

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

9:30 AM

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

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman (9:33 am) (EP), D. Kobayashi (EP), D. Murdock, M. Tait (9:43 am) (EP), D. Thompson (9:51 am) (EP), A. Wickheim, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; N. Elliott, Climate Action Program Coordinator, Environmental Protection; L. Ferris, Manager, Policy & Planning, Environmental Resource Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the agenda for the March 29, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

- 3.1. [23-258](#) Delegation - Philippe Lucas; Representing Biosolid Free BC: Re: Agenda Item 4.1.: Long-term Biosolids Planning and Biosolids Thermal Plan Updates

P. Lucas spoke to Item 4.1.

- 3.2. [23-259](#) Delegation - Jonathan O'Riordan; Representing Peninsula Biosolids Coalition: Re: Agenda Item 4.1.: Long-term Biosolids Planning and Biosolids Thermal Plan Updates

J. O'Riordan spoke to Item 4.1.

4. Special Meeting Matters

4.1. [23-253](#) Long-term Biosolids Planning and Biosolids Thermal Plan Updates

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 4.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- gasification and thermal processing of biosolids in North America
- international participation in RFP
- co-processing of municipal waste streams
- pyrolysis pilot study in Kelowna and pilot study in Esquimalt
- resource recovery and potential innovation grants
- funding for thermal processing pilot studies
- potential collaboration with other regional districts
- air quality and differentiating technologies
- timelines for consolidation, proposal call, and long term plan

Director Tait joined the meeting at 9:43 am.

Director Thompson joined the meeting at 9:51 am.

Director Murdock left the meeting at 9:53 am.

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

1. That staff develop a consultation plan for long-term biosolids management for the July Environmental Services Committee meeting, to be implemented in the fall of 2023; and
2. That staff concurrently initiate a Request for Proposals process for a biosolids advanced thermal site trial.

Director Murdock returned to the meeting at 10:05 am.

Director Tait left the meeting at 10:16 am.

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the following words be added following" site trial"; "and that the RFP be
scoped broadly to include potential for co-processing of municipal solid waste
streams, and that submissions be welcomed from both domestic and
international vendors".**

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

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1. That staff develop a consultation plan for long-term biosolids management for the July Environmental Services Committee meeting, to be implemented in the fall of 2023; and
2. That staff concurrently initiate a Request for Proposals process for a biosolids advanced thermal site trial; and that the RFP be scoped broadly to include potential for co-processing of municipal solid waste streams, and that submissions be welcomed from both domestic and international vendors.

CARRIED

- 4.2. [23-239](#) Capital Regional District Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force
- N. Elliott spoke to Item 4.2.
- MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task force, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
CARRIED**
- 4.3. [23-131](#) Central Saanich Request for CRD Carbon-based Budget Policy
- N. Elliott spoke to Item 4.3
- Discussion ensued on the participants and outcomes of the workshop.
- Motion Arising:
MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Plant,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That CRD staff host a workshop on the concept of carbon budgeting with municipal and electoral area staff and elected officials.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Holman**
- 4.4. [23-236](#) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Motions of March 3, 2023
- R. Smith presented Item 4.4. for information.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- organics processing and composting within the region
 - current mandates on collection
 - waste composition study
 - Compost Education Centre
- MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That staff be directed to explore mandatory curbside organics collection from the municipalities around the region.
CARRIED**
- 4.5. [23-241](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information
- The following minutes were received for information:
- a) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - March 2, 2023
 - b) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Minutes - February 3 and March 3, 2023

5. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Murdock, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the March 29, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 10:58 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER