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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee  
Held September 25, 2013, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

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**Present: Directors:** N. Jensen (Chair), D. Blackwell, J. Cullington (for C. Hamilton), V. Derman, B. Desjardins, D. Fortin, W. Milne, S. Olsen (for D. Howe), V. Sanders (for J. Brownoff), A. Bryson (Board Chair, ex officio)

**Staff:** L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Recovery; T. Watkins, Manager, Solid Waste Operations; S. Asdal, (recorder)

**Absent:** J. Mendum (Vice Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Milne,  
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the supplementary agenda.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,  
That the minutes of the July 24, 2013, meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair remarked that at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention, on behalf of the CRD, he accepted the Climate and Energy Action Award for Public Service Collaboration. The award recognizes the work of the CRD in collaboration with BC Hydro and post-secondary institutions in engaging students to address climate change issues.

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

- 1) Rebecca Cotterell re: agenda item 11(b): objected to the license amendment application citing the inability of the facility to control odours at the current capacity level, health risks to neighbouring residents, declining property values, the need for bylaw compliancy and supported the transfer of compost to Hartland Landfill for processing.
- 2) Brenda Antonson, The Citizens of Tanner Ridge and the Martindale Hunt Association re: agenda item 11(b): spoke of odours from the facility, resulting health issues suffered by residents, the lack of bylaw enforcement, birds transferring material from the facility to adjacent properties and objected to plastics and meat being included in the compost process.
- 3) Anna Clemente re: agenda item 11(b): spoke of the impact of the odours from the facility on her health and that of neighbouring residents, inaction from Vancouver Island Health Authority to recognize residents' right to clean air, acknowledged the efforts of the

CRD and the District of Central Saanich to address the issue but expressed the need to establish a long-term solution rather than a temporary fix.

- 4) Cathie Ounsted, District of Central Saanich re: agenda item 11(b): as a District Councillor objected to reinstating the license of the facility due to the contravention of many District bylaws, expressed the need for an industrial area for a compost facility and spoke of the impact of the odour on her family's health and quality of life.

**5. Regional Kitchen Scraps Processing (ERM 13-36)**

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report highlighting that the only licensed facility in the CRD has been suspended from receiving food waste and with other facilities on Vancouver Island reaching their licensed capacity, there is an immediate need to identify a short-term solution for diverting kitchen scraps. The Committee discussion included the following topics:

- Continuing to send collected food waste to existing facilities in the Cowichan Valley Regional District until a long-term solution is identified
- Integrating the waste stream, utilizing gasifiers to produce energy
- Sending material to processing facilities on the Mainland
- Revenue associated with landfilling material in the short-term
- Establishing a processing facility at Hartland Landfill
- Success of municipal kitchen scrap programs and the need to continue

**MOVED** by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,  
That consideration of the staff report be deferred until longer term options can be considered; and

That the sending of food waste to existing processors in the Cowichan Valley Regional District continue with the material being landfilled in the event capacity is reached.

**CARRIED**

**6. Security Services for Hartland Landfill – Award of Contract 13-1774 (ERM 13-35)**

**MOVED** by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Milne,  
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That Contract 13-1774, Security Services for Hartland Landfill, be awarded to Paladin Security for three years, with up to two one-year extensions, with the first year tendered amount being \$58,751.78.

**CARRIED**

7. **Bowker Creek Initiative – 2012 Annual Report (EEP 13-32)**

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Sanders, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
That the Environmental Services Committee receive the Bowker Creek Initiative 2012  
Annual Report for information.

**CARRIED**

8. **Verbal Update from Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

Deferred until next meeting.

9. **Verbal Update from Public and Technical Advisory Committee, Integrated Solid Waste  
Resource Management Plan**

Deferred until next meeting.

10. **Verbal Update from Roundtable on the Environment**

L. Hutcheson reported that a facilitated workshop has been scheduled between the  
Roundtable on the Environment, the Environmental Services Committee and the Planning,  
Transportation and Protective Services Committee for October 23.

**MOVED** by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Sanders,  
That the update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Director Blackwell left the meeting at 10:57 am.

11. **Information Items**

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Milne,  
That the Committee receive the following reports for information:

- a) General Manager's Report (EHQ 13-33)
- b) Letter from Mayor Bryson, District of Central Saanich, re: Diversion of Organic Waste  
from Hartland Landfill and Composting (September 6, 2013)
- c) Letter from Mayor Bryson, District of Central Saanich, re: Foundation Organics Recycler  
License (September 9, 2013)
- d) Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership Minutes – May 15, 2013

**CARRIED**

12. **New Business:** There was none.

13. **Motion to Close the Meeting**

**MOVED** by Director Bryson, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Cullington,  
That the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4,  
Division 3, Section 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district

**CARRIED**

The Committee moved to the closed session at 11:00 am.  
The Committee rose from the closed session at 11:17 am without report.

**14. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 11:17 am.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK