

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair, 10:13), L. Helps, G. Holman, M. Hicks, B. Parkinson (for M. Tait), J. Ranns (10:05), L. Seaton, N. Taylor, R. Windsor, G. Young, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

REGRETS: Director Howe

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the agenda for the January 23, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [19-079](#) Minutes of the Previous Environmental Services and Regional Parks Committee Meetings

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That the minutes of the October 3, 2018 Environmental Services Committee meeting and the September 19, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on the following key projects and initiatives in the work plan for 2019:

- development and consultation on the Solid Waste Management Plan
- identification of an in-regional or near-region Kitchen Scraps Processing solution
- increasing the capture and utilization of gas from the Hartland Landfill
- the remediation of Elk/Beaver Lake

- implementation of a regional invasive species management program
- renewal of the Regional Parks land acquisition fund
- major Regional Parks capital projects including:
 - Todd Creek Trestle and other trestles
 - washroom facilities
- biosolids generated from the Residuals Treatment Facility
- emerging issues that come up and need to be brought to the attention of the committee

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [19-081](#) Delegation: Caleigh Aalders Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
C. Aalders spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.2. [19-082](#) Delegation: Rupert Yakelashek and Franny Ladell Yakelashek Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
R. Yakelashek and F. Yakelashek spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.3. [19-083](#) Delegation: Robbie Newton Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
R. Newton spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.4. [19-084](#) Delegation: Michael Tacon Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
M. Tacon spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.5. [19-085](#) Delegation: Quinn MacDonald Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
Q. MacDonald spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.6. [19-086](#) Delegation: Susan Clarke Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
S. Clarke spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.7. [19-087](#) Delegation: John Rogers Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
J. Rogers, Councillor, Town of View Royal, spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.8. [19-097](#) Delegation: Jane Devonshire Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
J. Devonshire spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.

- 4.9. [19-098](#) Delegation: Mya Keay Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
M. Keay spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.10. [19-100](#) Delegation: Elanor Teel Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
E. Teel spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.11. [19-101](#) Delegation: Bev Bacon Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
B. Bacon spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency. Ms. Bacon also provided a book on behalf of E. Woodworth for the Capital Regional District's library written by Dr. Peter Carter and Ms. Elizabeth Woodworth titled "Unprecedented Crime: Climate Science Denial and Strategies for Survival (2017)".
- 4.12. [19-102](#) Delegation: Elizabeth Woodworth Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
E. Woodworth was not in attendance to present, but provided a handout for the Committee's consideration, which is on file in the Legislative Services department.
- 4.13. [19-103](#) Delegation: Rebecca Wolf Gage Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
R. Wolf Gage spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.14. [19-105](#) Delegation: Juliet Watts Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
J. Watts spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.15. [19-106](#) Delegation: Eric Doherty Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
E. Doherty spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.16. [19-107](#) Delegation: Howard Breen Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
H. Breen spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.17. [19-108](#) Delegation: Larry Wartels Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration
L. Wartel provided a website video in support of declaring a climate emergency.
- 4.18. [19-109](#) Delegation: Lise Wrigley Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency

Declaration

L. Wrigley was not in attendance to speak to the committee.

4.19. [19-110](#) Delegation: James Anderson Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration

J. Anderson was not in attendance to speak to the committee.

4.20. [19-111](#) Delegation: Gerry Gaydos Re: Motion with Notice - Climate Emergency Declaration

G. Gaydos spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [19-074](#) Terms of Reference - Parks and Environment Committee

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the Terms of Reference.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the Parks and Environment Committee receive the Parks and Environment
Committee Terms of Reference for information.
CARRIED**

5.2. [19-075](#) Revised Terms of Reference - Solid Waste Advisory Committee

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the revised Terms of Reference for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional
District Board:
That the revised Terms of Reference for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee be
approved.
CARRIED**

5.3. [19-071](#) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Chair Appointment

L. Hutcheson advised that a new Chair needs to be appointed by the Parks and Environment Committee.

Board Chair Plant nominated Director Ben Isitt as chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, who accepted the nomination.

The Vice-Chair took over presiding of the meeting of the nomination on the table for the Chair.

The Vice Chair called for further nominations. Seeing none, Director Isitt was acclaimed and appointed as Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Director Isitt reassumed the chair and presided the remainder of the meeting.

5.4. [19-072](#) Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)
Representative Appointment and Verbal Update

R. Smith provided an overview of meetings with the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities on solid waste matters and what acting as the representative entails.

Director Helps nominated Director Geoff Young to be appointed as the representative to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities, who accepted his nomination.

The Chair called for a second and third time for further nominations. Seeing none, Director Young was acclaimed and appointed as the representative to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

5.5. [19-073](#) Recycling Market Update (Verbal Update)

R. Smith advised of the following updates to the recycling market:

- China's change in their recycling rules, therefore the need to find new markets for certain products
- plastics and container recycling and what they are recycled into
- curbside glass collection processed in Abbotsford and Quesnel
- mixed paper recycling processed in British Columbia

Discussion ensued on the following:

- recycling and separation of glass types and colours and how they are collected
- Recycle BC incentives for multi-family glass recycling
- returning refundable and non-refundable glass bottles and jars to recycle depots
- contamination issues if recycling is not separated
- the pellets obtained from recycling and how they are used

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the verbal Recycling Market Update be received for information.
CARRIED**

5.6. [19-070](#) Motion with Notice (Helps-Taylor-Tait) - Climate Emergency Declaration

Director Helps spoke to the Motion with Notice providing an overview of each point in the motion.

Director Taylor spoke to the Motion with Notice and on working towards carbon neutrality by 2030.

Discussion ensued on separating items 1 through 4 with the addition to item 4 as item 4 (a) in the motion in order to have separate discussion on items 5 and 6.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- global fiscal crisis and debts across the globe
- affordability of switching to electric vehicles and solar panels

- carbon neutrality compared to targets already adopted that will not be met
- allowing electoral areas rights to make their own decisions regarding climate action and step codes
- requesting compensation from energy companies and suing companies for damages
- repercussions if companies stopped operating due to concerns
- benefits from carbon taxes
- taxing road use correctly by charging for driving during peak times and charging for parking on public property at all times
- incorporating items into the CRD strategic plan
- utilizing other power sources
- identifying policies

Discussion ensued on the recommendation under items 5 and 6 and Director Helps clarified the wording in the recommendation.

Director Windsor left the meeting at 12:23 pm and did not participate in the vote on the main motion for items 5 and 6 as amended.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That the Capital Regional District Board declare a Climate Emergency;
 2. That the CRD take a leadership role to work towards achieving carbon neutrality in the region by 2030;
 3. That the Board Chair write to all local governments in the region requesting that they also declare climate emergencies and commit to working towards climate neutrality by 2030;
 4. That staff be directed to submit a Letter of Intent for the \$1 million Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Theme Partnership Program by the deadline of February 15 2019, to address the question: "How can the Capital Region achieve carbon neutrality by 2030?"
- a) That this matter also be referred to the January 30, 2019 Strategic Planning meeting in addition to being forwarded to February 13, 2019 Capital Regional District Board meeting as part of the normal process.

CARRIED

- MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Screech,**
5. That the CRD Board Chair write to the Provincial Minister of the Environment, assert the CRD's support to help the Province close the 25% emissions gap in the CleanBC Plan, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the Region's 2030 target possible;
 6. That the CRD Board Chair write to the Federal Minister of the Environment, assert the CRD's support to help Canada meet its Nationally Determined Contribution target made in the Paris Agreement and call on the federal government to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the Region's 2030 target possible.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the main motion be amended to add an item 7 that states, "That staff be directed to report back to the committee on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to senior levels of government."
CARRIED**

Question was called on the main motion as amended.

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,

5. That the CRD Board Chair write to the Provincial Minister of the Environment, assert the CRD's support to help the Province close the 25% emissions gap in the CleanBC Plan, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the Region's 2030 target possible;

6. That the CRD Board Chair write to the Federal Minister of the Environment, assert the CRD's support to help Canada meet its Nationally Determined Contribution target made in the Paris Agreement and call on the federal government to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the Region's 2030 target possible;

7. That staff be directed to report back to the committee on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to senior levels of government.

CARRIED

5.7. [19-099](#) Climate Emergency Declaration - Supplementary Information

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Plant,

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. [19-088](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,

That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1),(e), the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district.

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 12:35 pm.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 12:42 pm without report.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,

That the January 23, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:42. pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder