

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

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

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

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest(s) B. McShane, VP Operations, Recycle BC; E. Grubner, Specialist Collection, Recycle BC

Regrets: Director D. Kobayashi

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Caradonna provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the agenda of the Environmental Services Committee of July 16, 2025 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0838](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of June 18, 2025

MOVED by Director Tobias, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of June 18, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the committee's work thus far and expressed appreciation to staff for their work.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [25-0836](#) Presentation: Brendan McShane, VP Operations, Western Canada, Recycle BC and SK Recycles; Re: Expanding Collection Opportunities

B. McShane and E. Grubner presented Item 5.1.1 Expanding Collection Opportunities.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- material collection of flexible plastics
- jurisdictional equipment and vehicle procurement
- provincial ban on single use plastics
- rural depots
- healthcare plastics
- multi-unit residential buildings
- market for soft plastic recycling
- green house gas emissions
- tonnage of collected recycled materials
- management of materials
- material trucked from victoria to mainland
- cruiseship collaboration

5.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0864](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information only:

- a) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - June 27, 2025

7. Motion with Notice

7.1. [25-0781](#) Motion with Notice: Blue Box Recycling Programs in Schools (Director Caradonna)

J. Caradonna spoke to Item 7.1.

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

**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.**

Discussion ensued on the following:

- extending services to multifamily
- barriers and implications to implementation
- expectations of participants in recycling and compost programs
- compliance, enforcement and diversion rates

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be amended to remove the words "blue box".
CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

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

**That staff report back on how the Solid Waste Management Plan could be
leveraged to extend the recycling program to schools across the region (not
including the City of Victoria) as well as other institutional customers.**

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

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

**That CRD staff write to school districts within the Capital Regional District to
inform/remind them of their obligations to participate in recycling and food
scraps programs as established via municipal and regional district bylaw and the
solid waste management program. And to thank them for the programs that
already exist in their schools.**

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [25-0852](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the meeting be closed for proposed service in accordance with Section (90)
(1)(k) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the
Regional District.

CARRIED

The Environmental Services Committee went into closed at 10:54 am.

The Environmental Services Committee rose from closed session at 11:43 am
without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the Environmental Services Committee meeting of July 16, 2025 be
adjourned at 11:43 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER