

## Meeting Minutes

### Environmental Services Committee

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

1:30 PM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair) (EP), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman (EP), D. Thompson, M. Westhaver (for D. Murdock)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management & Engineering Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; N. Elliott, Manager, Climate Action Programs; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors D. Kobayashi, D. Murdock, C. Plant, M. Tait, A. Wickheim

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

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Thompson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,  
That the agenda for the November 15, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [23-837](#) Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Environmental Services Committee Meeting
- MOVED** by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,  
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of October 18, 2023 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Tobias did not have any Chair's Remarks.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

### 5.1. Presentations

- 5.1.1. [23-861](#) CRD Local Conservation Fund - Presentation from Lyndsey Smith, Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership
- L. Smith presented on behalf of the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership regarding CRD Local Conservation Fund.

### 5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [23-877](#) Delegation - Ryder Bergerud; Representing Sue Big Oil Salt Spring Team: Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Motion with Notice: Class Action Lawsuit Sue Big Oil (Director Holman)
- R. Bergerud spoke to Item 7.1.
- 5.2.2. [23-882](#) Delegation - Jonathan O'Riordan; Representing Creatively United for the Planet Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.2. Financial Support for Township of Esquimalt Integrated Resource Management - Biochar Testing
- J. O'Riordan spoke to Item 6.2.
- 5.2.3. [23-887](#) Delegation - Francois Brassard; Representing Esquimalt Climate Organizers: Re: Agenda Item 6.2. Financial Support for Township of Esquimalt Integrated Resource Management - Biochar Testing
- F. Brassard spoke to Item 6.2.
- 5.2.4. [23-894](#) Delegation - Andrew Gage; Representing West Coast Environmental Law: Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Motion with Notice: Class Action Lawsuit Sue Big Oil (Director Holman)
- A. Gage spoke to Item 7.1.

## 6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-840](#) Hartland Landfill Policy Changes and Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 4497 and 4567

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- implications towards rural depots and transfer stations
- illegal and municipal levels of dumping
- waste conservation and tipping fee reporting
- cruise ship waste and waste reduction

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4497, "Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2023", be read a first, second and third time;
2. That Bylaw No. 4497 be adopted;
3. That Bylaw No. 4567, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 78, 2023", be read a first, second and third time; and
4. That Bylaw No. 4567 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

6.2. [23-858](#) Financial Support for Township of Esquimalt Integrated Resource Management - Biochar Testing

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- connection between pilot project and thermal processing
- biosolids usage for biochar
- cost advantages of testing biosolids and solid waste

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

**That the Capital Regional District provide \$50,000 to the Township of Esquimalt in support of municipal solid waste biochar testing costs.**

**CARRIED**

**6.3.**     [23-789](#)     Bylaw No. 4575 - Regional Coordination of Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship

P. Kickham spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- invasive species management
- funding sources and grant applications
- net requisition and offsetting adjustments

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4575, "Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023", be introduced and read a first, second and third time;
2. That participating area approval be obtained by regional alternative approval process; and
3. That Bylaw No. 4575 be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

**CARRIED**

**6.4.**     [23-862](#)     Tendering of Hartland Landfill Heavy Equipment Operations Services Contract

S. May spoke to Item 6.4.

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

That tendering Heavy Equipment Operations Services at the Hartland Landfill for a term of up to seven years be approved, with optional pricing for shredding services.

**CARRIED**

**7. Notice(s) of Motion**

7.1. [23-871](#) Motion with Notice: Class Action Lawsuit Sue Big Oil (Director Holman)

G. Holman spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- quantifying costs and benefits
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities potential funding sources
- climate change impacts

Director Desjardins left the meeting at 3:10 pm.

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

That staff report on the feasibility and merits of joining other local governments in a proposed class action lawsuit to recover a fair share of climate costs from 'big oil'.

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,  
That the main motion be amended to replace "and merits" with ", merits and role".

**CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

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

That staff report on the feasibility, merits and role of joining other local governments in a proposed class action lawsuit to recover a fair share of climate costs from 'big oil'.

**CARRIED**

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Westhaver, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,  
That the November 15, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:16 pm.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER