



**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

A G E N D A

1. AGENDA

1.1 March 10, 2026 Meeting Agenda 2:00 – 2:05 pm

2. MINUTES

2.1 January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes 2:05 – 2:10 pm

2.2 February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

3. 2026 IAC MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS 2:10 – 2:30 pm

4. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Timeline Update 2:30 – 2:40 pm
For information
Designated Speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Manager, Solid Waste Services

**4.2 Operational Challenges of Daylight Savings Time
Permanent Adoption** 2:40 – 2:50 pm
For discussion
Designated Speaker: Lori Bryan, IAC Co-Chair

5. IAC CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS 2:50 – 3:00 pm

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates 3:00 – 3:10 pm
For information
*Designated Speaker: Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning and
Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations*

**6.2 Tipping Fee Bylaw Generator Levy Provisions:
Record Keeping Webinar** 3:10 – 3:20 pm
For information
*Designated Speaker: Nicole MacDonald, Program Manager, Regulation and
Enforcement, Solid Waste*

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

3:20 – 3:30 pm

- 7.1 Regional Waste Flows**
- 7.2 IAC 2026 Work Plan**
- 7.3 IAC Meeting Action Tracker**
- 7.4 [Options Analysis Engagement Summary Report](#)**
- 7.5 [Options Analysis Feedback Log](#)**
- 7.6 Nitrous Oxide Cylinders Recycling Handout**
- 7.7 Industry Advisory Committee – Feedback Summary – January 28, 2026**
- 7.8 Industry Advisory Committee – Feedback Summary – February 10, 2026**

Proposed agenda timings are intended to support effective meeting facilitation. Items requiring further discussion that cannot be accommodated within the regular meeting time may be deferred to a future agenda or addressed in a specially scheduled meeting.

Committee Co-Chairs:

Director Craig Hodge, Zero Waste Committee Vice-Chair
Lori Bryan, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC

Membership:

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| Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada | Kheyrandish, Ata – Richmond Steel Recycling | Millman, David – WM |
| Baker, Todd – Ecowaste Industries Ltd. | Kiani, Aiden – Lock-Block Ltd. | Muir, Wesley – Veolia Canada |
| Bryan, Lori – WMABC | Lannin, Mike – Super Save Group | Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections of Canada |
| Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd. | L'Heureux, Lindsay – Recycle BC | Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc. |
| Drissi El-Bouzaidi, Nabil – Ecowaste Industries Ltd. | Ligumksy, Alan – Peak Disposal Services Inc | Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp, Return-It |
| Hakimé, Maya – Merlin Plastics | Lotzkar, Jacqueline – Canadian Association of Recycling Industries (CARI) | Skei, Dayton – EverGen Infrastructure Corp. |
| Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd. | Mac Neil, Patrick – Wescan Disposal Ltd. | Vargas, Pinky – Republic Services |
| Johnson, Gord – Empower/Northstar | MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City | Von Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact Recycling Ltd |
| Kaminski, Jamie – HSR Zero Waste | Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd. | Watson, Jason – JW Recycle-IT Inc. |
| Kawakami, Sean – Convertus Group | McRae, Ralph – Revolution | Zarbl, Michael – Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable |

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
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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.

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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

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 - 2. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - 2.1 Vancouver Landfill Update**
For information
Designated speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services

 - 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

 - 4. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 4.1 2026 IAC Meeting Dates**
 - 4.2 Updated IAC Terms of Reference**
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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.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Initial Draft Feedback Summary

Tuesday, January 28, 2026

Virtual / Hybrid

Metro Vancouver is updating its regional solid waste management plan, building on the strengths of the current plan and identifying ways to accelerate waste prevention and recycling, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advance a circular economy.

On January 28, 2026, Metro Vancouver held a meeting to walk committee members through the initial draft solid waste management plan which had been published for review on January 22, 2026. Members were invited to provide early feedback ahead of the February meeting where a dedicated feedback session would be held.

Initial Feedback Summary

Recycling system and data accuracy

- The plan overlooks asphalt and concrete recycling, despite these materials being almost entirely recyclable and representing over one million metric tonnes annually.
- There is no credible method to track residuals from recycling facilities, especially once materials exit the region.
- Recycling is increasing, but this progress is not reflected in long-term planning for the draft plan.
- Waste residuals from organic processing are significantly higher than reported.
- Metro Vancouver's claimed 65% recycling rate is viewed as unrealistic when most global jurisdictions report 20%–30%.
- Accurate measurement is fundamental; without it, Metro Vancouver cannot effectively manage the system.

C&D Waste

- A large portion of C&D wood waste has become nearly impossible to recycle or convert to fuel.

Between 30,000 and 50,000 tonnes of C&D waste have been sitting on the north arm of the Fraser River for years, unresolved.

- C&D waste should be tracked separately from ICI and residential waste due to differing metrics and recovery pathways.

Landfill, Incinerator, and infrastructure

- The draft plan continues to rely on both the landfill and the incinerator even though the extended lifespan of the Vancouver Landfill reduces the need for incineration.
- The plan includes the incinerator as a major capital asset despite some committee member's concerns.
- The future of the Eco-Waste landfill remains unclear. Concern that licensing challenges and future regulatory pressures could restrict its operation.
- The incinerator experienced multiple shutdowns in 2025, with concerns these disruptions will only grow.
- Replacing the Waste-to-Energy Facility would cost approximately \$1 billion, and it is unclear whether this is reflected in the plan.
- Comments that the incinerator should be removed from the plan unless its necessity can be clearly demonstrated.

Climate and environmental policy

- The draft aims for carbon neutrality by 2050; comment disputing the relevance of carbon dioxide in climate change.
- Concerns were raised about referencing affordability when the global cost of reaching net-zero by 2050 is estimated at \$375 trillion, questioning how such figures relate to the regional budget.
- The plan does not directly address federal methane reduction requirements for Canadian landfills, nor does it indicate if they apply.
- Efforts by Environment and Climate Change Canada to harmonize carbon pricing nationwide are absent from the plan.

Hauler licensing (not detailed in the draft plan)

Haulers have been requesting a draft licensing template for years, yet the topic was never raised in Industry Advisory Committee meetings.

- If licensing is to be included in the plan, Metro Vancouver must provide details, rationale, and implementation guidance.

Economic feasibility

- The plan needs to be grounded in fiscal reality and clearly outline the actual financial impacts on the region.
- There are no cost estimates for reduction, reuse, or recycling initiatives.
- The inclusion of major assets, such as the incinerator, raises cost concerns without supporting financial analysis.

Industry engagement

- Industry input is not adequately weighted.
- Some feel that issues raised by the Industry Advisory Committee remain unaddressed.
- Several draft-plan topics, including the District Energy System, were not discussed with the committee.
- Some feel the draft reads more like a narrative of what is already being done rather than a plan focused on measurable, outcome-driven improvements.

Targets, metrics and waste hierarchy

- Targets could be more ambitious.
- Material recovery should be distinguished from recovery for fuel use, as counting both together weakens performance metrics.
- Overreliance on recovery indicates failure to progress toward reduction and reuse in the waste hierarchy.

Plan scope

- Everything included in the plan should be essential to achieving outcomes – not optional or “nice to have.”

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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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 - 3.1 Initial Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Feedback Session**
Small group and plenary
Designated speaker: Terry Fulton, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services
- 4. VOTING ITEM**
 - 4.1 IAC W2026 Work Plan**
Committee Voting Item
Designated Speaker: Director Hodge, Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates**
For information
Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
- 6. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Vancouver Landfill Cross Section Fill Heights**
 - 6.2 Regional Waste Flows**

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 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.

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.

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Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Initial Draft

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Feedback Session

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Virtual / Hybrid

Metro Vancouver is updating its regional solid waste management plan, building on the strengths of the current plan and identifying ways to accelerate waste prevention and recycling, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advance a circular economy. Metro Vancouver is currently receiving feedback on the initial draft solid waste management plan.

On February 10, 2026, Metro Vancouver held a feedback session on the initial draft plan at a Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting. The session included two components – a round-robin opportunity for each member to provide comments summarizing their main feedback on the initial draft plan, followed by small-group discussions.

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

Round-Robin Individual Feedback Summary

Below are the results of the round robin individual feedback, grouped by themes and topics. Verbatim notes are retained as part of the feedback records for the solid waste management plan update. Feedback will be considered as the draft is revised in preparation for providing to the Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board. Following Board consideration, there will be an additional opportunity for comment prior to submission of the draft to the Ministry of Environment and Parks for approval.

Need for clarity and specificity

Committee members consistently felt the draft plan lacked sufficient detail to understand how goals will be achieved, what they will cost, and what assumptions back them. Many comments described the plan as “a plan to make a plan,” with unclear metrics, blended diversion rates, and limited supporting data. Targets around diversion, carbon neutrality, recycling infrastructure, and financial projections were viewed as unrealistic or inadequately justified.

Financial transparency and cost implications

Members raised concerns regarding rising costs, debt projections, unclear financial assumptions, lack of cost allocation by activity, and the potential burden on taxpayers especially in the context of affordability

and cost-of-living pressures. Feedback focused on improving transparency, inclusion of year-over-year cost-per-tonne schedules, and realistic accounting of capital costs and financing.

Disposal capacity and long-term planning

Committee members highlighted uncertainties surrounding long-term disposal capacity, processing and infrastructure needs for a rapidly growing population, and the relationship between waste-to-energy and landfill operations. They want clear long-term planning horizons (30+ years) and detailed contingency strategies.

General Feedback

Plan clarity and specificity

- Wording lacks clear expectations and actions.
- Many goals appear aspirational without actionable pathways or costed implementation steps.
- Lack of concrete actions for upstream waste reduction, disposal bans, or for meeting diversion targets.
- Unclear metrics and blended diversion rates that inflate performance.
- “Plan to make a plan” sentiment – insufficient detail on how targets will be achieved.
- Need for realistic, fact-based analysis.
- Statistics included were viewed as incorrect or misleading.
- Need for clarity on linkages to other Metro Vancouver strategies and plans (climate action, net-zero, etc.).
- Low incorporation of specific Industry Advisory Committee feedback to date.
- Request for clarification on recycling facility roles, pilot projects for organics, and technology improvements.

Financial transparency and assumptions

- Concerns about Metro Vancouver taking on excessive new debt within five years.
- Rising waste disposal revenues imply high rate increases for taxpayers.
- Perception that budget increases exceed what is reasonable for current inflation rates.
- Need for year-by-year cost-per-tonne schedule in the appendix.
- Insufficient allocation of costs to activities or targets; no “true cost accounting.”
- Lack of clarity about financial incentives for municipalities to participate in Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs.

- Concern about taxpayer burden and consequences of these plan decisions lasting decades.

Disposal capacity, Waste-to-Energy, and District Energy

- Need to clarify and detail Vancouver Landfill's projected 2050 closure date within the plan.
 - Include conditions that could extend landfill life beyond 2050 (e.g. how might increasing diversion impact the anticipated closure date).
- Need for clarification on the District Energy System's claim of tripling energy recovery.
- Mixed views on continued use of the Waste-to-Energy Facility; some believe it should be phased out and some support incineration over landfilling.
- Concern that the long term District Energy commitment is a way of Metro Vancouver trying to fund new waste-to-energy capacity.
- Waste-to-energy and landfill should be separated in the plan since only one is a Metro Vancouver-owned asset.
- Need to distinguish between materials recovery vs. energy recovery to avoid conflating diversion with fuel-burning.
- Importance of ensuring low-cost disposal options in-region and in-province.

Diversion rates, recycling, and EPR

- Need for municipal-level breakdowns of recycling numbers for comparison.
- Diversion targets seen as overly optimistic or padded.
- Distinguish between diversion via materials recovery and recovery through incineration.
- Need more transparency on EPR reporting about collected products.
- Clarification requested on pathway to improving processing infrastructure for a growing population, especially multi-family.

Enforcement, hauler licensing, and source control

- Strong emphasis on shifting enforcement upstream rather than at recovery sites.
- Support for rewarding generators who "do the right thing."
- Need for more enforcement and facilitation of waste audits including support for clear waste bags.
- Comment that more information is needed about scope of hauler licencing for the committee to meaningfully comment on it – what would this look like? Regulatory mechanisms should be described in more detail if included in the plan.

Developing markets

- Support for research and technology to improve diversion and reduce contamination.
- Need to ensure recycling is focused to where end markets exist.
- Plan does not sufficiently facilitate development of end-market capacity.

General feedback

- Positive feedback on plan organization by hierarchy.
- Recognized as a useful reference for municipalities to stay aligned.
- Formatting issue noted in Appendix B (line misalignment).
- Concern that legal or structural complexities (e.g., First Nations jurisdiction) could affect disposal capacity projections.

Summary of Small Group Discussion Feedback

Below are notes from the small group discussion, categorized by the small group topics. Feedback will be considered as the draft is revised in preparation for providing to the Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board. Following Board consideration, there will be an additional opportunity for comment prior to submission of the draft to the Ministry of Environment and Parks for approval.

Topic: Targets and Metrics

Most important topics in this area:

- Current diversion numbers do not reflect actual recycling and rely heavily on unregulated materials (e.g., concrete, asphalt) that inflate performance.
- True residuals and recovery rates are not being measured, resulting in inaccurate reporting and unrealistic targets.
- Metrics and targets are not grounded in operational or market reality, creating credibility issues.

What needs to be strengthened:

- Accuracy and transparency of measurements – track what is actually recycled, including residuals leaving facilities and material shipped overseas.
- Evidence-based target setting to align targets with physical limits of recyclability and market conditions; acknowledge that realistic diversion rates are in the 20–30% range.
- Cost transparency that outlines the cost per tonne or per unit of diversion for proposed initiatives and provide cost–benefit analysis for major actions.
- Differentiation between diversion and recovery. Track recovery separately, do not count recovery as success.

What's missing:

- A clear explanation of how targets will be achieved (e.g. sequencing, strategies, or implementation plan)
- Tracking and reporting of facility-level residuals, including organics and construction and demolition materials processing.
- Analysis of downstream environmental impacts such as organic residual contamination of farmland.
- Consideration of affordability impacts, especially on multi-family building residents.
- A plan for addressing declining or stagnant recycling markets for plastics, wood waste, and cardboard.
- A new baseline methodology that reflects actual conditions rather than aspirational metrics.

Other comments:

- Some participants expressed frustration with having the same conversation about numbers.
- Stakeholders voiced concerns that current reporting mimics other jurisdictions but is not ideal for the Metro Vancouver region.
- Zero waste is seen as unattainable, and municipal responsibility should focus on efficiency and affordability rather than aspirational targets.

Topic: Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy

Most important topics in this area:

- Recognizing and duplicating the United Boulevard model, which is viewed as the regional standard for service quality.
- Ensuring recycling and waste centres support extended producer responsibility integration, reuse opportunities, and access for all residents, including those in high-density areas.

What needs to be strengthened:

- Clear direction on the role of organics at recycling and waste centres and how to integrate commercial organics handling without displacing private sector operators.
- Improved planning for equitable access, particularly for dense urban areas where residents cannot drive 30+ minutes to a site.
- A more transparent approach to mixed waste processing (is it being considered, what studies exist, and what feasibility looks like, etc)
- Standardization or simplification for extended producer responsibility product handling, including disposal ban enforcement and reducing the burden on haulers.

What's missing:

- A clear articulation of the capacity of existing processors in the region.
- A stronger plan for active transportation access to sites, beyond conceptual statements.
- Structural barriers to reuse (e.g., scavenging policies) that may need policy adjustments.
- A clear regional approach to managing extended producer responsibility materials entering the residual waste stream.

Other comments:

- Want more clarity on how transfer stations fit within the broader system.
- Some noted that disposal ban inspectors often put responsibility on haulers, which should shift upstream to generators.
- Suggestions were raised about exploring a municipal bylaw to improve enforcement of sorting at source.

Topic: Residual Waste Management Strategy

Most important topics in this area:

- Residual waste management is the largest cost driver in the system and must be managed strategically.
- Increasing amount of residuals, especially from multi-family housing, require new approaches to measurement, material separation, and long-term disposal planning.
- Ensure that environmental impacts (air emissions, pollutants, hazardous waste) are minimized and controlled.

What needs to be strengthened:

- A clear framework for measuring residuals from all streams (curbside, transfer stations, recycling facilities, and organics processing).
- Transparent information about future landfill capacity, including Vancouver Landfill timelines, renegotiation requirements, and how diversion affects landfill lifespan.
- A financial outline of disposal approaches including projected cost per tonne and long-term financial implications.
- Stronger emphasis on resilience, such as managing more residuals within the region to avoid dependence on external jurisdictions.

What's missing:

- The Waste-to-Energy Facility should not be in the plan long-term – the plan does not present a clear business case for continuing to use the Waste-to-Energy facility: why it is included, what purpose it serves, and whether its costs and risks are justified.

- Details on hazardous waste management where no extended producer responsibility options exist.
- A detailed understanding of the constraints on Vancouver Landfill, including:
 - level of accuracy of the 2050 estimated lifespan
 - post-settlement height limits
 - tonnage thresholds (e.g., 750,000 tonnes)
- Explicit listing of contingency landfill options instead of general references to “contingency sources.”

Other comments:

- Members want more focus on upstream solutions, such as product design changes informed by waste composition.
- Some requested that mixed waste processing be reconsidered given the increasing multi-family waste stream.
- Recognition that residuals from organics processing facilities must be accounted for.

Topic: Regulatory Strategy

Most important topic in this area:

- The regulatory strategy lacks operational detail, does not reflect industry realities, and may introduce regulation without solving root problems (contamination, system complexity, lack of infrastructure).

What needs to be strengthened:

- Clear explanation of what new regulations would do, how they would improve outcomes, and how benefits outweigh costs.
- Greater integration of private sector expertise and clarity on the role of industry in implementing the plan.
- Stability and predictability in regulation so private operators can plan investments confidently.
- A more realistic understanding of system complexity and how it affects both residents and haulers.

What’s missing:

- An appendix or outline of potential regulatory actions being considered.
- Consideration of why some residents cannot participate, and how regulatory design could address those barriers.
- Explanation of how mandatory source separation or hauler licensing would actually increase diversion.

- A realistic acknowledgement of system limitations, including lack of infrastructure for post-collection separation.

Other comments:

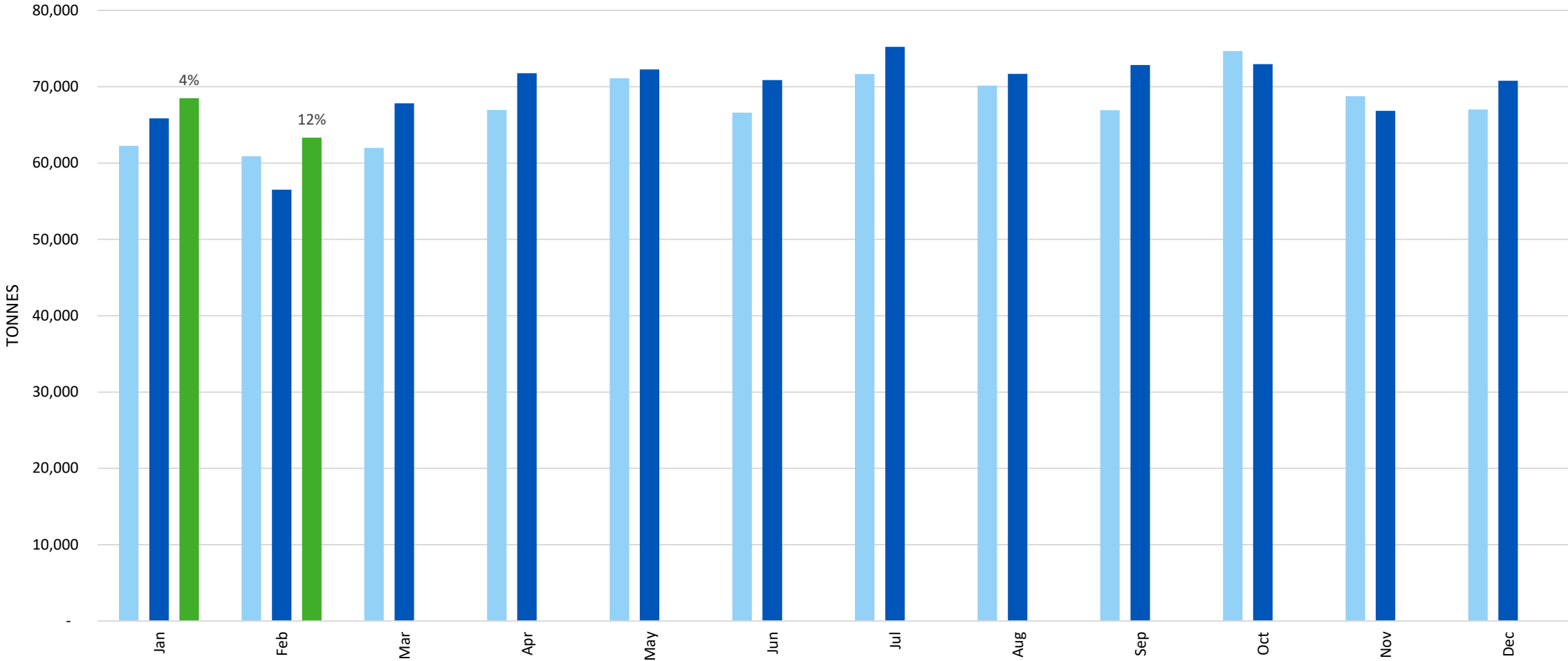
- Some felt the strategy appears to reflect input from people who don't understand how waste flows or are not as aware of how the system works
- Industry participants felt unheard and that past input was not reflected.
- Concerns raised about "mission creep" and excessive red tape.
- Emphasis that more regulation will increase system costs, which are already high.
- Members noted the need for opportunities for the private sector to innovate, own infrastructure, and deploy technology.

Metro Vancouver Waste Quantities* 2024 - 2026**

2024 2025 2026

YTD % Change: 8%

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**Data reconciled to Dec 2025

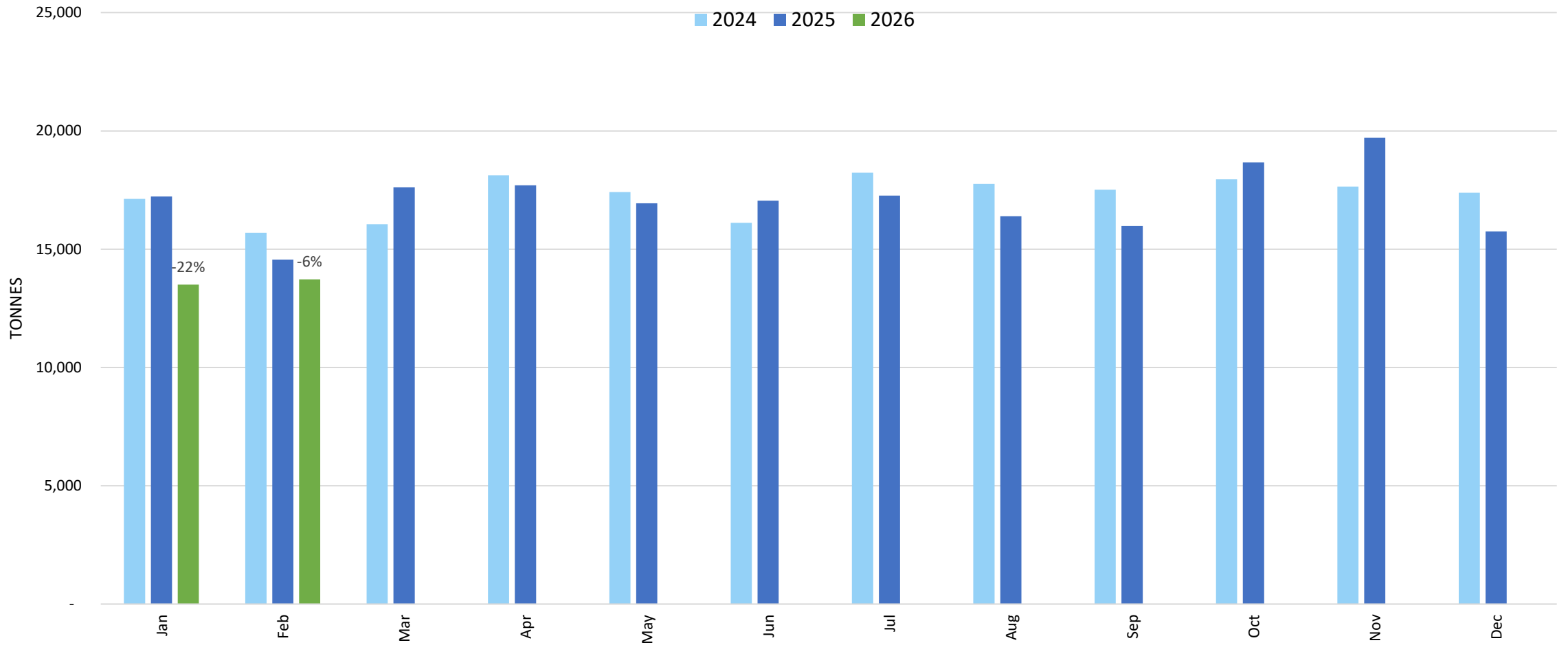
*Metro Vancouver's Six Recycling and Waste Centres & the Waste-to-Energy Facility

City of Vancouver Waste Quantities*

2022 - 2024

(Demo garbage not included)

YTD % Change: -14%



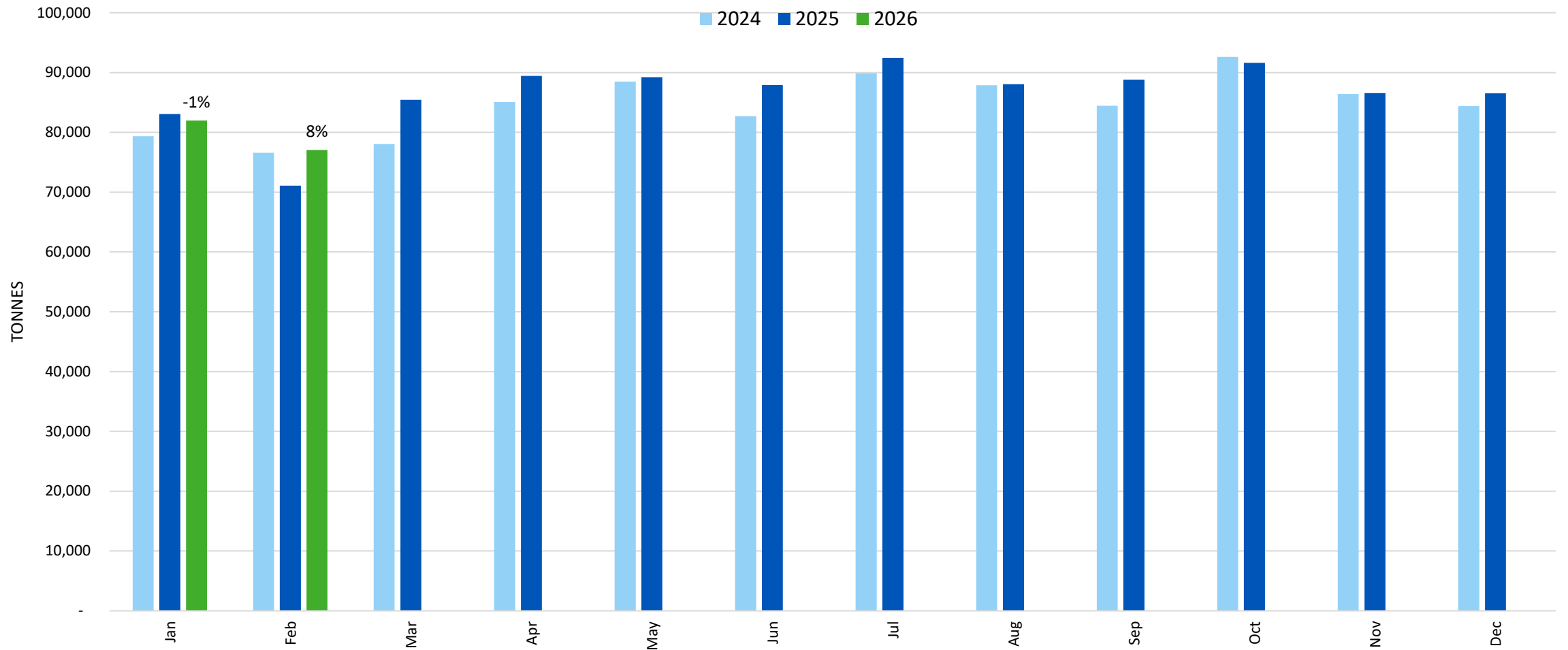
*Vancouver Landfill & Vancouver South Transfer Station

Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver Waste Quantities

2024 - 2026*

(Demo garbage not included)

YTD % Change: 3%



*Metro Vancouver data reconciled to Dec 2025

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan Priorities

March 10, 2026

| Quarter 1 | Status | Approach |
|--|---------------|------------------------|
| 2024 Solid Waste and Recycling Statistics and Biennial report | Complete | Plenary |
| Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Review and Initial Feedback | Complete | Small group discussion |
| Vancouver Landfill / Long-Term Disposal Planning | Pending | Plenary |
| Source Reduction Incentive Program | Pending | Small group discussion |
| SWMP: Monitoring and Implementation – committee role after approval of draft plan | Pending | Small group discussion |
| Quarter 2 | Status | Approach |
| Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Review of Revised Draft | Pending | TBD |
| SWMP: Actions Related to Recovery of Materials and Energy from Recyclable Materials | Pending | TBD |
| SWMP: Actions Considered Unadvisable by Staff | Pending | TBD |
| Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centre Strategy: How to Increase Opportunities for Waste Reduction and Recycling | Pending | TBD |
| Disposal Ban Program Results | Pending | TBD |
| Quarter 3 | Status | Approach |
| WTEF Environmental Performance Summary | Pending | TBD |
| Construction and Demolition Materials Recycling and Reuse Update | Pending | TBD |
| Draft Capital Plan | Pending | TBD |
| Quarter 4 | Status | Approach |
| Solid Waste Services Annual Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan | Pending | TBD |
| 2025 Waste Composition Results | Pending | TBD |

2026 Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee - Meeting Action Tracker

| Meeting Date | Requested Action/Item | Assigned Staff | Target / Completion Date | Status |
|-------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| January 13, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will update the chart on slide #8 of the presentation. "Unlicensed Private Facilities" is now labelled "Reported Concrete" | Samantha Joy | Q1 | Complete |
| January 13, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metro Vancouver will include the presentation slides in the agenda package going forward. | Samantha Joy | Ongoing | Complete |
| January 13, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will finalize the revised Terms of Reference and post the updated version to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee's webpage. | Samantha Joy | Q1 | Complete |
| January 28, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metro Vancouver staff will calculate the current height of the Vancouver Landfill as it relates to the maximum allowable height and report back to the Industry Advisory Committee. | Paul Henderson | Q1 | Complete |
| February 10, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver Landfill garbage compaction: request for more information with respect to compacted garbage density within the landfill. | Paul Henderson | | In progress |
| February 10, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver Landfill presentation: request for City of Vancouver staff to present on Vancouver Landfill fill plans. | Samantha Joy | | In progress |

Nitrous Oxide Cylinders at Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centres

March 2, 2026

Single-use valved nitrous oxide cylinders are accepted for recycling at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres. These cylinders are accepted whether they contain gas or are empty. If practical, valves should be removed from empty cylinders.

Single-use valved nitrous oxide cylinders must not be disposed in the garbage because they are pressurized. Nitrous oxide cylinders can rupture resulting in explosions, creating risk to workers and equipment at solid waste facilities.

Examples of terms used to describe nitrous oxide cylinders include hippy crack, laughing gas, nang, nitrox, NOS, and whippits/whippets/whip-its.



Large Gas Cylinder
(e.g., 3 litres/2,050 grams)

Valve Intact



Valve Removed



More Information

To find disposal location and fee information for gas cylinders, call 604-732-9253 or visit metrovancoverrecycles.org and search "Gas Cylinders (Nitrous Oxide)."

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Welcome

Burrard Inlet Port Lands



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AGENDA

1. 2026 Industry Advisory Committee Introductions and Welcome

2. Agenda – March 10, 2026

3. Minutes

- January 28, 2026
- February 10, 2026 – with feedback summary attachment

4. Reports and Items for Discussion

5. Other Business

6. Member Co-Chair Nominations

7. Information Items

WELCOME 2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Please introduce yourself, tell us your name and the organization that you represent
- Tell us what you hope to accomplish this year as a member of the committee



Industry Advisory Committee members and Metro Vancouver staff at the Waste-to-Energy Facility

MEMBER INFORMATION

Sections 4 and 9 of the Terms of Reference

- Conflict statements must be submitted to participate in April 7 meeting
- Work constructively and collaboratively to address areas of mutual concern
- Attend all meetings – if a member is unable to attend, please let the Co-Chairs know in advance
- You may send an alternate by sending their name and position title to the Co-Chairs in advance of the meeting
- Alternates who attend 3 or more meetings must complete a conflict statement

CODE OF CONDUCT

Section 10 of the Terms of Reference

- Respect and collaboration: discussions and debate shall be mutually respectful
- Transparency: all members to speak honestly and engage in good-faith dialogue
- Any concerns should be addressed with the IAC Co-Chairs



2026 MEETING DATES

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

IAC Meeting 2025

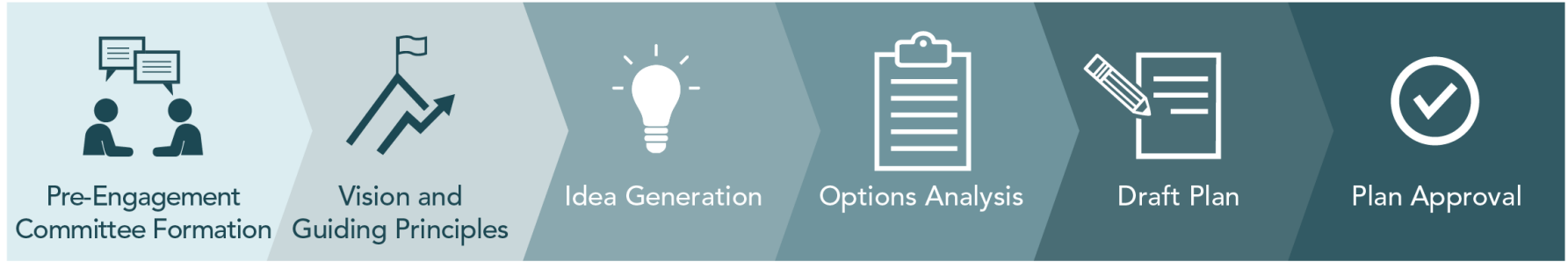
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Reports and Items for Discussion

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PLAN TIMELINE



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REVISED DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN



STEPS TO FINALIZE THE PLAN

Publish **initial draft plan**

Receive feedback on **initial draft plan**

Present revised draft plan to **Zero Waste Committee** and **GVS&DD Board**

60 day comment period on revised draft plan

Submit draft plan to Ministry



UPCOMING SWMP REPORTS

- Draft Solid Waste Management Plan
 - Attachment: Blackline of revisions
- Engagement Summary Report
 - Attachment: All feedback received on initial draft plan
- Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel Report



Questions?

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Daylight Savings Time Permanent Adoption

POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Lori Bryan

Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee, March 10, 2026

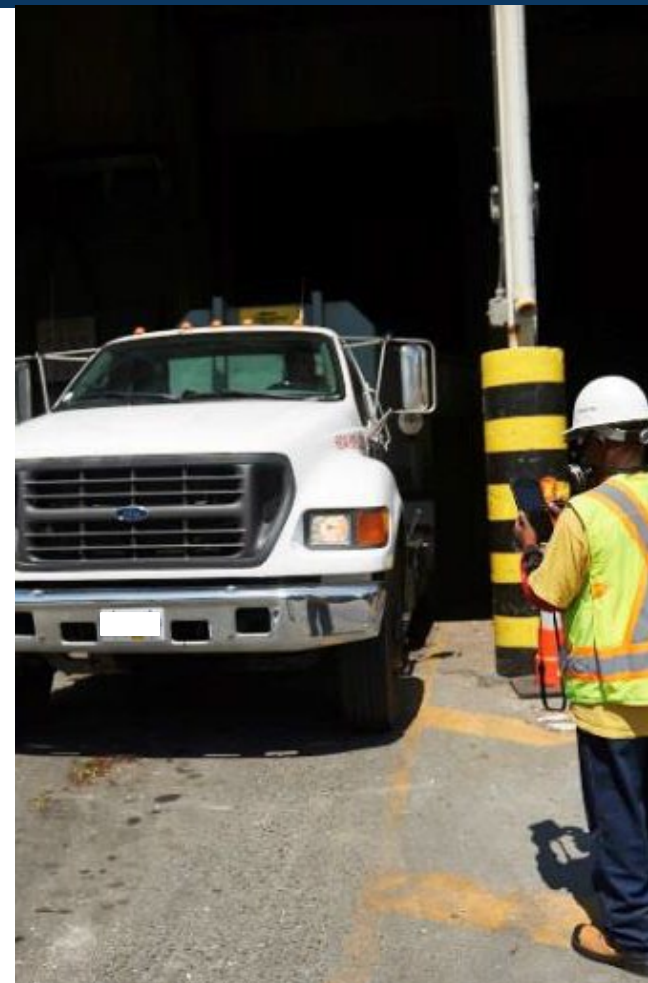
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS PERMANENT ADOPTION

Potential operational considerations

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

What additional considerations should be flagged?



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Member Co-Chair Nominations

Ironworkers Memorial Bridge



MEMBER CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted until the election at the next regular meeting.

- As per the Terms of Reference, one member Co-Chair is elected annually for a term of one year.
- Today we are accepting nominations, the election will happen at the April meeting.
- Self-nomination is allowed

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Other Business

Jericho Beach



5.1 ZERO WASTE COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES

- Solid Waste Management Plan – Options Analysis Engagement Summary Report
- Manager’s Report
 - Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee final meeting
 - Reclaimed wood use opportunity for District Energy System
 - Regional C&D waste reduction working group – toolkit update, sustainability scholar, and stakeholder mapping
- Proposed ban on the import and sale of single-use nitrous oxide cylinders

NITROUS OXIDE CYLINDERS

Explosions at Waste-to-Energy Facility due to inappropriate disposal of nitrous oxide cylinders

Implications of nitrous oxide in the waste stream:

- Worker safety
- Equipment damage
- Lost electricity revenue and reduced garbage throughput from downtime
- Potential impacts on Waste-to-Energy Facility emissions
- Greenhouse gas emissions



EXPLOSION RELATED DAMAGE

Grate bar damage



POST COMBUSTION NITROUS OXIDE CYLINDERS



CYLINDER DROP-OFF AT RECYCLING AND WASTE CENTRES

- Currently receiving approximately 700 cylinders per month
- Updating program to communicate receipt of partially full cylinders
- Working to receive cylinders from municipal crews and municipal recycling depots





Metro Vancouver Staff Workshop

Record Keeping Webinar

Nicole MacDonald

Program Manager, Regulation and Enforcement, SW

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee – March 10, 2026

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

For Waste Haulers

Tipping Fee Bylaw Generator Levy Provisions: Record Keeping Requirements

April 2, 2026 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm

- Understand record keeping requirements
- Learn what this means for you

To register visit metrovancover.org and search “record keeping”

Record Keeping

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Haulers are required to create and maintain records for all municipal Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD). All records must be created and maintained for a minimum of at least 5 years. The GVS&DD includes most member jurisdictions within the following (for a complete list of municipalities below).

Detailed record keeping requirements are found in the [Tipping Fee Bylaw](#) and are strongly encouraged to review the information within this webpage and are strongly encouraged to review the [Tipping Fee Bylaw](#).

In the event of inconsistency between the information on this webpage and the [Tipping Fee Bylaw](#), the [Tipping Fee Bylaw](#) shall prevail. This is also not legal advice. If a hauler needs assistance understanding the [Tipping Fee Bylaw](#), they should seek legal advice.

Webinar on record keeping requirements

Metro Vancouver is hosting a webinar on April 2, 2026, at 1:00 pm to provide information on record keeping requirements under the Tipping Fee Bylaw and to answer any questions. Register for the [event registration page](#).

Voluntary record reviews currently being offered

Environmental Regulation and Enforcement staff are offering voluntary record reviews for the Tipping Fee Bylaw. Requests for voluntary record reviews are being accepted. For more information, contact the record review email regulationenforcement@metrovancover.org.



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Information Items



INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Regional Waste Flows
- 7.2 2026 IAC Work Plan
- 7.3 IAC Meeting Action Tracker
- 7.4 Options Analysis Engagement Report [LINK]
- 7.5 Options Analysis Feedback Log [LINK]
- 7.6 Nitrous Oxide Cylinder Recycling Handout
- 7.7 IAC Feedback Summary – January 28, 2026
- 7.8 IAC Feedback Summary – February 10, 2026



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Thank you

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