

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

11:30 AM

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

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair) (12:32 pm), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman (EP), D. Murdock, M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; N. Elliott, Manager, Climate Action Programs; K. Jo, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director(s) D. Kobayashi, A. Wickheim, C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Brownoff provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Murdock,
That the agenda for the September 27, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

- 3.1. [23-702](#) Delegation - Lyndsey Smith; Costal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership:
Re: Agenda Item 4.3. Service Planning 2024 - Climate Action Community
Need Summary

L. Smith spoke to Item 4.3.

4. Special Meeting Matters

4.1. [23-645](#) Service Planning 2024 - Solid Waste & Recycling Community Need Summary

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 4.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- material stream diversion and current triage processes at Hartland
- enforcement of bylaws
- kitchen scraps and organics waste stream processing
- Millstream Meadows Remediation

MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Murdock, The Environmental Services Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board: That Appendix A, Community Need Summary - Solid Waste & Recycling, be approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

4.2. [23-672](#) Environmental Resource Management - 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

L. Hutcheson and R. Smith spoke to Item 4.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- termination of BC Hydro contract for transition to natural gas
- transition from producing electrical power to natural gas
- thermal processing pilot project operating and capital budget
- decommissioning process of power generating facility
- debt versus reserve funding for Renewable Natural Gas facility

MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Murdock, The Environmental Services Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board: That Appendix A, Operating & Capital Budget - Environmental Resource Management be approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

4.3. [23-658](#) Service Planning 2024 - Climate Action Community Need Summary

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 4.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- decrease of greenhouse gas and the correlation with policy response
- policy analysis and reduction goal achievement
- climate strategy versus alignment with local and senior government
- connections between environmental biologist and invasive species coordinator
- outstanding EV grant applications

Director Tobias joined the meeting at 12:23 pm.

**MOVED by Director Tobias, SECONDED by Director Murdock,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends the Committee of the
Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Community Need Summary - Climate Action, be approved as
presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial Plan.
CARRIED**

4.4. [23-676](#) 2022 Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory

N. Elliott presented Item 4.4. for information

Discussion ensued on the following:

- tracking of Community Energy and Emissions Inventories versus BASIC+
- territorial emissions
- regional versus corporate emissions
- sequestrated emission changes
- GHG impacts of regional parks trail widening

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional
District Board:
Given an increase in CRD emissions, staff to present new, innovative, and
ambitious options, and measures to reduce this trend in future years.**

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the motion arising be amended to add the words ", and achieve our existing
2038 emissions target."
CARRIED**

The questions was called on the motion arising as amended.

**That the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**Given an increase in CRD emissions, staff to present new, innovative, and
ambitious options, and measures to reduce this trend in future years, and
achieve our existing 2038 emissions target.**

CARRIED

4.5. [23-663](#) Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Steering Committee - Funding Request

N. Elliott spoke to Item 4.5.

Discussion ensued on the concepts of adaptation and mitigation.

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

That the CRD provide \$31,500 to the Community Energy Association to act as a secretariat and support priority initiatives of the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Steering Committee through 2024.

CARRIED

4.6. [23-656](#) Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy - Terms of Reference and CRD Appointment

R. Smith spoke to Item 4.6.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- thermal processing opportunities
- integrated resource management

Director Murdock left the meeting at 12:58 pm.

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

- 1. That the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy Terms of Reference be endorsed; and**
- 2. That the Environmental Services Committee Chair be appointed as the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy as the Capital Regional District elected representative, with the Environmental Services Committee Vice-Chair as alternate.**

CARRIED

5. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Tobias, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the September 27, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:01 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER