

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

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

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; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Desjardins provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda under New Business:
8.1.: Recycling Update (Verbal)

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,
That the agenda for the January 19, 2022 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved as amended.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [22-051](#) Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,
That the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Environmental Services Committee be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Chair acknowledged

that we as a region, will need to work together to push forward in this last year of this Board's mandate.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [22-035](#) 2022 Environmental Services Committee Terms of Reference

**MOVED by Director Ranns, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the Environmental Services Committee receive the 2022 Terms of
Reference, attached as Appendix A.
CARRIED**

6.2. [22-039](#) 2020 Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- accuracy of the sequestration figures within the report
- creating a household greenhouse gas calculator
- decreasing commercial natural gas emissions
- the impact cruise ships have on emission levels in the region
- Hartland landfill emission reductions and management
- addressing gaps in the climate action approach
- sharing reports with municipalities via the Inter-Municipal Climate Action Task Force

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Orr,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:
That the 2020 Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory report be received for
information.
CARRIED**

6.3. [22-034](#) Zero-Emissions Fleet Initiative - Final Study Report

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the effect cold weather has on the performance of electric vehicles
- consideration of adding cargo bikes to the fleet
- talking with other government bodies regarding joint procurement of e-trucks
- the target date for converting the corporate fleet

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:
That the Zero-Emissions Fleet Initiative Final Study Report be received for
information.
CARRIED**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

8.1. Recycling Program Update (Verbal)

R. Smith provided a verbal update regarding the recycling program.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- forwarding the media advisory to people who have reached out to the CRD
- that due to a bear problem, Port Renfrew has closed the kitchen scraps transfer station
- encouraging residents to subscribe to the RecycleCRD app
- heavy volume resulting in multiple missed pick-ups for residents at the end of routes
- that staff provide a follow-up report at the next meeting of this committee

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the January 19, 2022 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 2:31 pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER