

## Meeting Minutes

### Environmental Services Committee

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Wednesday, April 21, 2021

1:30 PM

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

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#### PRESENT

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

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

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director Windsor

Guests: R. Mersereau, B. Isitt

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Taylor provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,  
That Director Mersereau be permitted to participate (without vote) in the April 21,  
2021 Environmental Services Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the agenda for the April 21, 2021 Environmental Services Committee  
meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [21-313](#) Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Environmental Services Committee meeting.

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of April 21,  
2021 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair had no remarks.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [21-320](#) Delegation - Hugh Stephens: Representing Mount Work Coalition: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Finalizing the Solid Waste Management Plan

H. Stephens spoke to the shortcomings in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

- 5.2. [21-321](#) Delegation - Daniel Kenway: Representing Willis Point Community Association: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Finalizing the Solid Waste Management Plan

D. Kenway provided a presentation in support of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

#### 6. Committee Business

**6.1.**     [21-274](#)     Organics Processing Next Steps

L. Hutcheson spoke to item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Processing capacity
- Feedstock supply
- Soil productivity
- Potential impact on local governments approach to waste management
- Kitchen scraps hauling
- In-region hauling

The Chair thanked staff for their work.

Director Ranns left the meeting at 1:57 pm.

**MOVED by Director Hicks, SECONDED by Director Plant,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional  
District Board:**

**That the Capital Regional District continue with the status quo of hauling and  
processing organics to private sector facilities on lower/mid-island, and signal to  
the market, through this resolution, that should the private sector establish an  
in-region facility, the Capital Regional District would consider working with  
municipalities to commit feedstock, pending pricing, greenhouse gas reductions,  
odour, location, and other environmental considerations.**

**CARRIED**

**6.2.**     [21-314](#)     Finalizing the Solid Waste Management Plan

L. Hutcheson spoke to item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Education campaigns for local governments
- Hartland expansion
- Long term emission targets
- Plan update regularity

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That Director Isitt be permitted to participate (without vote) in the April 21, 2021  
Environmental Services Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional  
District Board:

- a) Refer the attached report from Zero Waste British Columbia dated February 10, 2021 to staff, to inform revisions to the Solid Waste Management Plan, and,
- b) Endorse the goal of the CRD becoming a national leader in Zero Waste and the Circular Economy in solid waste management.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,  
That the Board:

- c) Direct staff to strengthen the emphasis on the principles of Zero Waste and Circular Economy in the Solid Waste Management Plan, including in the waste-reduction targets within the plan.

**DEFEATED**

Opposed: Blackwell, Desjardins, Hicks, Holman, Orr, Plant

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional  
District Board:

1. That the final draft Solid Waste Management Plan be approved, that the final draft plan be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for regulatory approval, that staff immediately begin implementing the Solid Waste Management Plan, and that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee begins to function as the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Helps, Taylor

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional  
District Board:

2. That staff work with the WSANEC Leadership Council to implement recommendations from their February 9, 2021 letter, including establishing a WSANEC Leadership Council/Capital Regional District negotiation table and related meeting schedule, and providing information regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,

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

3. That staff prepare a package of Hartland area road access mitigation options costing up to \$4 million funded by the Capital Regional District's Environmental Resource Management division, review these options with District of Saanich staff and area residents, and return to the CRD Board for direction on next steps. [At the April 14, 2021 meeting, the CRD Board referred the following motion with notice to the Environmental Services Committee for consideration].

**CARRIED**

**6.3.**     [21-273](#)

Landfill Gas Emissions Quantification at Hartland Landfill

G. Harris spoke to item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding landfill gas emissions.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Plant,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That this report be received for information**

**CARRIED**

**6.4.**     [21-275](#)

Environmental Resource Management - 2020 Progress Report

R. Smith spoke to item 6.4.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Taylor,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That the Environmental Resource Management 2020 Progress Report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**6.5.**     [21-290](#)

Capital Regional District Climate Action - 2020 Annual Report

G. Harris spoke to item 6.5.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Climate action strategy draft plan
- Adaptation planning
- Emissions for the Capital Regional Housing Corporation buildings
- Interim target planning
- Future climate action goals and policy development
- Operational and service funding

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Plant,  
That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That the 2020 Climate Action Annual Report be received for information; and,
2. That staff complete all Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program reporting requirements and submit to the Province by the reporting deadline (currently June 1, 2021) and post on the CRD website.

**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 Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,  
That the April 21, 2021 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned  
at 3:15 pm.  
**CARRIED**