

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee

Key Topic Discussion Feedback Summary – June 10, 2025

At the June 10, 2025, Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting, committee members provided feedback on draft priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms for the draft regulatory strategy to be included in the updated solid waste management plan. A summary of feedback received is presented below.

Discussion question	Feedback
Is there anything missing or that should be changed in the draft regulatory priorities and possible future regulatory mechanisms?	<p>Possible regulatory mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design for recyclability • Regulatory mechanisms should be in true response to priorities and be market driven • Include financial and other incentives for generators and haulers to promote reuse and recycling • Narrow down the mechanisms to just two or three actions that can achieve most broad reaching results • Include enforcement at the household level and on the tipping floor to reduce recyclables in residential garbage • Generator levy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Processor/receiver perspective: not much needs to change ○ Hauler perspective: it is not effective, consistent, or equitable • Enhance the disposal ban program with better education and enforcement • Follow existing provincial programs and regulations, don't create anything new. <p>Regulatory priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase reuse and recycling at the source – focus on solutions for multi-family • Encouragement and incentives will expand reuse and recycling – not licencing or further regulation. Less regulation will encourage industry to respond with innovation • Disposal ban enforcement • Keep administrative burden for haulers low • Set realistic goals • We need more monitoring, more enforcement of existing regulations, rather than introducing more regulations • Ensure Metro Vancouver is prepared to accept new extended producer program materials/products

	<p>Existing Metro Vancouver Bylaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel that both industry and Metro Vancouver is overextended with current levels of regulation (understaffed and under resourced) – can we look at incentivizing innovation? • Would appreciate greater clarity and transparency on how revenue from generator levy is allocated and how decisions are made with respect to spending priorities (infrastructure, facilities, etc.) • Generator levy is ineffective and needs to be changed – too much administrative burden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data collection and admin drives up costs – concerns about administrative burden on haulers to comply <p>General Comments and Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to “enhance the disposal ban”? • What is the measurement or performance metric for determining the “effectiveness” of the generator levy? • This feels like mission creep by local government • Possible that this is encroachment into existing regulatory programs – many of the suggested regulatory mechanisms fall under Provincial programs. • There is already too much regulation – look to Baltimore as example of a place where industry is not over-regulated • We have had this same conversation since 2013 – we need less regulation. Tired of giving the same feedback. • This is the fourth time this topic has been brought up – we do not want hauler licencing.
Additional comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The industry Advisory Committee is dysfunctional – we need more decisive action

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
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Prasad, Shad – <Organization>

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