

**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 at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, virtual Zoom meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryan, Lori, Executive Director, Waste Management Association of BC (Co-Chair)
Craig Hodge, Director, Zero Waste Committee (Co-Chair)
Agassiz, Sam – West Coast Reduction Ltd.
Collins, James – Tymac Launch Service Ltd.
Crawford, Jeremy – Waste Control Services
Furtado, Glen – Cement Association of Canada
Hankins, Grant – Canada Minibins.com Ltd.
JansenVandoorn, Josh – Anaconda Systems Ltd.
Janzen, Tessa – Recycle BC
Johnston, Kurt – CleanStart Property Services
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.
Mallari, Achilles – Sierra Waste Services Ltd.

McRae, Ralph – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.
Millman, David – Waste Management of Canada Corp.
Moucachen, Maya – Merlin Plastics
Muir, Wesley – Veolia North America (Canada)
Pantazopoulos, Dimitri – Waste Connections of Canada
Punja, Rustam – Geocycle Canada Inc.
Prasad, Shad – Cascade Recovery +
Skei, Dayton – Evergen Infrastructure Corp.
Skoropada, Lorne – Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Sigmund, Sandy – Encorp Pacific Canada, Return-It
Van Beusekom, Brent – product Care Association
Vargas, Pinky – Republic Services
Von Stefenelli, Nicole – Urban Impact Recycling Ltd.
Zarbl, Michael – Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Abrams, Izzie – Waste Connections of Canada
Dietrich, Christian – Ecowaste Industries
Johnson, Gord – Northstar

MacFarlane, Angus – Growing City
McRae, Ralph – Revolution Infrastructure Inc.

METRO VANCOUVER STAFF PRESENT:

Ahmadvand, Sahar, Assistant Project Engineer, Solid Waste Planning
Allan, Chris, Director, Solid Waste Operations
Fulton, Terry, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Planning
Henderson, Paul, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
Joy, Samantha, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Community Engagement

Liu, Stephanie, Program Manager, Solid Waste Community Engagement
Mizan, Zeenia, Program Assistant, Solid Waste Services
Storry Karen, Senior Engineer, Solid Waste Planning
Underwood, Chris, Division Manager, Solid Waste Planning

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Priya Kullar, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

March 4, 2025

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom Meeting

Agenda

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 - 4.1. Solid Waste Management Plan Next Steps
For Information
Designated Speaker: Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services
 - 4.2. Draft Climate 2050 Solid Waste Roadmap
For information/feedback
Designated Speaker: Sahar Ahmadvand, Assistant Project Engineer, Solid Waste Planning
5. Other Business
 - 5.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates
For Information
Designated Speaker: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services
 - 5.2 Industry Advisory Committee Facility Tour Opportunity – Vancouver Landfill
For Information
Designated Speaker: Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services
6. Co-Chair Nominations
7. Information Items
 - 7.1 Regional Waste Flows
 - 7.2 2025 Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
 - 7.3 2025 Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan

MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Craig Hodge called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee (Industry Advisory Committee) meeting. Members were reminded to ensure their full name was visible on the Zoom platform so attendance could be confirmed. Members were advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and would be posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage.

1. 2025 INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Co-Chair, Lori Bryan welcomed both returning and new members to the Industry Advisory Committee. Each member was asked to introduce themselves, their company, and what they look forward to accomplishing on the committee over the next year.

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed member information and expectations. It was noted that if members are unable to attend a meeting, they can advise the Co-Chairs in advance to send an alternate. Alternate representatives who attend more than three (3) meetings will be required to submit an *Existing or Potential Conflict of Interest Statement* that will be posted to the Industry Advisory Committee webpage.

A list of the upcoming meeting dates was shared, highlighting that the next meeting on April 8, 2025 will be held in person.

2. AGENDA

2.1 March 4, 2025, Meeting Agenda

Co-Chair Hodge reviewed the March 4, 2025, meeting agenda. No additions were made.

3. MINUTES

3.1 February 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Hodge called for any additions or changes to the Minutes of the February 4, 2025, Industry Advisory Committee meeting. No changes or additions were brought forward.

4. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Solid Waste Management Plan Next Steps

Stephanie Liu, Program Manager, Community Engagement, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, shared a presentation titled "Solid Waste Management Plan Update". The presentation highlighted the following:

- The solid waste management plan outlines solid waste strategies, actions, goals, and targets
- The new plan will identify how the region can continue to reduce waste, increase reuse and recycling, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and work towards a circular economy
- Explanation of how the Industry Advisory Committee fits within the governance framework
- Background to position the upcoming Options Analysis phase of engagement

The Industry Advisory Committee was advised that during the April 2025 meeting, there would be an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft goals, hierarchy, metrics, and options analysis criteria.

4.2 Draft Climate 2050 Solid Waste Roadmap

Sahar Ahmadvand, Assistant Project Engineer, Solid Waste Planning, Metro Vancouver, shared a presentation titled “Climate 2050 Solid Waste Roadmap”. The presentation highlighted the following:

- Metro Vancouver Regional District Board adopted Climate 2050 Strategy in 2018 to commit the organization to
 - reach carbon neutrality by 2050
 - target a 45% reduction in emissions from 2010 levels by 2030
 - ensure infrastructure, ecosystems, and communities that are resilient to the impacts of climate change
- Climate 2050 Solid Waste Roadmap maps out the existing actions and progress to date, and the updated solid waste management plan will provide additional strategies and actions – the two will work in tandem to help us reach our climate 2050 goals
- The following projects are supporting the work:
 - District Energy System – which will use excess heat from the Waste-to-Energy Facility to heat up to 50,000 homes with a potential to reduce up to 70,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions annually
 - Zero emissions hauling – assessing the business case for using zero emission vehicles for transporting solid waste, biosolids, and curbside waste collection
 - Zero emissions equipment – under new contracts, Metro Vancouver’s recycling and waste centre operators will be required to use renewable diesel for non-road mobile equipment and trucks that haul garbage to the Waste-to-Energy Facility and Vancouver Landfill, with incentives for transitioning to zero-emission equipment.
 - Metals recovery – the metals recovery system at Waste-to-Energy Facility recovers about 5,000 tonnes of non-ferrous and ferrous metals each year and this offsets around 1,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from the facility.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Zero Waste Committee and Other Updates

Paul Henderson advised that the March 2025 Zero Waste Committee meeting has been cancelled.

The following information was shared with the Industry Advisory Committee:

- The Public/Technical Advisory Committee welcomed 11 new members
- Home Demolition Waste Reduction Forum has been scheduled for June 2, 2025, to bring businesses and governments together to discuss approaches to reducing construction and demolition waste in the region
- Engagement Panel recruitment has been extended to March 14, 2025
- The operations and maintenance contract for the Waste-to-Energy Facility has transitioned to Veolia, beginning March 3, 2025. There is an option for two five-year contract renewals.

5.2 Industry Advisory Committee Facility Tour Opportunity – Vancouver Landfill

Samantha Joy, Engagement Specialist, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, shared there is an opportunity to tour the Vancouver Landfill on Thursday, September 18, 2025. This tour will be with members of the Public/Technical Advisory Committee. Meeting invites will be sent to members soon.

Members were also reminded that they would be receiving calendar placeholders for the Zero Waste Conference on November 27, 2025. All members of the Industry Advisory Committee are welcome to attend at no charge; more information will be available as conference details are confirmed.

6. CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Co-Chair Hodge called for nominations three times. Pinky Vargas, Republic Services, nominated Lori Bryan for the position of Co-Chair. The nomination was accepted by Lori Bryan with a disclaimer that they are required to attend all meetings virtually for the foreseeable future.

Co-Chair Hodge advised that nominations for the Industry Advisory Committee would be accepted prior to the meeting on April 8, 2025, during which the Co-Chair elections would occur.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Regional Waste Flows

7.2 2025 Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

7.3 Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan

No additional questions or comments were put forward regarding the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Hodge thanked members for their comments and feedback and advised that the next Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting would be held in person on April 8, 2025.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.