

Meeting Minutes

Governance Committee

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

9:30 AM

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

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: M. Little (Chair), S. Goodmanson (Vice Chair), K. Armour (for B. Desjardins) S. Brice, C. Coleman, G. Holman, P. Jones, K. Murdoch (9:37 am), D. Murdoch, S. Tobias (EP), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal & Risk Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest(s) Director D. Kobayashi (EP)

Regrets: Director B. Desjardins

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Jones provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the agenda for the July 10, 2024 Governance Committee be approved and that Director Kobayashi be permitted to participate (without vote).
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-513](#) Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Governance Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of April 3, 2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Little thanked everyone who participated in the Pride Parade.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-718](#) Advocacy to Support Local Government Act Legislative Reform Initiative

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- UBCM advocacy and working group
- funding and business regulation
- current impact to regional district operations

Director Murdoch joined the meeting in person at 9:37 am.

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Brice,
The Governance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Board Chair write a letter of support for the Local Government Act
Legislative Reform Initiative addressed to Minister Kang, with copies to UBCM
President Mandewo and Chair Craig of the Regional District of Nanaimo.
CARRIED**

6.2. [24-719](#) Advocacy to Sustain Funding for At-Risk Youth Counselling

S. Carey spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the importance of the MYST and CRED programs.

**MOVED by Director Goodmanson, SECONDED by Director Coleman,
The Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee recommends the
Governance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the CRD Board Chair send an advocacy letter to the Province to encourage
renewed support for the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Mobile
Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion
(CRED) program, with consistent and sustainable funding to encourage renewed
and additional support for the MYST youth counsellor position in the very near
future due to the critical and urgent work with vulnerable youth and their
families within the CRD.
CARRIED**

6.3. [24-717](#) Creation of a Sub-regional Service for Expansion of the West Shore RCMP Detachment

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- CRD responsibility and indemnification
- financial isolation, cost overrun and analysis
- jurisdiction of land and existing property
- legal framework allowance and ownership of assets

**MOVED by Director Goodmanson, SECONDED by Director Murdoch,
The Governance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That CRD continue to engage in discussions with staff from the municipalities of
Colwood, Langford and View Royal to explore the creation of a sub-regional
service to expand the West Shore RCMP detachment.**

CARRIED

6.4. [24-716](#) Electronic Meetings and Participation by Members

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on closed meeting guidelines and confidentiality and merits surrounding online participation.

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director Goodmanson,
The Governance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That staff be directed to report back to the Governance Committee with bylaw
amendments to update the provisions for electronic meetings and electronic
participation of members of CRD committees, commissions and boards.**

CARRIED

6.5. [24-514](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting - March 19, 2024

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [24-510](#)

Motion with Notice: Regional Diversity on CRD Committees and Commissions (Alternate Director Riddell)

Chair Little spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on complications and appointing agencies.

MOVED by Director Little, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
The Governance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That staff explore options to ensure that CRD Commissions and Committees reflect the diversity of our region's population, including gender diversity, to the greatest extent possible, and report back to the board with recommendations.

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the main motion be amended by adding the words "non-board" before the word "Committees".

CARRIED

Opposed: Armour, Coleman, Holman, Jones, Murdoch

MOVED by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the main motion be amended by replacing the word "ensure" with "support".

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended:
That staff explore options to support that CRD Commissions and non-board Committees reflect the diversity of our region's population, including gender diversity, to the greatest extent possible, and report back to the board with recommendations.

CARRIED

Opposed: Jones

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the July 10, 2024 Governance Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER