

## Meeting Minutes

### Governance and First Nations Relations Committee

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Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:30 AM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: M. Little (Chair), K. Williams (Vice Chair), M. Alto, P. Brent, D. Cavens (B. Desjardins), C. Coleman, K. Murdoch, D. Murdock (EP), C. Plant (EP), M. Tait (EP)

Staff: K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; C. Neilson, Senior Manager, People, Safety and Culture; D. Ovington, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration; K. Bittorf, Manager, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation; A. Prisniak, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, First Nations Relations; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors B. Desjardins, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Williams provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,  
That the agenda for the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting of February 4, 2026 be approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [26-0132](#) Minutes of the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting of December 3, 2025

**MOVED** by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,  
That the minutes of the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting of December 3, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Little welcomed the committee and noted it was National Cancer Day.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [26-0107](#) 2026 Governance and First Nations Relations Committee Terms of Reference
- K. Morley presented Item 6.1. for information
- Discussion ensued on the composition of the committee and the ability for First Nations members to abstain from voting.
- 6.2. [26-0061](#) 2026 Appointments Advisory Committee
- M. Lagoa spoke to Item 6.2.
- MOVED by Director Brent, SECONDED by Alternate Director Cavens,  
The Governance and First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the  
Capital Regional District Board:  
That the membership of the Appointments Advisory Committee for 2026 include  
Governance and First Nations Relations Committee Chair Little and the following  
two committee members: Director Coleman, and Director Plant.  
CARRIED**
- 6.3. [26-0014](#) Accessibility Reviews for three Salt Spring Island Recreation Facilities
- C. Neilson spoke to Item 6.3
- MOVED by Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Coleman,  
The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends the Governance and First  
Nations Relations Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair provide a letter of support for the  
Sparc BC Local Community Accessibility Grant Program.  
CARRIED**

6.4. [26-0082](#) CRD Reconciliation Action Plan

K. Morley and C. Vernon spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- initiative timelines and incorporating First Nations feedback
- strategic vision, service planning and resources
- collaboration among local governments and regional districts
- provincial guidance document and collaboration working groups
- Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPPA)
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- funding resources, feasibility and implementation of the plan

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Alto,  
The Governance and First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the  
Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That the Board direct staff to share the draft Reconciliation Action Plan with First Nations for their review and input, and where possible, work with First Nations to incorporate their feedback; and
2. That staff report back to the Board with the revised Plan for final approval.

**CARRIED**

6.5. [26-0133](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

There is no recommendation. The following minutes are for information only.

- a) Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee - January 23, 2025
- b) Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee - April 24, 2025
- c) Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee - June 26, 2025
- d) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting - November 18, 2025

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

There were no notice(s) of motion.

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Alto,  
That the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting of February  
4, 2026 be adjourned at 10:35 am.**

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER