

Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional District Board

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

1:10 PM

**6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC**

PRESENT:

Directors: C. Plant (Chair), R. Mersereau (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), D. Howe (EP), S. Brice, B. Desjardins, L. Helps, F. Haynes, M. Hicks (EP), G. Holman, B. Isitt, J. Loveday, R. Martin, C. McNeil-Smith, K. Murdoch, G. Orr, J. Ranns, D. Screech, L. Seaton, N. Taylor, K. Williams (EP), R. Windsor (EP), G. Young

Staff: K. Lorette, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; D. Elliot, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; C. Nielson, Senior Manager, Human Resources; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the agenda for the March 9, 2022 Session of the Capital Regional District Board be approved.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [22-165](#) Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Capital Regional District Board Meeting

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the minutes of the Capital Regional District Board meeting of February 9, 2022 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

There is a saying we have all likely heard before: "May you live in interesting

times.” Like it or not, we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty; but they are also the most innovative of any time in the history of mankind. And we will need that innovation and commitment to peace and equity if we are to thrive and recover from the situations we find ourselves in. While we were understandably very concerned when COVID-19 first emerged, we were also very fortunate to see vaccines quickly developed, tested and distributed widely. Since we last met a significant world event has occurred in Europe that is going to require a response. The invasion of Ukraine. And while it may be happening halfway around the world, it is impacting us. Both economically and socially. The profound suffering of Ukrainians was brought home to me watching the news last night and seeing and hearing from Ukraine refugees who had come to Canada to be safe. And indeed to the Capital Region. That really brought home to me how interconnected we all are. People here are impacted by what is happening in Ukraine. And it demonstrates how what we do here today together matters. I believe we as a Board must stand with Ukraine and condemn what is happening in their sovereign country. Later in today’s agenda I will ask the Board to consider an emergent motion to show our support for Ukraine by flying the Ukraine flag. When I look over the agenda for today I am struck by our Board and staff’s commitment to pursue good governance for our residents. Canada operates under the mantra Peace, Order and Good Government. May we continue to have it here and elsewhere in the world.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 6.7 was removed from the consent agenda and moved to be considered under Reports of Committees as item 8.4.

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Haynes,
That consent agenda items 6.1. through 6.6. and 6.8. through 6.12. be approved.
CARRIED**

- 6.1. [22-146](#) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Union of British Columbia Municipalities Emergency Support Services 2022 Grant Application

That the Capital Regional District Board support an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the Emergency Support Services 2022 grant program and direct staff to provide overall grant management.

CARRIED

- 6.2. [22-153](#) Appointment of Officers

That for the purpose of Section 233 of the Local Government Act and Section 28(3) of the Offence Act and in accordance with Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 2681, Zachary Willson be appointed as an Assistant Bylaw Officer.

CARRIED

- 6.3. [22-106](#) Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Inc. (CREST) Service Agreement Renewal

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into a service agreement as attached to provide general emergency radio communications services.

CARRIED

6.4. [22-066](#) Capital Regional District External Grants Update

That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information

CARRIED

6.5. [22-067](#) Capital Regional District Investment Portfolio Holdings and Annual Performance Update

That the Capital Regional District Investment Portfolio Holdings and Annual Performance Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6.6. [22-069](#) Socially and Environmentally Responsible Investing

1. That the amended CRD Investment Policy be adopted; and
2. That this staff report and the adopted CRD Investment Policy be forwarded to member municipalities for consideration.

CARRIED

6.8. [22-149](#) 2022 Regional Parks Committee Terms of Reference - Revised

That the Regional Parks Committee 2022 Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix A, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

6.9. [22-139](#) Conservation Strategy Framework Review

That the 2010 Framework for the Conservation Strategy for Capital Regional District - Regional Parks: Providing strategic direction for parkland management not be adopted on an interim basis, and a new conservation plan be developed by staff for Board decision following the strategic plan update.

CARRIED

6.10. [22-129](#) 2021 Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program

That the 2021 Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program staff report be received for information.

CARRIED

6.11. [22-025](#) 2022 Transportation Committee Terms of Reference

That the Transportation Committee 2022 Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A be approved as amended.

CARRIED

6.12. [22-116](#) Transportation Equity

1. That staff be directed to work in partnership with the Community Social Planning Council to draft an equity lens to inform CRD transportation priority

implementation, advocacy and future planning.

2. That staff be directed to work in partnership with the Community Social Planning Council on a pilot study to test the application of an equity lens by reviewing gender imbalance in active transportation, focusing on the CRD regional trail network.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 7.1. [22-169](#) Bylaw No. 4483, to amend Bylaw No. 3343 being “Officers’, General Managers’ and Management Staff’s Bylaw No.1, 2006”

C. Neilson spoke to Item 7.1.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Martin,

1. That Bylaw No. 4483, cited as “Officers’, General Managers’ and Management Staff’s Bylaw No. 1, 2006, Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2022” be introduced and read a first, second, and third time;

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Martin,

2. That Bylaw No. 4483 be adopted.

CARRIED

- 7.2. [22-160](#) 2022 Provincial Budget Highlights

N. Chan spoke to Item 7.2.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,

That the 2022 Provincial Budget Highlights report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Electoral Areas Committee

- 8.1. [22-151](#) Amendment to Bylaw No. 3727, to change the Commission name to Salt Spring Island Community Economic Sustainability Commission

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,

1. That Bylaw 4482, “Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission Bylaw, 2010, Amendment No. 1, 2022” be introduced and read a first, second, and third time.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,

2. That Bylaw 4482, “Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission Bylaw, 2010, Amendment No. 1, 2022” be adopted.

CARRIED

Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee

- 8.2. [22-070](#) Development Permit with Variance for Lot 1, Section 18, Otter District, Plan VIP53538, Except Part in Plan VIP77828 - 4460 Rannveig Place

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That Development Permit with Variance DV000076, for Lot 1, Section 18, Otter District, Plan VIP53538, Except Part in Plan VIP77828, to authorize a three-lot subdivision and to vary Juan de Fuca Land Use Bylaw No. 2040, Part 1, Section 3.10(4) by reducing the frontage requirement for proposed Lot 1 from 10% (67.27 m) of lot perimeter to 1.1% (7.31 m), and for proposed Lot 2 from 10% (56.36 m) of lot perimeter to 1.6% (9.35 m), as shown on the plans prepared by J.E. Anderson, dated January 4, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED

Regional Parks Committee

8.3. [22-055](#) Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation - Project Update

L. Hutcheson stated that staff has requested a one year extension to the grant due to labour and supply chain issues.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the CRD Regional Parks Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Update be received for information.

CARRIED

8.4. [22-144](#) Regional Housing Affordability Strategy Status Report

Discussion ensued regarding proximity of new units to transit.

MOVED by Director Loveday, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the Regional Housing Affordability Strategy Status Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

There were no bylaws for consideration.

10. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

Chair Plant proposed the following Notice of Motion with same day consideration:

Whereas the Capital Regional District stands against the act of invasion of Ukraine, and,

Whereas the Capital Regional District stands with the people of Ukraine in their pursuit of peace, sovereignty and freedom,

Be it resolved the Capital Regional District will fly the Ukraine flag as a signal and symbol of support.

And be it further resolved,

The determination of when to stop flying the Ukraine flag will be made by the Board Chair in consultation with CRD staff and will be communicated to the Board.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

Whereas the Capital Regional District stands against the act of invasion of Ukraine, and,
Whereas the Capital Regional District stands with the people of Ukraine in their pursuit of peace, sovereignty and freedom, Be it resolved the Capital Regional District will fly the Ukraine flag as a signal and symbol of support.
And be it further resolved,
The determination of when to stop flying the Ukraine flag will be made by the Board Chair in consultation with CRD staff and will be communicated to the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- flag policy
- duration of flying the flag
- support Ukraine aside from symbolic gestures

MOVED by Director Ranns, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the motion be amended to add the words:
That the decision to remove the flag will be made by the Board Chair and confirmed by the Board.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Martin,
That the amending motion be replaced with the following words:
That the flag be flown for three months with the option for any Director to bring a motion to increase or reduce the duration.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Bateman, Blackwell, Brice, Desjardins, Haynes, Helps, Hicks, Holman, Loveday, McNeil-Smith, Mersereau, Murdoch, Orr, Plant, Ranns, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Taylor, Williams, Windsor, Young

The question was called on the amending motion.

That the decision to remove the flag will be made by the Board Chair and confirmed by the Board.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Bateman, Blackwell, Brice, Desjardins, Haynes, Helps, Hicks, Howe, Isitt, Loveday, McNeil-Smith, Mersereau, Murdoch, Orr, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Williams, Windsor

The question was called on the Motion.

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Whereas the Capital Regional District stands with the people of Ukraine in their pursuit of peace, sovereignty and freedom,
Be it resolved the Capital Regional District will fly the Ukraine flag as a signal and symbol of support.
And be it further resolved,
The determination of when to stop flying the Ukraine flag will be made by the Board Chair in consultation with CRD staff and will be communicated to the Board.
CARRIED

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

That the CRD Board request that the Board Chair and staff contact the Ukrainian

Cultural Centre to discuss actions that the CRD and municipalities could take to support the Ukraine and the local Ukraine population within the CRD and that the Board and member municipalities be updated on the outcome of this discussion.

MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
That the same day consideration be applied to the Notice of Motion.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
That the CRD Board request that the Board Chair and staff contact the Ukrainian Cultural Centre to discuss actions that the CRD and municipalities could take to support the Ukraine and the local Ukraine population within the CRD and that the Board and member municipalities be updated on the outcome of this discussion.
CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

12.1. [22-170](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

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

MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
2. That the meeting be closed for Labour Relations under Section (90)(1)(c) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
3. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
4. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
5. That the meeting be closed for Intergovernmental Negotiations in accordance with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

The Capital Regional District Board moved to the closed session at 2:03 pm.

13. Rise and Report

The Capital Regional District Board rose from the closed session at 4:24 pm and reported on the following items:

In accordance with Bylaw No. 3749, that the following be appointed to the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Emergency Advisory Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2023: Brenda Clairo, Michel Chiasson, Chief Mike Dine, Frances Glover, Roger Pettit, Chief Kyle Stobart.

In accordance with Bylaw No. 2541, that the following be appointed to the Water Advisory Committee for a two year term ending December 31, 2023: Ashley Fernandes.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the March 9, 2022 Capital Regional District Board meeting be adjourned at 4:25 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER