

Meeting Minutes
Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

11:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: V. Derman (Chair), R. Windsor (Vice Chair), R. Atwell, D. Blackwell, C. Hamilton, L. Hundleby (for B. Desjardins, Board Chair, ex officio), R. Kasper, W. McIntyre, J. Ranns, K. Williams

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; B. Reems, Corporate Officer, and N. More, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Atwell, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the agenda be approved.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. 16-120 Adoption of Environmental Services Committee Minutes of November 25, 2015

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the Environmental Services Committee minutes of November 25, 2015, be adopted.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Derman remarked on the emphasis on climate change for this year, and on his intent to make the Committee as collaborative as possible. He remarked that on today's agenda was a brief roundtable where members could make suggestions for future agendas.

4. Presentations/Delegations

MOVED by Director Kasper, **SECONDED** by Director Hamilton,
That Andrew Pape-Salmon be allowed to speak as a delegation on behalf of the Roundtable on the Environment regarding item 5.4.
CARRIED
UNANIMOUS

4.1 16-159 Delegation: A. Pape-Salmon, Roundtable on the Environment, re item 5.4

A. Pape-Salmon spoke on behalf of the Roundtable on the Environment regarding item 5.4. He expressed that regional districts and municipalities in B.C. that have an energy plan have been shown to leverage funds leading to tangible benefits for residents. He spoke in favour of alternative 2 in the staff report, to prepare a business case for developing a regional energy strategy. The members of the Roundtable were prepared to volunteer their time to support the effort.

5. Committee Business**5.1. 16-123** Liaison to Roundtable on the Environment (verbal)

**MOVED by Director Ranns, SECONDED by Director Atwell,
That Chair Derman be appointed as liaison to the Roundtable on the
Environment.
CARRIED**

5.2. 16-119 2016 CRD Board Standing Committee Terms of Reference and Work Programs (ESC)

L. Hutcheson provided highlights of the report, including a change to the terms of reference in that the Committee may also recommend to the Board to advocate to senior levels of government for programs and regulations to reduce emissions and/or prepare for climate change. As advised in the staff report, the Steering Committee on Climate Action could service that task but its terms of reference would need to be amended to add a Director to its membership in order to link it to the Board.

The Committee sought clarification on flexibility on dealing with topics that may not be covered by the terms of reference, as well as how to better share information between committees that cover topics in common.

On the motion, the Committee discussed being mindful of cost considerations and whether the proposed points are already covered under other CRD committees or commissions.

**MOVED by Director Atwell, SECONDED by Director McIntyre,
That the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**That a bullet point be added under the heading of 1.0 Purpose on page 1 of the
Terms of Reference to indicate the Committee is concerned with and responsible
for preservation and/or restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem health.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED Blackwell, Hamilton, Kasper

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**That the Committee priorities and work program as outlined in the Priorities
Dashboard be confirmed.**

CARRIED

- 5.3. 16-107** Extension of Contract 13-1765 - Operation of the Hartland Landfill
- MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Contract No. 13-1765 - Operation of the Hartland Landfill be extended until Dec 31, 2016.
CARRIED**
- 5.4. 16-105** CRD Roundtable on the Environment Energy Strategy Proposed Initiatives
- L. Hutcheson provided highlights of the report.
- The Committee sought clarification on monitoring climate action initiatives, the link between energy and climate action, the service establishment bylaw for the climate action program, the budget and the FTE position that would be engaged in searching for grants.
- On the motion, the Committee discussed climate change.
- MOVED by Director Kasper, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That staff incorporate the Roundtable on the Environment recommendations which can be included within the current service delivery and that staff continue to pursue external grant opportunities that will support regional energy related planning and programming.
CARRIED**
- MOVED by Director Kasper, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the above motion be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board for approval.
CARRIED**
- 5.5. 16-94** Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Recommendations on Solid Waste Management for Vancouver Island (Postponed from February 5, 2016 meeting)
- L. Hutcheson provided highlights of the report.
- MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Kasper,
That Director Windsor be appointed as the representative to continue participation on the Association of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Special Committee on Solid Waste.
CARRIED**
- On the motion, the Committee discussed gasification and the role of the CRD in solid waste management in the region.
- MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director McIntyre,
That the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Special Committee's proposed priority areas of work for continued discussion be endorsed.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Director Ranns**

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Special
Committee on Solid Waste's State of Solid Waste Management report be
forwarded to the Capital Regional District Special Task Force on Integrated
Resource Management for information.
CARRIED

6. Roundtable Discussion

6.1. 16-124 Roundtable Discussion (verbal)

Chair Derman invited members to suggest items they would like to see on future agendas. The Committee discussed the Paris convention on climate change, sewer sludge disposal, and regulations made prior to technological progress.

7. New Business

8. Motion to Close the Meeting

8.1. 16-129 Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4,
Division 3, 90 (1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district;
(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a
document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom
of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and (m) a matter that, under another
enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.
CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 12:45 p.m.
The Committee rose from the closed session at 1:20 p.m. without report.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Atwell, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER