

## Meeting Minutes

### Environmental Services Committee

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

9:30 AM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff (EP), J. Caradonna, G. Holman (EP), D. Kobayashi (EP), M. Tait, D. Thompson, M. Westhaver (for C. Plant) (EP), A. Wickheim (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; N. Elliott, Manager, Parks, Planning and Development; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,  
That the agenda of the Environmental Services Committee of June 18, 2025 be  
approved.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1. [25-0706](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of April 16, 2025

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Tobias,  
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of April 16, 2025 be  
adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Solid Waste Management Plan progress report.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Committee Business

### 6.1. [25-0445](#) Climate Action Strategy Renewal - Vision, Principles, Goals and Targets

R. Tooke spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the scope of framework and municipal consultation
- regional growth strategy and future updates
- adaptation, mitigation strategies and intention to advance climate action
- workflow advancement and timeframe to ensure engagement
- context of "boldly" and alignment with priorities
- regional and corporate targets for emission reduction
- decision making and intention to achieve targets
- financial considerations and potential funding options

**MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Tobias,  
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional  
District Board:  
That the CRD adopt the guiding framework for the CRD's renewed Climate Action  
Strategy, as stated in Appendix A.**

Referral Motion:

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,  
Refer to staff to revise the wording in Appendix A to reflect the CRD's existing  
commitment to working to reduce community wide GHG emissions (i.e. climate  
mitigation).**

Discussion ensued regarding the rationale of the language in Appendix A.

The question was called on the referral motion:

**Refer to staff to revise the wording in Appendix A to reflect the CRD's existing  
commitment to working to reduce community wide GHG emissions (i.e. climate  
mitigation).**

**CARRIED**

**6.2.**     [25-0692](#)     Additional Opportunities for Regional Climate Action

R. Tooke presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- mitigation strategies and urban assets
- impacts of parks and natural areas
- resources and funding considerations
- zero carbon step code reduction
- federal and provincial programs to increase funding and capacity building
- transportation service and GHG emission reduction
- adaptation and cost of climate impacts such as forest fire or sea level rise
- strategies within our parks and protected areas
- asset renewals and management

**Director Tobias left the meeting at 10:44 am.**

Motion Arising:

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

**Direct staff to develop an advocacy motion to the Province requesting enabling  
legislation related to enhanced climate action at the local government level.**

**CARRIED**

**6.3.**     [25-0648](#)     Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 3881 Amendment  
and Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 4685 and 4675

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion regarding the update on the cruise ship waste diversion.

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

- 1. That Bylaw No. 4685, "Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2025", be read a first, second, and third time;**
- 2. That Bylaw No. 4685 be adopted.**
- 3. That Bylaw No. 4675, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 85, 2025", be read a first, second, and third time;**
- 4. That Bylaw No. 4675 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**6.4.**     [25-0737](#)     Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for  
Information

**The following minutes were received for information only:**

- a) Solid Waste Advisory Committee - June 6, 2025**

## 7. Notice(s) of Motion

- 7.1.     [25-0489](#)     Motion with Notice: Potential UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (Director Brownoff)
- J. Brownoff spoke to Item 7.1.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- timeframe
  - implications
- MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith, The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**
- Direct staff to report on a potential UNESCO Biosphere Reserve application and outline related implications.**
- CARRIED**
- 7.2.     **25-0780**     Notice of Motion: Blue Box Recycling Programs in Schools (Director Caradonna)
- Director Caradonna proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting:
- “That staff report back on how the Solid Waste Management Plan could be leveraged to extend the blue box recycling program to schools across the region (not including the City of Victoria) as well as other institutional customers.”

## 8. New Business

There was no new business.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,**

**That the June 18, 2025 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:12 am.**

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER