

MARR LGAC MEETING MINUTES



Date: 04/11/2022

Time: 2:00 pm

Attendance:

• **Local Government Representatives:**

Andrew Doi, Metro Vancouver

Maria Lo, Metro Vancouver

Janette Derksen, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Patrick Donaghy, Mount Waddington Regional District (Chair)

Tim Jones, First Nations representative & Recycle BC

Uli Wolf, Regional District of Central Kootenay

• **MARR Observers:**

Greg Wilson, Retail Council of Canada

Michael Zarbl, MARR

Chris Campbell, MARR

Liza Bobanova, Return-It Program Coordinator

• **Absence:**

Graham Fonseca, City of Vancouver

Tom Watkins, Capital Regional District

Tim Dueck, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Darren Murray, Regional District of North Okanagan

Meagan Hatch, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Canada

Time	Item
2:00 pm	Welcome
2:05 pm	Agenda adoption
2:06 pm	Update on Collection Network for the Q1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A total of 27 Regional Districts are covered by the MARR program, with 199 active MARR sites.• No new sites added since last LGAC Meeting.• Total Units collected: 53,264 (Based on data as of April 1st, 2022).
2:07 pm	Key element for 2022 is to concentrate on Site Visits. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Paton – MARR Field Service Specialist is fully trained, qualified, and certified to provide practical training on ODS and substances of concern removal.• Can provide an ODS removal practical training to any communities or remote sites that do not have easy access for certified ODS technician.
2:08 pm	Talked about practical training at the Regional District of Mount Waddington that happened in March. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 employees have been trained by the MARR Field Service Specialist for the ODS removal practice at the 7-Mile Landfill.
2:09 pm	Patrick Donaghy provided his feedback on the training. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentioned that different rural communities were involved in this training: Sointula, Woss, Quatsino, Kyuquot.• Shared good reviews and expressed gratitude to MARR for this great accomplishment.
2:10 pm	Chris Campbell added some comments about this ODS removal MARR training. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted that additional follow-up or check-in can be done if needed.• MARR is open to guide sites with better practices, to share ideas on how to improve processes, or to offer any other support required.

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2:12 pm	<p>Different MARR guides are available to everyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claims instruction guide• Mercury Switches/ PCB Capacitors Guide• ODS Instruction Guide• ODS Tools List• MARR ODS Tank Cylinder Notes• Accepted Products Reference guide
2:13 pm	<p>Update on Substances of Concern Programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17,367 ODS units serviced on April 1st, 2022.• 514 Mercury Switches recycled (643 in 2021).• No PCB capacitors recycled in Q1 2022 (previously used in air conditioners until 1975).
2:14 pm	<p>Collection Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MARR is helping remote communities to dispose of Large Appliances.• One collection event happened in Q1 in the Fraser Valley Regional District.
2:15 pm	<p>Stewardship Plan Renewal update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 public consultations took place in November 2021.• 2 additional consultations have been organized in February 2022, targeted towards the current collection network and the First Nation Communities.
2:17 pm	<p>Michael Zarbl provided his feedback on Stewardship Plan Renewal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received a lot of good reviews.• Some of the comments received were addressing Plastics Recycling and cost of Collection Events.• Added that MARR is not only promoting Collection Events but also providing administrative, financial and logistics support.• Mentioned that MARR is doing some research on recyclability of the plastics recovered from the Large Appliances.• Stewardship Plan will be submitted to the MOE at the end of June 2022.
2:22 pm	<p>MARR Marketing Tools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Recycling Banners will be used for conferences in April: IZWTAG, SWANA.• New MARR signage is available for collection sites to prevent dropping of units outside the facility fence.
2:24 pm	<p>Roundtable of comments: Feedback on MARR Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Donaghy mentioned that it is a great program, helpful staff.• Uli Wolf wished that other programs would take MARR as a model to follow in many ways. Added that MARR is the only stewardship program that has true partnership with municipalities.• Maria Lo, positively commented on the program.• Janette Derksen pointed that she is seeing a huge change after working with the MARR Program. She also positively commented on the MARR Field Service Specialist visit, who help resolved an ODS removal issue. And mentioned that her RD is going to start working with a local ODS technician to have units served more frequently.
2:30 pm	<p>Michael Zarbl asked around if the SIWMA (Southern Interior Waste Management Association) conference is happening this year and mentioned that MARR would like to sponsor or support in any way. No date finalized yet.</p>
2:32 pm	<p>End of the LGAC meeting. Next meeting will be organized in September 2022.</p>