

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Blackwell, V. Derman, L. Helps, M. Hicks, W. McIntyre, J. Ranns, K. Williams, R. Windsor, B. Desjardins (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; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; N. More, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

ABSENT: Directors R. Atwell (Vice Chair), W. McIntyre, M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

- 2.1. [17-66](#) Adoption of the Environmental Services Committee Minutes of November 23, 2016

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the Environmental Services Committee minutes of November 23, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hamilton thanked the Committee for their dedication. She remarked on her duty to represent the Capital Regional District on behalf of the Board Chair at a Federation of Canadian Municipalities-sponsored project in Lima, Peru, from January 31 to February 4, 2017.

4. Presentations/Delegations

There were none.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [17-52](#) 2017 Board Standing and Select Committees - Terms of Reference (Environmental Services Committee)

**MOVED by Director Derman, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the terms of reference for the 2017 Environmental Services Committee as
attached in Appendix A be approved.**

Chair Hamilton called on staff for comment. L. Hutcheson reported that of the committees listed in the Terms of Reference which report through the Environmental Services Committee, the Roundtable on the Environment and the Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force both had a focus on climate action and could be consolidated into one climate action advisory committee, if the Environmental Services Committee so wished.

**MOVED by Director Derman, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
That the terms of reference be referred to staff to report back on the potential to
consolidate the Roundtable on the Environment and the Climate Action Inter
Municipal Task Force into a climate action advisory committee.
CARRIED**

5.2. [17-45](#)

2016 Solid Waste Stream Composition Study Results

L. Hutcheson gave an overview of the report and highlighted that the data would be used to forward the work on integrated resource management. R. Smith provided highlights of the report. The Committee sought clarification on the potential for energy recovery from kitchen scraps, integrated resource management (IRM) and the work of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

The motion to receive the report for information was put. The Committee sought clarification on the methods of enforcement related to deliveries of waste to the landfill and directed staff to report back on fines and tactics.

The Committee sought clarification on the successes, opportunities and challenges of waste diversion and directed staff to report back on the potential for shifting the waste diversion education and enforcement focus from residential to industrial, commercial and institutional.

The Committee discussed the possibility of requiring transparent plastic bags instead of black bags.

Staff confirmed the EcoStar award program was still ongoing to celebrate sustainable behaviour in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors.

The Committee discussion included the following topics:

- gaps in waste diversion such as multi-family dwellings
- March 2018 end date of contract for hauling away diverted kitchen scraps
- deciding on the fate of kitchen scraps, like processing in-region
- successful waste diversion and subsequent reduced tipping fee revenue
- the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and decisions on IRM
- information on solid waste composition for solid waste hauling industry
- leverage the EcoStar award to subsequently focus on the winning sector
- hi-tech composting solutions, such as an example from Korea
- constraints to an RFP, given the limits on control of solid waste in the region

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That this report be received for information.
CARRIED

5.3. [17-47](#) The Right to a Healthy Environment in the Capital Regional District

The motion was put and the Committee noted that, in the staff report, the City of Langford had been left off the list of local governments that had passed declarations. The Committee discussed the right to drink clean water and the challenges of the Regional Growth Strategy.

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That this report be received for information.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Hicks

5.4. [17-46](#) Regional Source Control Program - Emerging Contaminants Reduction Plan

L. Hutcheson provided highlights of the report.

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That this report be received for information and forwarded to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee and Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for information.
CARRIED

6. Correspondence

6.1. [17-70](#) Correspondence: Letter from Minister of Transport Marc Garneau to Board Chair Desjardins re Designation of the Salish Sea as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (January 4, 2017)

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That this item of correspondence be received for information.

On the motion, the Committee discussed the Capital Regional District as representing the people along the coast of the region.

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Capital Regional District Board respond to the Government of Canada by stating that although the CRD supports the protection of the Salish Sea, the Capital Regional District wants to be directly involved and consulted on the implementation of the Ocean Protection Plan.
CARRIED

The question was called on the first motion:

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That this item of correspondence be received for information.
CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1. 17-83 CRD Representation at the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities

The Committee discussed representation on the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

Chair Hamilton called for nominations and Director Windsor was acclaimed as the Capital Regional District representative to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

8. Motion to Close the Meeting

8.1. [17-63](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, 90 (1) (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.
CARRIED**

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:39 a.m.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER