “Daylight Savings Permanent Adoption – Potential Operational Considerations,” and highlighted:

- General operational readiness
- Safety considerations/impacts
- Customer and service coordination
- Additional considerations.

Co-Chair Hodge opened the floor for members to respond to the information presented. The following question and/or comment (Q/C) was captured:

Q/C: From an operational perspective, there are general safety concerns from operating in the dark.

5. IAC CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Co-Chair Hodge informed that, as per the Terms of Reference, one member Co-Chair is elected annually for a term of one year, and informed that Lori Bryan was nominated at the March 2025 Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Nominations were called by Co-Chair Hodge three times; Lori Bryan was the only nominee. Nominations will be accepted up until the Election meeting on April 7, 2026.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates

Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning, and Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations, provided the following updates on reports presented to the Zero Waste Committee on March 5, 2026:

- Link to “Options Analysis Engagement Summary Report” is included in the agenda package
- The final meeting of the Public/Technical Advisory Committee is on April 2, 2026
- Update on the potential use of reclaimed lumber in the design of the Waste-to-Energy Facility District Energy centre
- Working with the University of British Columbia Sustainability Scholar on market development for reclaimed wood
- Update to two campaigns, including:
 - Low-waste gift ideas; target audience includes environmentally conscious individuals between 18 and mid-30s
 - Reduction of textile waste; target audience includes women between 35 and 65 who are motivated to repair clothing
- Proposed ban on the import and sale of nitrous oxide cylinders:
 - Concerns include explosions at waste-to-energy facilities due to inappropriate disposal of nitrous oxide cylinders
 - Implications of nitrous oxide in the waste stream include:
 - Worker safety
 - Equipment damage
 - Lost electricity revenue and reduced garbage throughput from downtime

- Potential impacts on Waste-to-Energy Facility emissions
 - Greenhouse gas emissions
- Cylinder drop-off at recycling and waste centres:
 - Currently receiving approximately 700 cylinders per month
 - Updating the program to communicate receipt of partially full cylinders
 - Working to receive cylinders from municipal crews and municipal recycling depots

Co-Chair Hodge opened the floor for members to respond to the information presented. The following question and/or comment (Q/C) was captured:

Q/C: Need a better delineation or roles between the private sector and public sector; responsibilities need to be made clear.

6.2 Tipping Fee Bylaw Generator Levy Provisions: Record Keeping Webinar

Nicole MacDonald, Program Manager, Regulation and Enforcement, Solid Waste, shared a presentation titled, “Record Keeping Webinar,” and highlighted:

- April 2, 2026, upcoming webinar for waste haulers titled, “Tipping Fee Bylaw Generator Levy Provisions: Record Keeping Requirements”
- Objective of webinar to reduce non-compliance
- Offering voluntary record reviews prior to inspections
- Website includes new webpage that highlights recordkeeping processes.

Co-Chair Hodge opened the floor for members to respond to the information presented. The following question and/or comment (Q/C) and response (R) were captured:

Q/C: Can the webinar be recorded for anyone unable to attend?

R: *Currently, there are no plans to record, but will take the request under consideration.*

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Regional Waste Flows

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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 April 7, 2026.

Industry Advisory Committee members were reminded that:

- Industry Advisory Committee conflict statements must be submitted to participate in the April 7, 2026, meeting
- Nominations will be accepted up until the Election meeting on April 7, 2026.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.