



MEETING MINUTES

Solid Waste Resource & Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom & SLRD Boardroom

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

In attendance electronically:

Committee: C. Stacey; D. Imbeau; L. Harrison; M. Cossette; S. White;
S. Senger; K. So; A. Cuschieri

Staff: ML. Leblanc (Chair – SLRD Resource Recovery Coordinator); V. Lafontaine

Public: None

Regrets: S. Maxwell; S. Friday; S. Kerr; P. Sahota; L. Caparella; T. Laviolette

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

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 1)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the November 28, 2024 minutes be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 2)

3. SLRD Update and Progress

ML Sea to Sky Soils will not be accepting organic materials for 12 months due to infrastructure upgrades. The SLRD and member municipalities are working with GFL to ensure there are no service disruptions.

The Fees and Charges Bylaws for the Pemberton, Devine and Gold Bridge Transfer Stations have been amended and approved by the Board. The bylaws were amended in an effort to keep up with the cost of operating the facilities.

The SLRD is offering yard waste disposal programs in collaboration with the Fire Smart team.

Tires were successfully picked up from the Gold Bridge Transfer Station and the Lillooet Landfill. Tire collection has been an ongoing struggle.

In the process of completing an efficiency review of the Devine Transfer Station with a consultant.

GFL, DOS and Call2Recycle collaboration has resulted in successful curbside collection of household batteries.

A waste composition study was conducted in the communities of Britannia Beach and Furry Creek in 2024. Pemberton Transfer Station waste composition study scheduled in 2025.

4. SLRD Outreach and Education Update

VL End of 2024, December campaign – Create Memories, Not Garbage over social media and partnered with Stewardship Pemberton Society and the Pemberton Arts Council to host a low-waste gift wrapping station at the holiday market in Pemberton.

Developing a waste management at events guide with AWARE.

February campaign including information relating to proper disposal of personal hygiene products and medications while educating residents on wastewater system best practices.

March was Food Waste Action Week, ran a social media campaign and developed a food storage game which was hosted by the Whistler, Pemberton and Squamish public libraries. AWARE engaged with library patrons utilizing the food storage game on one of the days.

The Board approved waiving tipping fees for collected litter over Pitch-In Week by registered community groups. Social media campaign to be delivered over Pitch-In Week with disposal insights. Pitch-In Canada does not seem to be able to provide branded bags consistently, as a result the SLRD

required groups to register. Bags still in circulation will have their tipping fees waived over the week as well.

Devine Collection Event to collect tires, small appliances, and electronics. Lights and light fixtures. This event is in collaboration with Tire Stewardship BC and the Pemberton Recycling Centre.

Continuing the curbside audits and Pop-Up Depots in Britannia Beach and Furry Creek.

Make Soil Not Waste workshops launched for the Village of Pemberton and Electoral Area C in March.

5. Construction and Demolition Waste Best Practice Guide - RMOW

LH Construction and Demolition Landscape in Whistler, main issues are related to wood waste (12% clean wood, and 20% wood that could have been used for fuel) and a total of 47% of the construction and demolition waste could have been diverted.

Before developing a bylaw, the RMOW is committed to educating residents on the ongoing issue. Construction & Demolition Waste Best Practices Guide was developed in collaboration with Synergy. Process was guided by the RMOW building department.

Sections in the guide:

- Design and Procurement
- Relocation and Adaptive Reuse
- Deconstruction and Salvage
- Reuse
- Waste Diversion and Management
- Resources

The guide is currently being shared in small sections through the “Builders’ Corner Newsletter”. The RMOW will be hosting a Builders’ Breakfast to share the guide with the industry.

RMOW is currently working on bylaw amendments and operational adaptations to reduce stream contamination.

LW DOS hosted a successful Builders’ Breakfast with local industry speakers. The event was well attended. Currently developing brochures on deconstruction.

6. Diversion Room Tour - DOS

LW Waste Room tour organized by GFL to highlight positive and negative examples of waste room design, access, diversion options, and layout as per the Solid Waste Storage Technical Design Guidelines.

Quick overview of the Solid Waste Storage Technical Design Guidelines’ content:

- Formulas for calculating the space required based on use.
- Supports designs that meet the DOS regulations and diversion targets.

- Access and servicing

The tour was an opportunity to see these guidelines in action.

6 units and above require a waste room review and approval during the planning process. Prescriptive requirements for between 3 - 6 units, waste rooms must be a minimum of 3m².

7. Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Update

ML Overview of the actions outlined in the Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan.

8. Roundtable Discussion

CS No updates

AC AWARE's From Waste to Action campaign: the goal is to divert 5% of the organic waste from landfills. The target audience is food businesses. Lots of great resources are available to them at no cost.

DI Organics that would normally go to Sea to Sky Soils are going to be hauled to the Delta composting facility.

SW

- Landfill expansion is an ongoing project. The Squamish Landfill is still scheduled to be full by 2030.
- The DOS received funds from a REDIP grant to support the circular economy work being done in Squamish. Developing circular economy content that will be available on the website.
- The last chat with the mayor was catered with rescued foods.
- Pitch-In Week
- Conducting a shared Assets Feasibility Study, including workshops and surveys.
- Reviewing the curbside system, items being considered are equity, accessibility, and wildlife.
- Developing an ICI and multi-unit engagement, including surveys and interviews.

DI

- Still receiving large loads of C&D mixed waste. Piloting tipping bins and separating them rather than landfilling them as mixed waste.
- Curbside battery collection later this month. It was very successful in 2024.
- Piloting bins in waste rooms to collect electronics and small appliances.
- Sponsoring poster contest in schools. Themed: battery and electronic recycling. Will be collecting those items in participating schools.

LH

- Updating the Solid Waste Bylaw.
- Annual Implementation Plan Report going to Council soon.
- Working with AWARE on events and outreach, including an education booth on textiles which will be hosted at the Clothing Swap, a Repair Café, and Pitch-In Day.
- Construction and Demolition Waste Best Practice Guide education
- Working on securing funding for a reusable coffee cup pilot in Whistler

MC

- Pitch-In Week

- Clothing Swap later this year.
- Investigating opportunities to co-host a children's clothing and toy swap.

9. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next meeting date: July 8, 2025

Location: Online and SLRD Administration Office.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.