

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

1:30 PM

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

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning (EP); N. Elliott, Manager, Climate Action Programs; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Desjardins provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the agenda for the January 17, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-083](#) Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of November 15, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins advised committee members they would be receiving an email from the Board Chair regarding information received via the Biosolids consultation process. Staff will bring forward a report at the January 31st special Board meeting.

The Chair shared an update of the motion put forward in August regarding a proposal for academic and legal review of Biosolids land application. The Province's review is to be completed at the end of January 2024.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-021](#) 2024 Environmental Services Committee Terms of Reference

L. Hutcheson presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. [24-046](#) Climate Budgeting Update

N. Elliott spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the value of focusing on the climate budget rather than the carbon budget
- contributions of the Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force
- consideration of a cost analysis

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That this item be postponed until after the City of Victoria staff have reported to
Victoria City Council on this topic and the report is received at the CRD.
CARRIED**

6.3. [24-057](#) Measures to Reduce Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions

N. Elliott spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of the budget allotment for education and outreach
- GHG emissions resulting from buildings & transportation
- responsibilities and contribution of the auxiliary position

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

That the Climate Action service initiate a 2024 budget amendment for \$190,000 utilizing existing service budget reserves to accommodate:

1. a one-year auxiliary term position to develop a community mobilization program and undertake regional education activities; and
2. additional policy analysis, regulatory reviews, and greenhouse gas (GHG) modelling related to innovative policy approaches identified through the GHG policy mapping initiative.

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the main motion be amended to include the following wording,
"3. to report back on modelling expanded mass transit in the CRD and its potential climate impacts."

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be further amended to add the wording,
"to accelerate climate mitigation action in order to get on track to achieve our 2038 GHG targets, including", before the wording "existing service budget reserves".

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Climate Action service initiate a 2024 budget amendment for \$190,000 utilizing existing service budget reserves to accelerate climate mitigation action in order to get on track to achieve our 2038 GHG targets, including to accommodate:

1. a one-year auxiliary term position to develop a community mobilization program and undertake regional education activities; and
2. additional policy analysis, regulatory reviews, and greenhouse gas (GHG) modelling related to innovative policy approaches identified through the GHG policy mapping initiative.
3. to report back on modelling expanded mass transit in the CRD and its potential climate impacts.

CARRIED

Director Plant left the meeting at 2:48 pm.

6.4. [24-056](#) Boats Management Options in Regional Waters for Local Governments

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of stakeholders to be involved in the workshop
- the locations of dedicated moorage areas within the region

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

**That staff host a regional workshop regarding boats management options for
local governments.**

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That Chair Plant contact appropriate provincial and federal ministers requesting
their participation as well as their senior staff at the workshop.**

CARRIED

6.5. [24-063](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information.

- Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force Meeting - December 1, 2023
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting - December 1, 2023

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
That the January 17, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 2:58 pm.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER