

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), N. Taylor (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, L. Helps (EP), M. Hicks (EP), G. Holman (EP), G. Orr (EP), J. Ranns (1:32 pm), K. Williams (EP), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio) (EP)

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Closson, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Desjardins provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the agenda for the January 20, 2021 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-086](#) Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Ranns, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of October 21, 2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted that it is an exciting time for our region and for environmental initiatives. COVID and our subsequent actions to respond to COVID has shown our human environmental footprint. From 2019 to 2020 we saw a drop in noise

and air pollution from less travel, and an increase in waste as we returned to plastics for safety measures. With the draft Solid Waste Management Plan, we have an opportunity to learn from the impact of COVID in the short term for best management of waste in the long term. The CRD has been a leader in environmental protection in the past and we need to make decisions and move forward on our management for the future.

The Chair also referred to a South Island Prosperity Partnership presentation from earlier in the day called "Confident and Competitive - Canada's Role as an Economic Leader in the 21st Century". One of the speakers was noted as saying that "Canada is great at innovation but not at innovation adoption" and the Chair on the basis of that comment, went on to tell the committee that it is now time.

Chair Desjardins completed her remarks by thanking the Board Chair Plant for the opportunity to chair the committee and is ready to move the committee forward in getting to work.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [21-044](#) 2021 Environmental Services Committee Terms of Reference

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the Terms of Reference and noted the addition of First Nation committee membership wording in the document.

Discussion ensued on the rationale for not permitting Board members to vote at a committee meeting with a possible future discussion at the Board level.

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the Environmental Services Committee receive the 2021 Terms of
Reference, attached as Appendix A.
CARRIED**

6.2. [21-080](#) 2021 Solid Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the Terms of Reference for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

Discussion ensued on the following:

- definition of "major" solid waste management matters
- clarification to the scope of SWAC
- SWAC's role in measuring the success and progress on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan goals and targets

Discussion ensued on the amendment regarding representation:

- membership growth and composition numbers
- skill and experience of members
- Highlands representation

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Ranns,
That the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended to
include a Solid Waste Technology Representative.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the Environmental Services Committee approve the 2021 Terms of
Reference for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as amended.
CARRIED**

6.3. [21-058](#) Results from Solid Waste Advisory Committee Self-Evaluation Surveys

R. Smith provided an overview of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Self -
Evaluation Survey results.
Director Taylor spoke further to this item.

Discussion ensued on the level of work completed by the committee on the
survey in relation to the amount of staff time.

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Ranns,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:
That this report be received for information and that no changes be made to the
Solid Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
CARRIED**

6.4. [21-053](#) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Motion of November 6, 2020

R. Smith provided an overview of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Motion
of November 6, 2020 regarding waste reduction targets.

Discussion ensued on the following:
- options for future targets
- anticipated costs
- thermal and emerging technologies
- Enerkem consultation
- timeline for provincial submission
- waste target initiatives
- current staff direction

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That staff be directed to continue work on updating the Solid Waste Management
Plan and that staff be directed to report back as soon as reasonably practical
after the approval of the Solid Waste Management Plan on measures that can be
taken to achieve more aggressive waste reduction targets.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Blackwell, Holman, Plant, Ranns**

6.5. [21-081](#) Solid Waste Management Plan Consultation - Phase 2 - Verbal Update

R. Smith provided a verbal update on the Solid Waste Management Plan
Consultation - Phase 2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- composting of food waste
- future discussions at Board
- consultation with Highlands and other communities

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Ranns,
That the verbal update be received for information.
CARRIED**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the January 20, 2021 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 2:33 pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER