

**Date:** 04/08/2026

**Time:** 02:00 pm

**Attendance:**

**Presenter:** Christopher Campbell, Acting Executive Director

**Local Government Representatives:**

BA Belton, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Uli Wolf, Regional District of Central Kootenay

Andrew Doi, Metro Vancouver

Sandra Davidon, City of Vancouver

Tal Bogdonov, City of Vancouver

Darren Murray, Regional District of North Okanagan

**Absence:**

Melanie Tromp Hoover, Capital Regional District

Lucinda Phillips, IZWTAG

Calvin Jameson, IZWTAG

Nishesh Poudyal, Regional District of Mount Waddington

Sarah Scheibelhut, Metro Vancouver

Janette Derksen, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Greg Wilson, Retail Council of Canada

Adélaïde Terrien, MARR Program Manager

**MARR Observers:**

Liza Bobanova, MARR Program Specialist

Time	Item
02:00 pm	Welcome
02:02 pm	Agenda adoption
02:03 pm	<p>Organizational Update</p> <p>Christopher Campbell informed members that the MARR Board of Directors made a strategic decision in early March to part ways with Executive Director Michael Zarbl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Campbell will serve as Acting Executive Director until September 2026 or until a leadership decision is made.</li> <li>Chris acknowledged Michael’s long-standing contributions to building the program and expressed appreciation for his mentorship.</li> <li>The rest of the MARR team remains in place and operations continue as usual.</li> </ul> <p>Members asked questions regarding the strategic direction and whether program priorities would change.</p> <p>Chris indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board is aligning future direction with broader economic conditions.</li> <li>Current operational priorities remain unchanged.</li> <li>The focus continues to be accessibility and program stability.</li> </ul>
02:10 pm	<p>Program Direction and Future Planning</p> <p>Christopher Campbell discussed the upcoming EPR Plan renewal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next MARR EPR plan submission is due June 2027.</li> <li>Public consultations are expected to begin early 2027 (January–March).</li> <li>Stakeholders will be invited to participate.</li> </ul> <p>Key program priorities remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessibility across the province</li> <li>Continuous program improvement</li> <li>Increased focus on promotion and education</li> </ul>
02:13 pm	<p>Collection Network Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>231 active collection sites</li> <li>13 permanent collection bins</li> <li>Total coverage: 27 of 27 Regional Districts in BC + Stikine Region and Northern Rockies</li> </ul> <p>MARR continues expanding its Rural and First Nations Collection Bin Program.</p>
02:15 pm	Collection Summary (2025 Data)

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	<p>Collection results presented as a preview of the upcoming annual report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 444,553 large appliances collected</li> <li>• 8,145 kg of ODS removed</li> <li>• 1,362 mercury switches collected</li> <li>• 117 PCB capacitors recovered</li> </ul> <p>Christopher Campbell noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall appliance collection continues to increase modestly.</li> <li>• Mercury switches and PCB capacitors are declining naturally as older appliances disappear from the market.</li> <li>• PCB capacitors are primarily found in window air conditioners manufactured before 1978.</li> </ul>
02:16pm	<p>Site Audits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 155 site audits completed in 2025</li> </ul> <p>Christopher Campbell highlighted that site visits support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational guidance</li> <li>• Compliance monitoring</li> <li>• Education for collection partners</li> <li>• Ensuring efficient material flow</li> </ul>
02:18 pm	<p>Product Category Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some product categories showed declines:</li> <li>• Window air conditioners (market shift toward portable units)</li> <li>• Trash compactors (declining market demand)</li> <li>• Electric hot beverage dispensers (small and inconsistent category)</li> <li>• Overall appliance volumes continue trending upward due to network expansion.</li> </ul>
02:20 pm	<p>Collection Bin Program</p> <p>MARR currently operates 15 roll-off bins deployed across rural and remote areas.</p> <p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40-yard roll-off containers</li> <li>• Four switch bins used to rotate between remote communities</li> <li>• A pilot urban bin with a locking lid is currently being tested at Regional Recycling Vancouver due to theft and vandalism concerns.</li> </ul>
02:23 pm	<p>2025 Community Collection Events</p> <p>Over the past five years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50+ collection events conducted</li> <li>• MARR continues partnering with FNRI and IZWTAG to support rural appliance recovery.</li> </ul>
02:25 pm	<p>New Product Categories Discussion</p> <p>Members asked whether MARR will be involved in new product categories.</p> <p>Christopher Campbell noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently no planned expansion into the new categories.</li> <li>• MARR is assisting HRAI with research related to heat pumps and floor-mounted AC units.</li> </ul>
02:27 pm	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>Christopher Campbell thanked members for participation.</p>
02:30 pm	<p>End of the LGAC meeting. Next meeting will be organized in September 2026.</p>