

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

1:30 PM

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

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: S. Tobias (Vice Chair), K. Armour (for B. Desjardins), J. Brownoff (2:08 pm) (EP), J. Caradonna, G. Holman, D. Kobayashi (EP), D. Murdock (EP), M. Tait (1:32 pm) (EP), D. Thompson, A. Wickheim (1:54 pm) (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; R. Smith, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; N. Elliott, Manager, Climate Action Programs; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; T. Watkins, Manager, Environmental Resources Management, Policy and Planning; K. Jo, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Service; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director(s) B. Desjardins, C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Holman provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

Director Tait joined the meeting electronically at 1:32 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Armour,
That the agenda for the September 25, 2024 Environmental Services Committee
meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. Special Meeting Matters

- 4.1. [24-864](#) Environmental Resource Management - 2025 Operating and Capital Budget
- R. Smith spoke to Item 6.1.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- cost allocation, debt financing and overhead rates
 - service delivery and CRD services
 - innovative project funding and revenue generation
- Director Wickheim joined the meeting electronically at 1:54 pm.**
- MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson, The Environmental Services Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board: That Appendix A, 2025 Operating and Capital Budget - Environmental Resource Management be approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2025-2029 Financial Plan.**
- CARRIED**
- 4.2. [24-851](#) New Hartland Policies - Quarterly Update
- T. Watkins presented Item 4.2. for information.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- diversion stations metrics and co-processing possibilities
 - compliance and enforcement performance indicators
 - clean versus dirty wood processing
- Director Brownoff joined the meeting electronically at 2:08pm**
- 4.3. [24-865](#) Update on Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets
- N. Elliott presented Item 4.3. for information.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- cost reduction analysis and carbon pricing
 - regional versus corporate emissions
 - Hartland GHG active capture

4.4. [24-870](#) Climate Budgeting Update

N. Elliott spoke to Item 4.4.

Discussion ensued on cost reflection and analysis.

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

That staff be directed to:

- 1. Work internally on the elements of Climate Budgeting to understand what new governance mechanisms would look like in practice.**
- 2. Develop public communications materials, based on the latest greenhouse gas inventory data, for use by the CRD and local governments that more clearly communicate the urgency of this policy issue; and**
- 3. Utilize Climate Budgeting approaches in the CRD's next climate action strategy planning cycle.**

CARRIED

4.5. [24-914](#) Organic Matter Recycling Regulation, Biosolids Literature and Legal Review - Verbal Update

P. Kickham presented Item 4.5. for information.

Discussion ensued on concerns regarding contaminants and Health Canada updates to address PFAS (forever chemicals).

4.6. [24-873](#) Solid Waste Disposal: Hartland Landfill Tonnage Report - July 2024

T. Watkins presented Item 4.6. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- out of region tonnages
- exportation and control of exported waste
- comparison of 2024 versus 2023 tonnages

4.7. [24-877](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Solid Waste Advisory Committee - September 6, 2024**

5. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the September 25, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 2:46 pm.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER