

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: L. Szpak (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries (EP), B. Desjardins (EP), S. Goodmanson, C. McNeil-Smith (EP), D. Thompson, M. Westhaver (for D. Murdock (Chair)), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors P. Brent, D. Kobayashi, D. Murdock, M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Caradonna provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-860](#) Minutes of the July 19, 2023 and September 13, 2023 Transportation Committee Meetings

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meetings of July 19, 2023 and
September 13, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Szpak welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5. Presentations/Delegations

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That late delegation; J. Anderson, be permitted to speak.
CARRIED

- 5.1. [23-900](#) Delegation: J. Anderson Representing: Amalgamation Yes; Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Transportation Governance - What We Heard and Next Steps

J. Anderson spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [23-863](#) Regional Transportation Governance - What We Heard and Next Steps

K. Lorette introduced staff in attendance and spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the potential of developing a regional transportation planning authority
- the budget for completing the first steps
- the opportunity for further engagement with municipalities

MOVED by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That staff be directed to initiate concept development and analysis work as set out in the Regional Transportation Governance - What We Heard and Next Steps report based on level one and level two governance change.
2. That the CRD Board endorse, as set out in the Regional Transportation Governance - What We Heard and Next Steps report, three guiding principles on transportation governance.
3. That staff be directed to develop an engagement plan and schedule a workshop by Q2 2024 with local governments, electoral areas, partner agencies and interested First Nations.

MOVED by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the main motion be amended by adding the following wording
"4. That connectivity, grants, and traffic flow and congestion, be included in stage 2 for the concept development and analysis and be brought through the engagement and other next steps.

5. That staff investigate options and tools needed for including transportation planning in the regional approach to transportation governance changes."

CARRIED

OPPOSED: McNeil-Smith

Director Desjardins left the meeting at 10:55 am.

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

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report based on level one and level two governance change.

2. That the CRD Board endorse, as set out in the Regional Transportation Governance - What We Heard and Next Steps report, three guiding principles on transportation governance.

3. That staff be directed to develop an engagement plan and schedule a workshop by Q2 2024 with local governments, electoral areas, partner agencies and interested First Nations.

4. That connectivity, grants, and traffic flow and congestion, be included in stage 2 for the concept development and analysis and be brought through the engagement and other next steps.

5. That staff investigate options and tools needed for including transportation planning in the regional approach to transportation governance changes.

CARRIED

6.2. [23-687](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

Discussion ensued regarding:

- plans for future traffic camera installations in the region
- the role of the Transportation Working Group in regards to regional transportation governance

Director de Vries left the meeting at 11:05 am.

The following minutes were for information:

- a) **Traffic Safety Commission minutes of July 11, 2023**
- b) **Traffic Safety Commission minutes of September 12, 2023**
- c) **Transportation Working Group minutes of September 11, 2023**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [23-668](#) Motion with Notice: Intersection Safety Camera Program (Directors Kobayashi and Thompson)

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the CRD advocate to the provincial government to expand the Intersection Safety Camera Program, installing new red light and speeding cameras in the Capital Region in locations with high levels of casualty crashes.
CARRIED**

7.2. [23-901](#) Notice of Motion: Advocacy for Province-wide Trip Reduction Program (Director Caradonna)

Director Caradonna provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Transportation Committee:

“That the CRD echo Metro Vancouver's call for the BC Government to set up a province-wide trip reduction program, and that the Chair of the CRD Board send a letter to the Premier requesting the creation of and a timeline for the introduction of a trip reduction program.”

7.3. [23-902](#) Notice of Motion: Presentation on BC Clean Transportation Action Plan (Director Thompson)

Director Thompson provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at

the next meeting of the Capital Regional District Board:

"That the Board direct staff to deliver a presentation on the new BC Clean Transportation Action Plan including the Vehicle Kilometres Travelled target and other targets and goals from the Regional Transportation Plan, and Climate Action Strategy, and other plans early in the new year."

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the November 15, 2023 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:18 am.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER