

Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional District Board

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC

Adjourned Meeting - Continuation of May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Directors: C. Plant (Chair), M. Alto (for L. Helps) (EP), Z. de Vries (for R. Mersereau) (EP) (Acting Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), J. Brownoff (for S. Brice) (EP), M. Brame (for B. Desjardins) (EP), K. Harper (for F. Haynes) (EP), M. Hicks (EP), B. Isitt, J. Loveday (EP), R. Martin (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (EP), K. Murdoch (EP), G. Orr (EP), D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait, N. Taylor, K. Williams (EP), R. Windsor (EP), G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services (EP); K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: S. Brice, B. Desjardins, F. Haynes, L. Helps, G. Holman, D. Howe, R. Mersereau, J. Ranns

The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Tait provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the agenda for the May 26, 2021 Session of the Capital Regional District Board be approved.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [21-458](#) Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Capital Regional District Board Meeting

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the minutes of the Capital Regional District Board meeting of May 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

4.1. [21-316](#) Partnerships to Protect Fairy Creek and Other At-Risk Old-Growth Forests

The Notice of Motion: Partnerships to Protect Fairy Creek and Other At-Risk Old-Growth Forests, given at the April 14, 2021 Capital Regional District Board meeting, was not moved.

4.2. Partnerships to Protect Old Growth Forests in a Manner Consistent with Reconciliation

Director Isitt proposed the following Notice of Motion with same day consideration:

That the Capital Regional District Board endorse the following resolution:

Resolution: Partnerships to Protect Old Growth Forests in a Manner Consistent with Reconciliation

WHEREAS the District of Highlands, District of Saanich and City of Victoria have gone on record calling for the Government of British Columbia to protect old growth forests in a manner consistent the objective of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

AND WHEREAS Ancient high productivity old-growth ecosystems are globally one of the most valuable climate mitigation and resiliency assets in terms of carbon storage, sequestration, protection against wildfire, storage of water and preservation of biological diversity;

AND WHEREAS Less than 3% of the original high productivity old-growth forests in British Columbia remain standing, and of this residual land base, 75% is slated to be eliminated through industrial logging operations;

AND WHEREAS Alternatives exist to increase protection of biological diversity and employment, through the immediate and just transition to sustainable management of second-growth forests with expanded value-added processing and manufacturing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Regional District endorses the position of the District of Highlands, District of Saanich and City of Victoria calling on the Government of British Columbia to protect old growth forests on Vancouver Island in a manner consistent with the objective of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District expresses its willingness to work with Indigenous governments, the Government of British Columbia, the Government of Canada and other entities to protect old growth forests on southern Vancouver Island in a manner consistent with reconciliation objectives, including consideration of establishing Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District calls on the Government of British Columbia to work with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to implement recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review and defer old growth logging pending implementation of the panel's recommendations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District calls on the Government of British Columbia to allocate funding to enact deferrals in an

economically just manner, in the full spirit of reconciliation and to support the economic transition of affected Indigenous and non-Indigenous workers, communities and companies from unsustainable old-growth logging toward the development of long-term sustainable local economies.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Same day consideration
- Procedure Bylaw
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Director Screech left the meeting at 10:57 am.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the same day consideration be applied to the Notice of Motion.**

DEFEATED

**Opposed: Alto, Brame, Brent, Brownoff, de Vries, Harper, Hicks, Isitt,
Loveday, Martin, McNeil-Smith, Murdoch, Orr, Plant, Seaton, Tait, Taylor,
Williams, Windsor, Young**

4.3. Review of Time Allocation for Delegations

Directors Isitt, Murdoch and Windsor provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at a future meeting:

Review of Time Allocation for Delegations

That the Governance Committee be requested to review Section 13 of the Procedures Bylaw related to Delegations, with the goal of providing fair access to delegations and a reasonable use of the Board's time.

Discussion ensued regarding referrals of Notice of Motions to other committees.

5. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

5.1. [21-395](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the meeting be closed for Appointments in accordance with Section 90(1)(a)
of the Community Charter.**

CARRIED

6. RISE AND REPORT

The Capital Regional District Board rose from the closed session at 10:41 am and reported on the following items:

3.1. - Appointments to CRD Committees and Commissions

That the Aran Puritch be appointed to the Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the May 26, 2021 Capital Regional District Board meeting be adjourned at
10:41 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER