



MEETING MINUTES

Solid Waste Resource & Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 2, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Teams

DRAFT Minutes of the SWRMP Monitoring Advisory Committee (PMAC) of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District held via Electronic Facilities on Tuesday, April 2 at 1:00 PM.

In attendance electronically:

Committee: M. Cossette; S. White; L. Caparella; S. Maxwell; S. Friday;
C. Stacey; A. Tucker; K. Smyth; A. Jenkins

Staff: ML. Leblanc (Chair – SLRD Manager of Solid Waste Services);
V. Lafontaine (SLRD Sustainability and Outreach Coordinator)

Public: None

Regrets: S. Kerr; S. Senger; E. de Strake; B. Jones; D. Imbeau

1. Call to Order

ML called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.
Welcome and land acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Notes
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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved with proposed amendments.

CARRIED (MOTION 1)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the April 1, 2025 minutes be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 2)

3. Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Update

ML The current Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (SWRMP) was adopted by the SLRD Board of Directors in March 2016 and approved by the Ministry of Environment in April 2019. Current focus is to gather applications for the Public and Technical Advisory Committee.

The Ministry of Environment recommends plans be reviewed on a 5-year basis and requires updates every 10 years. Following the completion of the 5-year review in 2023, the SLRD is initiating the SWRMP update in 2025.

Following the Request for Proposals (July 22, 2025 – September 1, 2025), the SLRD hired a consultant to assist with the development of the SWRMP Update, including the development of a comprehensive engagement plan.

The Board established the Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Update (SWRMP Update) – Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) as a Select Committee of the Board to review and advise on the SWRMP Update at the January 29, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting. The PTAC will have a balance representation of urban and rural, as well as representation from a diversity of waste related sectors.

Staff are currently collecting applications for the committee. Committee membership will be appointed by the Board at a future meeting.

The SWRMP Update is estimated to span 3 years, with the main public engagement taking place in 2027.

SLRD staff and the consultant toured some of the waste management facilities within the region. We are working on the current systems review with the consultant.

All the information, current status of the project, and Board reports are available at slrd.bc.ca/SWRMPUpdate.

PMAC will meet at least one more time in 2026, then be dissolved as the PTAC is initiated.

ML Checked in with members to ensure everyone who is interested in participating has submitted their applications.

4. Current SWRMP Actions

ML Provided updates on ongoing actions, including ICI and multi-family communication strategy, Tourism accommodation communication strategy, EPR awareness, Promote local construction & demolition waste reuse/recycling opportunities.

5. Reusable Wood Program - RMOW

TN The Solid Waste Bylaw was updated to include new wood categories and updated definitions, such as Clean Wood, Treated Wood, and Reusable Wood.

As part of the initiative, discounted drop-off for reusable wood and free pick-up.
The program ran from June 14, 2025 to October 30, 2025.

Facility signage was installed to outline program requirements and user liability, developed with input from MIABC.

During the program, a total of 2.4 metric tonnes of eligible wood was recovered. Additionally, 1 metric tonne of pallets meeting OMARR criteria was diverted for use in the composting program.

The program received positive feedback from the community.

Due to its success, the seasonal program is set to restart on April 20, 2026.

6. Reusable Cup Program - RMOW

AC RMOW was a funding partner for the reusable cup program in Whistler (Reusewhistler.ca), launched in 2025. **The program features** multiple return locations and a couple of smart bins to support convenient cup returns.

There is currently there no cost to participate, and the program has achieved a 98% return rate. 5 cafes are actively participating, which each establishment is responsible for washing and recirculating the cups. A central hub is currently being discussed.

As of early 2026, the program had approximately 600 users while participating businesses do not receive direct compensation, they benefit from reduced spending on single-use cups.

7. Roundtable Discussion

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- Hired a consultant to support the development a disaster debris management plan
- ICI and C & D support resources under development.
- Landfill expansion still underway. Recently received permission to drill wells.

AJ- AWARE is hosting multiple events over Earth Week, including a repair café and clothing swap.

SM As part of the Metro Vancouver's SWMP Update, there were multiple Solutions Working Groups which came up with solutions that might be relevant for the SLRD's SWRMP Update.

8. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next meeting date: TBD

Location: Online and SLRD Administration Office.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.