

Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional District Board

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

1:05 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC

Special Meeting - Final Budget

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: C. Plant (Chair), M. Alto, J. Bateman (for M. Tait), P. Brent, S. Brice, J. Brownoff (EP), J. Caradonna, C. Coleman, Z. de Vries, B. Desjardins, S. Goodmanson (EP), G. Holman, D. Kobayashi, M. Little, C. McNeil-Smith, K. Murdoch, D. Murdock, C. Stock (for P. Jones), L. Szpak, D. Thompson, S. Tobias (EP), A. Wickheim, K. Williams, R. Windsor

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; I. Jesney, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; R. Lachance, Senior Manager, Financial Services; B. Semmens, Manager, Financial Planning & Performance; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors P. Jones, M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the agenda for the March 15, 2023 Session of the Capital Regional District Board be approved.

MOVED by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
To waive notice of a special meeting matter to add the following item to the agenda:

- 4.2. Island Corridor Foundation Update

CARRIED

The question was called on the amended motion:

That the agenda for the March 15, 2023 Session of the Capital Regional District Board be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS

4.1. [23-073](#) Bylaw No. 4537: 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2023

T. Robbins and N. Chan spoke to Item 4.1.

N. Chan provided the CRD 2023-2027 Final Budget presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- annual average population growth
- impact of land banking requisition funds on budget
- status of reserve funds
- increase in cost of wastewater treatment chemicals
- changes in jurisdictional property assessments
- payments in lieu of taxes
- financial impact per average household
- jurisdictional impacts of land banking requisition
- process of establishing requisition rates

MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Brice,

That the meeting be recessed at 2:26 pm.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- current housing projects
- land banking service establishment bylaw
- five year financial plan projection
- unallocated funds related to housing projects

Director Windsor left the meeting at 2:49 pm and joined electronically.

MOVED by Director de Vries, SECONDED by Director Thompson,

1. That Bylaw No. 4537, "2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2023", be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Opposed: Tobias

MOVED by Director de Vries, SECONDED by Director Brent,

2. That Bylaw No. 4537 be read second time.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- housing crisis and affordable housing
- inflation in the region
- land banking policy

MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Windsor,

To remove the land banking amount of \$3.6 million from the budget.

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Brent,

That the meeting be extended past the 3 hour scheduled time.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding:

- closing potential equity gaps on project funding
- lack of information to support the requisition of funds
- infrastructure funds for electoral areas

Director D. Murdock left the meeting at 4:24 pm.

Director K. Murdoch left the meeting at 5:01 pm and joined electronically.

Director D. Murdock joined the meeting electronically at 5:07 pm.

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the previous question to remove the land banking amount of \$3.6 million
from the budget be called.

CARRIED

The question was called:

To remove the land banking amount of \$3.6 million from the budget.

CARRIED

Opposed: Alto, Brent, Brice, Murdock, Caradonna, Coleman, de Vries, Plant,
Thompson

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

2. That Bylaw No. 4537 be read a second time as amended.

CARRIED

Opposed: Brent, Caradonna, de Vries

4.2. [23-243](#)

Island Corridor Foundation Update

Chair Plant presented Item 4.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding reconciliation.

The Board thanked Chair Plant for his advocacy.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the March 15, 2023 Capital Regional District Board meeting be adjourned at
5:24 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER