

Meeting Minutes
Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: J. Brownoff (Chair), R. Kasper (for M. Tait, Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, C. Stock (for A. Finall), W. McIntyre, B. Gramigna (for J. Ranns), K. Williams, R. Windsor (9:50), G. Young, N. Jensen (Board Chair, ex officio)

STAFF: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

ALSO PRESENT: Alternate Director L. Hundleby (9:34)

ABSENT: Director C. Hamilton

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Alternate Director Gramigna, That Nancy Wilkins be added as a presenter under item 4.1 to address the information in item 5.5, and that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. 15-540 Adoption of the Minutes of the March 25, 2015, Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Williams, That the minutes of March 25, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Brownoff remarked on her attendance on behalf of the CRD Board to the Renewable Energy Global Learning Forum in Vancouver, where it was reported that 30 countries in the world have seen solar energy costs go down and topics such as green bonds were discussed.

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 15-613 4.1 Presentation: Nancy Wilkins, Roundtable on the Environment, Invasive Plant Species Management in the CRD

Nancy Wilkins spoke to item 5.5 on behalf of the CRD Roundtable on the Environment, gave an overview of invasive species impacts, the work of the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership, and the Royal Roads University student report on best practices for the governance of invasive species. She reported that the Roundtable on the Environment would like to offer the service of reviewing the current state of play and

recommending options. She clarified that the Roundtable is offering to study governance, disposal and education, but destruction methods could be part of the discussion if they were mandated to study it.

The Committee commented on the desirability of an Internet-based, centralized library of plant species with pictures in order to identify them and learn of their benefits or of reasons and methods to dispose of them.

N. Wilkins clarified that financial metrics were obtained from a report produced in 2013 by the Invasive Species Council.

This presentation was received.

5. Committee Business

5.1. 15-506 Next Steps - Board Strategic Priority - Integrated Waste Management

L. Hutcheson gave an overview of the staff report. On the motion, the Committee discussed the technology and Board direction. L. Hutcheson clarified that the facilitator would be an external resource. The workshop would not be intended to examine new technologies but would address the alignment of the Environmental Resource Management service plan and budget with the relevant Board strategic priorities.

Director Windsor entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The Committee requested information on the history and cost impacts of CRD involvement in operating the Hartland landfill, and the Provincial regulations. Staff will provide an orientation on the full service background as part of the introduction to the workshop. The Committee also requested that information on gasification be provided at the workshop.

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Young,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That a workshop be held in late June to obtain Board direction on next steps and timing of the Board's Integrated Waste Management priority.
CARRIED**

5.2. 15-508 Climate Action Program - 2014 Annual Report and Presentation

G. Harris provided an overview of the staff report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Staff provided clarification on several points. A workshop on energy will be provided at the next meeting.

**Moved by Director Williams, seconded by Director Windsor,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
1) That the Climate Action Program 2014 Annual Report be approved; and
2) That staff be directed to post the final annual report on the Capital Regional District website.
CARRIED**

5.3. 15-507 Bowker Creek Initiative - 2014 Annual Report

G. Harris gave an overview of the staff report.

**MOVED by Alernate Director Stock, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board**

1) That the Bowker Creek Initiative 2014 Annual Report be approved; and
2) That staff be directed to post the final annual report on the Capital Regional District website.

CARRIED

5.4. 15-535 Update and Previous Minutes from Roundtable on the Environment

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Stock, That the March 6, 2015, minutes from the Roundtable on the Environment be received for information.

CARRIED

5.5. 15-566 Memo from the Roundtable on the Environment to Judy Brownoff, Chair, Environmental Services Committee regarding Invasive Plant Species Management in the CRD (May 20, 2015)

Chair Brownoff summed up the comments made during the presentation given earlier on the agenda. The Committee discussed funding and Provincial responsibility.

L. Hutcheson clarified that the CRD manages some of the invasive species and wildlife issues through its different services, but to take it to the next level would require a new service. Staff will bring forward a report on the implications.

MOVED by Alternate Director Stock, **SECONDED** by Director Williams, That staff be requested to report on the current status of invasive species management in the region, the disposal methods that currently exist in the region and the coordination of education that is available to the public and private interests in the region about the impacts of invasive species.

CARRIED

5.6. 15-273 Update and Previous Minutes from the Public and Technical Advisory Committee, Integrated Solid Waste Resource Management Plan (Minutes Unavailable)

By consent, the Committee agreed to have this item on future agendas only when the advisory committee has met and there are minutes to be received.

6. New Business: There was none.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Stock, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER