

Capital Regional District

Meeting Minutes Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

Present:

Directors: J. Brownoff (Chair), R. Kasper (9:31 for M. Tait, Vice-Chair), D. Blackwell, C. Day (for C. Hamilton), W. McIntyre, J. Ranns, C. Stock (9:42 for A. Finall), K. Williams, G. Young

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services, G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection, S. Norton, Deputy Corporate Officer, P. Perna, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Also Present: Director M. Hicks

Absent:

Director(s): R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Director Blackwell, Seconded by Director Williams,

That the agenda for the March 25, 2015 Environmental Services Committee be approved as amended to add Item 6.1 under New Business: Request for correspondence to Minister Pollack regarding the arrangement of water supply to Nestle Waters.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the February 25, 2015 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

Alternate Director R. Kasper arrived at 9:31 am.

Moved by Director Blackwell, Seconded by Director Williams,

That the minutes of the February 25, 2015 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

The chair advised that she was at a conference in Vancouver and sessions included how local governments can cause buildings to reduce environmental impacts and the powers that can be utilized within bylaws and zoning. The chair also did a presentation on climate change, which was one of several presentations on this subject.

4. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

5. Committee Business

5.1. Award of Contract 15-1826 - Processing and Marketing Scrap Metals and White Goods

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report advising this is an award of tender for the committee's consideration.

Moved by Director Blackwell, Seconded by Director Young,

That the Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That Contract 15-1826, Processing and Marketing Scrap Metals and White Goods, be awarded to Schnitzer Steel Canada Ltd. in the tendered amount of \$97,020.00 (inclusive of GST) for the first year of the contract (12 months).

CARRIED

5.2. Millstream Meadows Remediation Project - Update

G. Harris provided an overview of the report and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the Millstream Meadows Remediation Project.

Alternate Director C. Stock arrived at 9:42 am.

In response to questions, staff and committee members provided background on the cost-sharing arrangements.

Moved by Alternate Director Day, Seconded by Alternate Director Stock,

That the Millstream Meadows Remediation Project - Update report be received for information.

CARRIED

5.3. Declaration Recognizing the Right to a Healthy Environment in the Capital Regional District

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

In the ensuing discussion, some members felt the declaration was aspirational in nature, while others were concerned with the risks involved, especially if it became entrenched in the Charter of Rights.

Moved by Director Young, Seconded by Alternate Director Stock,

That the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District make a modified declaration (Appendix A) recognizing that all Canadians have a right to a healthy environment and allow for a review of the broader declaration (Appendix B) in the future.

DEFEATED

Blackwell, Stock, Ranns, Kasper, McIntyre OPPOSED

5.4. The Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC - Inter-Regional Education Initiative

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Director Young, Seconded by Alternate Director Stock,

That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:

That continued participation by the Capital Regional District in the Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative be endorsed and supported.

CARRIED

5.5. Sea Level Rise Update

G. Harris provided an overview of the report and provided information on the guidelines.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Flow of municipal feedback to the Province through the working group
- Desire for wave impact analysis information
- Provincial standards for setbacks; one versus different setbacks for different coastlines

Moved by Alternate Director Day, Seconded by Alternate Director Kasper,

That the Environmental Services Committee receive the Sea Level Rise Update report for information.

CARRIED

5.6. Residential Heating Oil Tanks in the Capital Regional District

G. Harris provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Alternate Director Stock, Seconded by Director Blackwell,

That the Environmental Services Committee receive the Residential Heating Oil Tanks in the Capital Regional District report for information and direct staff to host a workshop with municipalities, electoral areas, and senior government to discuss risk management options to reduce or prevent leaks from residential heating oil tanks, using funds from the Stormwater Quality Program budgets across the region.

CARRIED

5.7. Update and Previous Minutes from Roundtable on the Environment

Moved by Director Williams, Seconded by Alternate Director Day,

That the Update and Previous Minutes from Roundtable on the Environment be received for information.

CARRIED

5.8. Update and Previous Minutes from the Public and Technical Advisory Committee, Integrated Solid Waste Resource Management Plan (Minutes Unavailable)

L. Hutcheson advised that the minutes are unavailable because the committee has not met yet to adopt the minutes.

6. New Business

6.1 Request for Correspondence to Minister Pollack Regarding the Arrangement of Water Supply to Nestle Waters.

Discussion ensued regarding Nestlé Waters' arrangements with the Province to purchase B.C. ground water at minimum cost while many B.C. communities are facing water shortages.

It was decided that staff would assist Director McIntyre in drafting the letter to Minister Pollack, and decide which would be the correct standing committee to consider the letter.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Alternate Director Day, Seconded by Director Blackwell,
That the March 25, 2015 Environmental Services Committee be adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER