

**Date:** 12/15/2023

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Attendance:**

**Presenter:** Adélaïde Terrien, MARR Program Manager

**Local Government Representatives:**

Patrick Donaghy, Mount Waddington Regional District (Chair)  
 Tom Watkins, Capital Regional District  
 Sarah Scheibelhut, Metro Vancouver  
 Andrew Doi, Metro Vancouver  
 Uli Wolf, Regional District of Central Kootenay  
 Ba Belton, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary  
 Tal Bogdonov, City of Vancouver

**MARR Observers:**

Michael Zarbl, MARR  
 Chris Campbell, MARR  
 Liza Bobanova, MARR Program Coordinator

**Absence:**

Lucinda Phillips & Calvin Jameson, IZWTAG  
 Darren Murray, Regional District of North Okanagan  
 Janette Derksen, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
 Meagan Hatch, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Canada  
 Greg Wilson, Retail Council of Canada  
 Jennifer Barr, Best Buy

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10:05 am	Welcome
10:07 am	Agenda adoption
10:07 am	Update on Collection Network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of December 15, 2023, MARR has 211 active sites.</li> <li>Since the last LGAC meeting, 7 new sites have joined MARR in the following Regional Districts: Okanagan-Similkameen, Cariboo Regional District.</li> <li>MARR has a presence in 26 out of the 27 Regional Districts. The only one that is not yet part of MARR Network is the Regional District of Northern Rockies, which has expressed interest in joining, but there have been some delays getting the final approval.</li> </ul>
10:08 am	Collection Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Units collected through Q1-Q3 2023: 286,436 representing a 6% increase compared to 2022.</li> </ul>
10:08 am	Update on Substances of Concern Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>106,601 ODS units serviced (7,300 kg of ODS collected)</li> <li>1969 mercury switches recycled (+66% vs 2022)</li> </ul> 118 PCB capacitors collected.
10:11 am	Collection Events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MARR helping any remote communities that need to dispose of Large Appliances.</li> <li>18 collection events fully completed in 2023 (vs 6 YE 2022) and 2 more are still in process.</li> <li>Approximately 10,000 units were collected. Estimate calculate based on the weight provided from hauling companies.</li> </ul> The majority of collection events took place in remote communities, where units have been collected into a single large pile over the years. Counting these units would pose significant safety risks.
10:12 am	Haida Gwaii Collection Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two decades of scrap metal piles have been cleaned up.</li> <li>Two locations: Port Clements Landfill, Skidegate Transfer Station</li> <li>1,300 metric tons of collected metal equivalent to four Airbus A-350 planes.</li> <li>From all metal tonnage 35% were large appliances</li> <li>Distance of 85 nautical miles = 160 km (6hr + 1hr drive)</li> <li>6 months of work (June – November)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47 trips made.</li> </ul> <p>Andrew Doi raised a question regarding the impact of the clean-up events on the increase in legacy substances of concern.</p> <p>Michael Zarbl commented that at Skidegate Transfer Station and Port Clements Landfill Rod Kidd has been removing ODS from refrigerated appliances before adding to the pile.</p> <p>Chris Campbell highlighted challenges in battling long-standing public beliefs about drop-off fees. Mentioned efforts to dispel the misconception that there is a fee for drop-off. Continuous communication efforts needed to address these beliefs and promote responsible waste disposal.</p>
10:19 am	<p>Disaster Management</p> <p>Chris Campbell mentioned that Disaster Management is something that we are trying to evolve our approach at MARR. Especially considering the last three years have been significant, with fires, floods, and various challenges in the province. MARR team plans to initiate conversations on how MARR can fit in disaster management plan with local governments. Goal is to shift from a reactionary process to proactive discussions during winter and spring time.</p> <p>Patrick Donaghy advised to get in touch with EMCR (Emergency Management Climate Resiliency) as its “Umbrella Organization” They can provide guidance for local governments to contact MARR if the need arises.</p> <p>Michael Zarbl added that in times of disasters, EMCR takes the lead. They provide funding to the regional district and municipalities to manage the aftermath of disasters. In the past, MARR helped places like Abbotsford when they reached out to us. For instance, they had to set up an additional transfer station due to a disaster, and we helped to cover the costs of hiring and managing it. MARR is willing to provide financial support in such situations. We just want you to know that we're here to help if you need it. Our role is more about coming in after the disaster, focusing on recovery and support.</p>
10:29 am	<p>Michael Zarbl updated on Stewardship Plan Renewal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new MARR Stewardship Plan was sent to the MOE at the end of June 2022 for approval.</li> <li>• There have been several staffing changes and a reorganization at the Ministry, which has caused delays. The MARR program remains at a low priority since everything is functioning effectively.</li> </ul>
10:32 am	<p>End of the LGAC meeting. Next meeting will be organized in April 2024.</p>