

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
ZERO WASTE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Zero Waste Committee held at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair, Mayor Jack Froese\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Pietro Calendino\*, Burnaby  
Councillor Doug Elford\*, Surrey  
Councillor Helen Fathers\*, White Rock  
Councillor Pete Fry\*, Vancouver  
Mayor Mike Little\*, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Gayle Martin\*, Langley City  
Councillor Bruce McDonald\*, Delta  
Mayor Mike Morden\*, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Harold Steves\*, Richmond  
Mayor Rob Vagramov\*, Port Moody

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice Chair, Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services  
Lauren Cichon, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services  
Natalia Melnikov, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 September 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee:

- a) vary the order of the agenda to consider Item 5.6 2021 Update on the National Zero Waste Council Activities prior to Item 5.1 2020 Disposal Ban Program Update,
- b) appoint Mayor Rob Vagramov as the Acting Chair; and
- c) adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for September 10, 2021 as amended.

**CARRIED**

\*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 3.6.2 of the *Procedure Bylaw*

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **2.1 July 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held July 16, 2021 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **3. DELEGATIONS**

### **3.1 Ben Liegley, Co-Founder & Director, Rethink2gether, and Accredited Consultant The PLEDGE on Food Waste**

Ben Liegley, Co-Founder & Director, Rethink2gether, and Accredited Consultant on The PLEDGE on Food Waste, appeared before the Zero Waste Committee highlighting the issues on food waste, food waste prevention and effects on climate change, and suggested actions.

Members were provided a presentation on food waste prevention as a solution to fight climate change.

Presentation material titled "Rethink 2gether" is retained with the agenda.

## **4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

## **5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

### **Agenda Order Varied**

Pursuant to Item 1.1 of the agenda, the order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 5.6 at this point.

### **5.6 2021 Update on the National Zero Waste Council Activities**

Report dated August 3, 2021, from Heather Schoemaker, General Manager, and Ann Rowan, Division Manager, Collaboration and Engagement, External Relations, providing the Zero Waste Committee with an update on the initiatives and projects of the National Zero Waste Council since the beginning of 2021 for the Committee's information.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated August 3, 2021, titled "2021 Update on National Zero Waste Council Activities."

**CARRIED**

### **Agenda Order Resumed**

The order of the agenda resumed with Item 5.1 being before the Committee.

**5.1 2020 Disposal Ban Program Update**

Report dated September 2, 2021, from Brandon Ho, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, providing an update on the 2020 results of the Metro Vancouver disposal ban program for the Committee's information.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated September 2, 2021, titled "2020 Disposal Ban Program Update".

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Waste-to-Energy Facility Environmental Monitoring and Reporting 2020 Update**

Report dated September 2, 2021, from Brent Kirkpatrick, Lead Senior Engineer, Solid Waste Operations, Solid Waste Services, providing the Zero Waste Committee with an overview of the Waste-to-Energy Facility's environmental monitoring program and implementation of Operational Certificate requirements for the Committee's information.

Presentation material titled "Waste-to-Energy Facility Environmental Monitoring and Reporting – 2020 Update" is retained with the agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated September 2, 2021, titled "Waste-to-Energy Facility Environmental Monitoring and Reporting 2020 Update".

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Illegal Dumping in Metro Vancouver**

Report dated September 2, 2021, from Adriana Velázquez, Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, providing the Zero Waste Committee with an update on regional illegal dumping trends and related municipal programs in 2020 for the Committee's information.

Members were provided a presentation highlighting Metro Vancouver's illegal dumping preventative initiatives, on-going challenges, and illegal dumping statistical data provided from member jurisdictions.

**Request of Staff:**

Staff were requested to provide more information on homeless encampment cleanups.

Presentation material titled "Illegal Dumping in Metro Vancouver" is retained with the agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated September 2, 2021, titled "Illegal Dumping in Metro Vancouver".

**CARRIED**

**5.4 Continuous Improvement, Innovation, and Collaboration with Adjacent Regional Districts**

Report dated September 2, 2021, from Maria Lo, Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, providing the Zero Waste Committee with an update on some of the completed, ongoing, and future continuous improvement and innovation initiatives in Solid Waste Services for the Committee's information.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated September 2, 2021, titled "Continuous Improvement, Innovation, and Collaboration with Adjacent Regional Districts".

**CARRIED**

**5.5 2021 Reuse and Repair Initiatives Update**

Report dated September 2, 2021, from Karen Storry, Senior Engineer, Solid Waste Services, providing the Zero Waste Committee with an update on reuse and repair initiatives in the region for the Committee's information.

**Request of Staff:**

Staff were requested to work with member jurisdictions on opportunities for electronic reuse and repair event delivery.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated September 2, 2021, titled "2021 Reuse and Repair Initiatives Update".

**CARRIED**

**5.7 2021 Zero Waste Conference Update**

Report dated August 31, 2021, from Heather Schoemaker, General Manager, and Ann Rowan, Division Manager, Collaboration and Engagement, External Relations, providing the Zero Waste Committee with an update on the planning for the 2021 Zero Waste Conference for the Committee's information.

Members were shown a video presentation on the 2020 Zero Waste Conference, which is not retained with the agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated August 31, 2021, titled "2021 Zero Waste Conference Update."

**CARRIED**

**5.8 Manager's Report**

Report dated September 3, 2021, from Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, updating the Committee on a number of initiatives including alternative fuel and recyclables recovery initiative, zero waste construction certification, bottom ash beneficial use procurement, single use regulatory harmonization, Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee, and 2021 Zero Waste Committee Work Plan update.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee receive for information the report dated September 3, 2021, titled "Manager's Report."

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

No items presented.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

No items presented.

**10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Zero Waste Committee conclude its regular meeting of September 10, 2021

**CARRIED**

(Time: 10:02 a.m.)

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Natalia Melnikov,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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Jack Froese, Chair

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