

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:00 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: L. Szpak (Vice Chair) (9:14 am), K. Armour (for B. Desjardins), P. Brent, S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries, S. Goodmanson, D. Kobayashi, C. McNeil-Smith (EP) (9:17 am), M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, M. Westhaver (for D. Murdock (Chair)), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio) (EP)

Staff: K. Morley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; 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 B. Desjardins, D. Murdock

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 am.

The meeting reconvened at 9:16 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Brice provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Westhaver,
That the agenda for the February 21, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-176](#) Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Westhaver,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of November 15, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Szpak thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [24-221](#) Delegation - Edward Pullman; Representing Capital Bike: Re: Agenda Item 6.3: Use of Rigid Bollards on CRD Regional Trails

E. Pullman spoke to Item 6.3.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [24-036](#) 2024 Transportation Committee Terms of Reference

K. Lorette presented Item 6.1. for information.

- 6.2. [24-220](#) Literature Review of E-bike and Micro-mobility Safety

K. Lorette presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- opportunities for participating municipalities to liaise with CRD staff
- creating a model bylaw or policy regarding micro-mobility on regional trails
- the intention of the provincial pilot program

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Brent,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the CRD Board advocate to the provincial government to consider amending the Motor Vehicle Act to allow electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and micro-mobility devices, to operate in designated bike lanes and/or routes.

**MOVED by Alternate Director Armour, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the motion arising be amended by adding the words "in a safe manner" after the words "to operate".**

CARRIED

The question was called on the motion arising as amended.

The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board advocate to the provincial government to consider amending the Motor Vehicle Act to allow electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and micro-mobility devices, to operate in a safe manner in designated bike lanes and/or routes.

CARRIED

6.3. [24-162](#) Use of Rigid Bollards on CRD Regional Trails

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the reason for using rigid rather than flexible bollards
- the effectiveness of flexible bollards
- the financial impact of replacing bollards region-wide

Motion Arising:

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

That the CRD Board direct staff to report back on the findings of the design phase of the Trestles and Trail widening project, including but not limited to interim options and implications regarding the use of rigid bollards and possible alternatives such as flexible bollards.

CARRIED

6.4. [24-045](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of October 10, 2023
- b) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of November 14, 2023
- c) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of December 12, 2023
- d) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of January 9, 2024
- e) Transportation Working Group minutes of October 30, 2023

7. Notice(s) of Motion**7.1.** [24-032](#) Motion with Notice: Advocacy for Province-wide Trip Reduction Program (Director Caradonna)

Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of demand management when considering a new transportation service.

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

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.

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the February 21, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:45 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER