

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, via Zoom Video Conference.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Hodge, Director, Metro Vancouver
Board of Directors (Co-Chair)
Mary Polak, Waste Connections of Canada
(Co-Chair)
Izzie Abrams, Waste Connections of Canada
Binder Boora, BC Earth Exchange
Lori Bryan, Waste Management Assoc. of BC
Ken Carrusca, Cement Association of Canada
Mannie Cheung, Product Care Assoc. of BC
James Collins, Tymac Launch Service Ltd.
Jeremy Crawford, Waste Control Services
Christian Dietrich, Ecowaste Industries
Grant Hankins,
Waste Management Association of BC
Josh Jansen Van Doorn, Super Save Disposal

Gord Johnson,
Empower Environmental/Northstar
Jamie Kaminski, HSR Zero Waste
Sean Kawakami, Convertus Group
Aiden Kiani, Lock-Block Ltd.
Jacqueline Lotzkar,
Pacific Metals Recycling Inc.
Achilles Mallari, Sierra Waste Services Ltd.
Ralph McRae, Revolution
David Millman,
Waste Management Association of Canada
Liliana Segal, Green Chair Recycling
Cynthia Shore, Republic Services
Nicole Stefenelli, Urban Impact Recycling
Sebastian van Wollen, Blue Planet Recycling
Michael Zarbl,
Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robby Gill, Cloverdale Fuel Ltd.
Kenneth Ingram, West Coast Reduction Ltd.
Matthew McAra, GFL
Maya Moucachen, Merlin Plastics
Nicole Peers,

Queensborough Landing Recycling Depot
Terry Plotnikoff,
Canadian Mattress Recycling Inc.
Shad Prasad, Cascade Recovery+

METRO VANCOUVER STAFF:

Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations, Solid Waste Services
Brooke Atkinson, Communications and Education Coordinator, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations
Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
Allison Hilkewich, Assistant to the General Manager, Solid Waste Services
Nanette van Doorn, Communications and Education Coordinator, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations
Sarah Evanetz, Division Manager, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations
Chris Underwood, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning, Solid Waste Services

CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF:

Lynn Belanger, Manager, Transfer and Landfill Operations Branch
John McDermott, Manager, Solid Waste Strategic Services Branch

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Kelsey Guenette, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

AGENDA:

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting #3

May 3, 2022

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Zoom

Agenda

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 - 5.1. Next meeting is on June 7, 2022

References:

- 1) IAC 2022 Committee Members List: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/SolidWastePublications/SolidWasteRecycling-IAC-2022MembershipList.pdf>
- 2) IAC Terms of Reference: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/SolidWastePublications/ToR-IAC.pdf>

MEETING MINUTES:

WELCOME

Craig Hodge, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste Industry and Recycling Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting.

1. AGENDA

1.1 May 3, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the agenda.

2. MINUTES

2.1 April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for errors or omissions in the minutes of the April 5, 2022 IAC meeting. It was identified by a Committee member that the third bullet under Item 4.5.2, should be corrected to read: "Establishment of a construction/demolition processing facility residual waste rate to align with the City of Vancouver rate".

A Committee member suggested that the updated Terms of Reference were inconsistent with the specific wording of the motion approved by the Committee at the April 5 meeting, and requested that the motion be inserted precisely into the terms of reference. Co-Chair Hodge acknowledged the comment.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, reported that the Board had approved the membership of the Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee, and applicants would be advised on whether or not they had been selected to participate. As part of the Board's approval of participants, the elected IAC Co-Chair is also invited to participate on the Public/Technical Advisory Committee if desired.

3.2 Industry Advisory Committee Member Existing or Potential Conflict Statements

Paul Henderson indicated that conflict statements submitted by Committee Members had been published on the Metro Vancouver website; however, since the publishing of the meeting's agenda, three additional statements had been received and reviewed by Co-Chair Hodge from Committee members Ken Ingram, Ken Carrusca, and Robbie Gill. Based on review, the Co-Chair found no reason for any of the Committee members to not participate as a member on the IAC.

During an ensuing discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Whether there were any members present who had not submitted a conflict statement
- Concerns that permitting conflicts of interest to remain confidential (i.e., not published on the MV website) may not allow for a transparent process

- Language updates needed to the Terms of the Reference in section 14: Review of the IAC Terms of Reference. Paul Henderson noted that there was an error in section 14, and that the Terms of Reference were not intended to be approved by the Zero Waste Committee.

3.3 Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair Election

3.3.1 Committee Member Voting List

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the Committee Member Voting List, noting that one member would not be permitted to vote or participate in Committee discussions until a conflict statement was received.

3.3.2 Nominations

Co-Chair Hodge invited nominations from Committee members, but none were offered. It was noted that two nominations were made at the previous IAC meeting for Mary Polak and Lori Bryan, who were requested to provide brief introductions and explain their interest in the IAC.

Co-Chair Hodge indicated that a conflict statement had been received from a Committee member, and they were permitted to participate in the meeting.

3.3.3 Election

Committee members were invited to raise their hands to vote for the Co-Chair position. Mary Polak was elected the IAC Co-Chair. Co-Chair Hodge thanked both Lori Bryan and Mary Polak for agreeing to have their names put forward in the election.

3.4 Metro Vancouver Updates

3.4.1 Waste Flow Update

Chris Allan, Director, Solid Waste Operations, Metro Vancouver, reviewed on-screen graphs displaying waste quantities in Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver facilities, noting that:

- Garbage in Metro Vancouver facilities has increased 4%, 8%, and 9% in the last three months compared with the same period in 2021
 - Waste flows are trending back up to pre-COVID-19 numbers
 - Preliminary numbers for April 2022 are slightly higher than April 2021
- Garbage in City of Vancouver facilities has increased a consistent 12% in the last three months compared with the same period in 2021
 - Preliminary numbers for April 2022 are slightly lower than April 2021
- Combined garbage in Metro Vancouver and Vancouver facilities has increased 6%, 9%, and 10% in the last three months compared with the same period in 2021
 - Preliminary numbers for April 2022 are slightly higher than April 2021
- Incoming construction and demolition processing facility material has started to decrease due to the newly implemented rate structure at the Vancouver Landfill.

Paul Henderson indicated that the Committee would be gauged on whether or not to incorporate regular waste flow updates into the IAC Work Plan.

In response to a question, it was noted that demolition garbage percentage trends are difficult to determine as there are various factors that affect the incoming quantities.

3.5 Zero Waste Committee Updates

Paul Henderson noted the following items scheduled to be on the May 13, 2022 Zero Waste Committee agenda that may be of interest to the Committee:

- Waste Composition Analysis
 - Regular waste composition analysis is important given dramatic changes recorded as a result of the pandemic
 - 2020 characteristics of the waste stream are much different than in 2018 or 2022
 - Many items of personal protection equipment have been found in the waste stream, and in the multifamily sector in particular, there is an organics opportunity for waste diversion
- Progress on Single Use Item Reduction
 - Reviews federal and provincial updates as well as single use bylaws recently implemented by municipalities
- Manager's Report
 - Will include updates on the status of a number of procurement processes.

In response to a question the surcharge threshold for organics (currently 25%) in place at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver solid waste facilities, Paul Henderson noted that disposal ban program would be an important area for work of the Committee, with the potential to develop a sub-committee to delve more into the issue. It was noted that work of the previous disposal ban effectiveness group would be important to consider in discussion on improvements to the disposal ban program.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

5. NEXT STEPS

Co-Chair Mary Polak thanked Committee members for their participation and advised that the next meeting was scheduled to occur on June 7, 2022.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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