

Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10:30 AM

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

Special Meeting - Strategic Plan

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: C. Plant (Chair), M. Little (Vice Chair), P. Brent, S. Brice, J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, C. Coleman, B. Desjardins, S. Goodmanson (10:35 am), G. Holman, P. Jones, S. Kim (for M. Alto) (EP), D. Kobayashi, C. McNeil-Smith, K. Murdoch, S. Riddell (for R. Windsor), L. Szpak, M. Tait, D. Thompson, A. Wickheim, K. Williams

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; A. Fraser, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; C. Gilpin, Manager, Arts & Culture Support Service; F. Lopez, Manager, Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors M. Alto, Z. de Vries, D. Murdock, S. Tobias, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Little provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the agenda for the May 8, 2024 Session of the Committee of the Whole be
approved.
CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. Special Meeting Matters

4.1. [24-453](#) Board Priorities Annual Check In

T. Robbins and K. Lorette presented Item 5.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- stakeholder consultation potential impact on parkland acquisition
- expanding the delegated authority of the SSI Local Community Commission
- legislative requirements to gain approval to establish a new service
- the objective of a Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee

Director Jones left the meeting at 11:24 am.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Murdoch,
That the Corporate Plan be amended to include the six new initiatives.
CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- lessons learned from alternative approval process
- exploring the establishment of an indigenous guardian program within regional parks
- addressing the increase and types of wastes in relation to population growth
- focusing on balanced representation for committee and commission appointments
- regional arts facility service and creation of select committee
- developing a clear budget for each strategic priority initiative
- progress on the board priorities and impact of adding new initiatives

Director Caradonna left the meeting at 11:50 am.

**MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Murdoch,
The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
1. That the level of effort on Board Priorities be adjusted as directed by the
Committee of the Whole; and
2. That staff, through the service and financial planning processes, provide
recommendations in funding, timing and service levels for 2025 in accordance
with the amended direction.**

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the main motion be amended to include as item 2.a) "That the CRD Board
re-establish a Select Committee to determine options and recommendations
related to "scaling up" regional support for performing arts facilities in the
region."**

Discussion ensued regarding regional support for a performing arts facility.

The question was called on the amendment:

**That the main motion be amended to include as item 2.a) "That the CRD Board
re-establish a Select Committee to determine options and recommendations
related to "scaling up" regional support for performing arts facilities in the
region."
CARRIED**

Opposed: Desjardins, Holman, Kobayashi, Wickheim

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Szpak,
That the main motion be amended to include as item 2.b) "Direct staff to report back on what more the CRD can do to achieve the stated goal of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, including but not limited to scaling up efforts using existing tools, and working with other levels of government to obtain additional tools."

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,
That the main motion be amended to include as item 2.c) "That for the 2025 budget discussion, staff provide refined estimates of expenditures for each strategic goal."

Discussion ensued regarding feasibility of aligning strategic goals with expenditures.

The question was called on the amendment:

That the main motion be amended to include as item 2.c) "That for the 2025 budget discussion, staff provide refined estimates of expenditures for each strategic goal."

CARRIED

Opposed: Brent, Desjardins, McNeil-Smith

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the main motion be amended to include as item 2.d) "Ask staff to report back on options to develop a region-wide campaign to support increasing voter turnout in the 2026 local government elections in the CRD."

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Riddell,
That the amending motion be further amended to add the wording "and candidate participation" after the wording "voter turnout".

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the amendment and the amendment to the amendment be referred to the next Capital Regional District Board meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the level of effort on Board Priorities be adjusted as directed by the Committee of the Whole; and
2. That staff, through the service and financial planning processes, provide recommendations in funding, timing and service levels for 2025 in accordance with the amended direction:
 - a) That the CRD Board re-establish a Select Committee to determine options and recommendations related to "scaling up" regional support for performing arts facilities in the region.
 - b) Direct staff to report back on what more the CRD can do to achieve the stated goal of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, including but not limited to scaling up efforts using existing tools, and working with other levels of government to obtain additional tools.
 - c) That for the 2025 budget discussion, staff provide refined estimates of expenditures for each strategic goal.

CARRIED

5. Motion to Report to the Board

5.1. [24-458](#) Motion to Report to the Board

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the Committee of the Whole report to the Capital Regional District Board at
the May 8, 2024 regular meeting regarding Item 4.1.
CARRIED

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the May 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 12:43 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER