

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair) (EP), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman (EP), D. Thompson, M. Westhaver (for D. Murdock)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management & Engineering Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; N. Elliott, Manager, Climate Action Programs; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors D. Kobayashi, D. Murdock, C. Plant, M. Tait, A. Wickheim

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Thompson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the agenda for the November 15, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [23-837](#) Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Environmental Services Committee Meeting
- MOVED** by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of October 18, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Tobias did not have any Chair's Remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

- 5.1.1. [23-861](#) CRD Local Conservation Fund - Presentation from Lyndsey Smith, Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership
L. Smith presented on behalf of the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership regarding CRD Local Conservation Fund.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [23-877](#) Delegation - Ryder Bergerud; Representing Sue Big Oil Salt Spring Team: Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Motion with Notice: Class Action Lawsuit Sue Big Oil (Director Holman)
R. Bergerud spoke to Item 7.1.
- 5.2.2. [23-882](#) Delegation - Jonathan O'Riordan; Representing Creatively United for the Planet Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.2. Financial Support for Township of Esquimalt Integrated Resource Management - Biochar Testing
J. O'Riordan spoke to Item 6.2.
- 5.2.3. [23-887](#) Delegation - Francois Brassard; Representing Esquimalt Climate Organizers: Re: Agenda Item 6.2. Financial Support for Township of Esquimalt Integrated Resource Management - Biochar Testing
F. Brassard spoke to Item 6.2.
- 5.2.4. [23-894](#) Delegation - Andrew Gage; Representing West Coast Environmental Law: Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Motion with Notice: Class Action Lawsuit Sue Big Oil (Director Holman)
A. Gage spoke to Item 7.1.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-840](#) Hartland Landfill Policy Changes and Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 4497 and 4567

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- implications towards rural depots and transfer stations
- illegal and municipal levels of dumping
- waste conservation and tipping fee reporting
- cruise ship waste and waste reduction

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4497, "Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2023", be read a first, second and third time;
2. That Bylaw No. 4497 be adopted;
3. That Bylaw No. 4567, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 78, 2023", be read a first, second and third time; and
4. That Bylaw No. 4567 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2. [23-858](#) Financial Support for Township of Esquimalt Integrated Resource Management - Biochar Testing

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- connection between pilot project and thermal processing
- biosolids usage for biochar
- cost advantages of testing biosolids and solid waste

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

That the Capital Regional District provide \$50,000 to the Township of Esquimalt in support of municipal solid waste biochar testing costs.

CARRIED

6.3. [23-789](#) Bylaw No. 4575 - Regional Coordination of Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship

P. Kickham spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- invasive species management
- funding sources and grant applications
- net requisition and offsetting adjustments

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

- 1. That Bylaw No. 4575, "Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023", be introduced and read a first, second and third time;**
- 2. That participating area approval be obtained by regional alternative approval process; and**
- 3. That Bylaw No. 4575 be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.**

CARRIED

6.4. [23-862](#) Tendering of Hartland Landfill Heavy Equipment Operations Services Contract

S. May spoke to Item 6.4.

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

That tendering Heavy Equipment Operations Services at the Hartland Landfill for a term of up to seven years be approved, with optional pricing for shredding services.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [23-871](#) Motion with Notice: Class Action Lawsuit Sue Big Oil (Director Holman)

G. Holman spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- quantifying costs and benefits
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities potential funding sources
- climate change impacts

Director Desjardins left the meeting at 3:10 pm.

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

That staff report on the feasibility and merits of joining other local governments in a proposed class action lawsuit to recover a fair share of climate costs from 'big oil'.

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be amended to replace "and merits" with ", merits and role".

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 on the feasibility, merits and role of joining other local governments in a proposed class action lawsuit to recover a fair share of climate costs from 'big oil'.

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Westhaver, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the November 15, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:16 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER