

MARR LGAC MEETING MINUTES



Date: 12/12/2022

Time: 9:00 am

Attendance:

• **Local Government Representatives:**

Andrew Doi, Metro Vancouver

Mike Budzik, City of Vancouver

Janette Derksen, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Gayle Short, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Darren Murray, Regional District of North Okanagan

Patrick Donaghy, Mount Waddington Regional District (Chair)

Tim Jones, First Nations representative & Recycle BC

Tom Watkins, Capital Regional District

• **MARR Observers:**

Greg Wilson, Retail Council of Canada

Adélaïde Terrien, MARR

Michael Zarbl, MARR

Chris Campbell, MARR

Liza Bobanova, Return-It Program Coordinator

• **Absence:**

Uli Wolf, Regional District of Central Kootenay

Meagan Hatch, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Canada

Time	Item
9:00 am	Welcome
9:07 am	Agenda adoption
9:08 am	<p>Update on Collection Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As of December 1, 2022, MARR has 199 Active sites.The Regional District of Central Kootenay requested to remove 1 site and the Regional District of East Kootenay requested to remove 8 sites as those are unattended.5 new sites joined MARR since the last LGAC meeting. 2 of the new sites are on Sunshine Coast.Not yet any active sites in the Northern Rockies Regional District. <p>Chris Campbell added that the blockage to get any sites in the Northern Rockies is the bylaws changing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MARR signed a contract with the Peace River Regional District – new 9 sites will join the MARR collection network in 2023.
9:10 am	<p>Update on Substances of Concern Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Total Units collected: 315,586 (Based on data as of December 1st, 2022).118,457 ODS units serviced1185 mercury switches recycled107 PCB capacitors collected
9:11 am	<p>Adélaïde Terrien mentioned that the total number for units collected in 2022 are slightly lower than in 2021. Adélaïde raised a question to discuss if this change in volume was visible to the MARR collectors.</p> <p>Patrick Donaghy mentioned that the general volume numbers are pretty even. Also added that 2021 was the year when his sites were fully established with MARR program and had a full year of units reported.</p> <p>Andrew Doi mentioned that they noticed in 2020-2021 the shift was from commercial units to residential. The numbers for 2022 will be analyzed in Spring 2023.</p>
9:14 am	<p>2022 Field Service Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MARR Field Service Agent visited 19 Reginal Districts (around 100 sites) in 2022.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spent time with ODS technicians to train on how to recognize and safely collect PCB Capacitors and Mercury Switches.Chris Campbell mentioned that ODS training will be done in late January 2023 in Kitimat-Stikine Reginal District.
9:16 am	<p>Data Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Units reporting – The MARR team is ensuring that all the unit reports are submitted before the end of the yearMetal tonnage – was the priority in 2022 to collect the dataODS tank disposal certification - was the priority in 2022 to collect the dataDirect payment to ODS removal companies – This option is available to all collectors
9:19 am	<p>Collection Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MARR is helping remote communities to dispose of Large Appliances.5 collection events held in 2022 (Kitasoo First Nation, Canim Lake Band, Penticton Indian Band, Soowahlie Indian Band, Pauquachin First Nation)120 MARR units collected
9:20 am	<p>Michael Zarbl talked about Stewardship Plan Renewal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The new MARR Stewardship Plan was sent to the MOE at the end of June for approval.MOE answered that MARR is working very well with no issues and no complaints and there are other Stewardship Plans that are in a higher priorityMARR is looking forward to finding a solution to recover the plastic from appliances but cannot move on until MOE approves the New Plan.
9:23 am	<p>Janette Derksen raised a concern on the deficit of Freon Gas Tanks in BC.</p> <p>Chris Campbell replied on Janette’s concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">This deficit of tanks has been caused by supply chain issueIssue expecting to be resolved in early Spring 2023.MARR purchased 10 brand new tanks, to have a backup if ODS technicians run out. <p>Michael Zarbl added that if the issue continues MARR will look into the possibility to create its own system to work with refrigeration companies directly.</p>
9:27 am	<p>Andrew Doi raised the question if MARR is planning to take over new product categories such as propane tanks.</p> <p>Greg Wilson mentioned that RCC would resign as member from any Stewardship Agency, which will advocate and add things on their own. The responsibility and the regulation are clearly for Producers to designate what to collect.</p> <p>Michael Zarbl added on Greg’s answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Currently MARR not actively looking to add new products to the program, as the decision should be made by Producers.MARR will consider the possibility of adding propane tanks to the program if Producers and Retailers will decide that MARR is the right agency to do it.The end decision would be made by the MARR Board, which are Producers and Retailers of Large Appliances. <p>Patrick Donaghy provided his feedback to this concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MARR delivers a successful model for all stakeholdersPropane Tank’s Program might not be managed by MARR but should follow the well-established MARR model.
9:34 am	<p>Michael Zarbl wished everyone Happy Holidays!</p>
9:35 am	<p>Patrick Donaghy as MARR Chair declared: “Christmas has started!”</p>
9:37 am	<p>End of the LGAC meeting.</p>