

Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional District Board

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

1:10 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC

PRESENT

Directors: C. Plant (Chair), R. Mersereau (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, S. Brice (EP), B. Desjardins (EP), F. Haynes (EP), L. Helps, M. Hicks (EP), G. Holman (EP), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), B. Isitt (EP), J. Loveday (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (EP), D. Kobayashi (for R. Martin) (EP), R. Mersereau, K. Murdoch (EP), G. Orr (EP), J. Ranns (EP), D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait (EP), N. Taylor, K. Williams, R. Windsor (EP), G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk, T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors D. Howe, R. Martin

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the agenda for the April 14, 2021 Session of the Capital Regional District
Board be approved.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [21-292](#) Minutes of the March 10, 2021 and March 24, 2021 Capital Regional District Board Meetings

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the minutes of the Capital Regional District Board meetings of March 10,
2021 and March 24, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair acknowledged that while it is not ideal that we are not all in the room together, we are taking the Provincial Health Officer's advice to heart. He advised the Board that at next month's meeting we will be reviewing a revised Solid Waste Management Plan and doing our annual check-in of the Board strategic priorities.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [21-297](#) Delegation - Salome Waters: Representing Saanich Eco Advocates: Re: Agenda Item 10.2.: Motion with Notice: Zero Waste British Columbia Input on Solid Waste Management Plan

Salome Waters spoke in favour of Item 10.2.

- 5.2.2. [21-298](#) Delegation - Shannon Graham: Representing Surfrider Foundation Vancouver Island: Re: Agenda Item 10.2.: Motion with Notice: Zero Waste British Columbia Input on Solid Waste Management Plan

Shannon Graham spoke in favour of Item 10.2.

- 5.2.3. [21-299](#) Delegation - Jane Devonshire: Representing South Island Climate Action Network: Re: Agenda Item 10.2.: Motion with Notice: Zero Waste British Columbia Input on Solid Waste Management Plan

Jane Devonshire spoke in favour of Item 10.2.

- 5.2.4. [21-300](#) Delegation - Jonathan O'Riordan: Representing Mount Work Coalition: Re: Agenda Item 10.2.: Motion with Notice: Zero Waste British Columbia Input on Solid Waste Management Plan

Jonathan O'Riordan spoke in favour of Item 10.2.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda item 6.6. was removed from the consent agenda and moved to be considered under Reports of Committees as agenda item 8.7.

Consent agenda item 6.5. was removed from the consent agenda and moved to be considered under Reports of Committees as agenda item 8.8.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That consent agenda items 6.1. through 6.7., with the exception of consent
agenda items 6.5. and 6.6., be approved.**

CARRIED

- 6.1. [21-129](#) Review of Separation of Building Inspection Services for Each Electoral Area
- That the Building Inspection service to the three Electoral Areas remain as a single shared service with a single budget.
- CARRIED**
- 6.2. [21-270](#) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant - Motion of Support
- That the CRD Board support an application to Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the Emergency Operations Centres and Training grant and direct staff to provide overall grant management.
- 6.3. [21-279](#) AGMs and Nomination Procedures for Local Service Committees & Commissions
1. That the bylaw requirement that CRD local service committees and commissions hold Annual General Meetings be waived for 2021.
 2. That new appointments to local service committees and commissions be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation for 2021.
- CARRIED**
- 6.4. [21-265](#) CRD Appointment of Public Members to External Boards Policy
1. That Board Policy “CRD Appointment of Public Members to External Boards” be adopted.
 2. That the Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee be updated to allow for the establishment of an Appointment Advisory Committee, on an as-and-when needed basis, responsible for reviewing applications and making recommendation for appointments to external boards.
 3. That the Appointment Advisory Committee be permitted to meet in closed when evaluating public member applications.
- CARRIED**
- 6.7. [21-235](#) 2021 Committee and External Membership Appointments - Update #3
- That the Board receive for information the updated 2021 Appointments to Board and Committees as attached.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1. [21-241](#) CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 - 2021

R. Lapham spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- reporting on the methane capture at Hartland landfill
- rapid housing projects and federal funding
- engaging residents for the Reaching Home program

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 - 2021 be received for information.
CARRIED**

7.2. [21-266](#) City of Victoria MRDT Renewal

N. Chan spoke to Item 7.2.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Young,
That the Capital Regional District Board supports the City of Victoria's five-year
renewal for the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) and Destination
Greater Victoria as an eligible entity from 2022-2026, as well as the new
incremental MRDT from Airbnb for affordable housing initiatives.
CARRIED**

7.3. [21-237](#) Additional COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments

N. Chan spoke to Item 7.3.

Discussion ensued on the allocation of grant funds.

**MOVED by Director Hicks, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
1. That staff allocate the \$575,000 CRD COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local
Government in alignment with the Provincial allocation formulae to Regional
Services and Local Area Services as summarized in Appendix E;
2. That the Regional Services allocation be distributed to the Regional Corporate
Emergency Service Budget;
3. That the Local Area Services allocation be apportioned to the respective
Electoral Areas where staff will engage Electoral Area Directors to determine
allocation to specific services.
CARRIED**

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Electoral Areas Committee

- 8.1. [21-128](#) Amendments to CRD Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Bylaw No. 1857

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
1) That Bylaw No. 4401, “Capital Regional District Ticket information Authorization Bylaw 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 70, 2021” be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
2) That Bylaw No. 4401 be adopted.
CARRIED

Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee

- 8.2. [21-230](#) Public Hearing Report on Bylaw No. 4380, “Juan de Fuca Land Use Bylaw, 1992, Amendment Bylaw No. 148, 2020”

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
a) That the minutes that form the Report of the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4380, “Juan de Fuca Land Use Bylaw, 1992, Amendment Bylaw No. 148, 2020”, which are certified as a fair and accurate summary of the representations that were made at the public hearing held on March 9, 2021, for Bylaw No. 4380, be received;
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
b) That Bylaw No. 4380 be read a third time; and
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
c) That Bylaw No. 4380 be adopted.
CARRIED

Peninsula Recreation Commission

- 8.3. [21-231](#) Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Inclusive Play Project

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,
That the approved Panorama Recreation Service 2021-2025 capital plan and budget be amended in accordance with the revised plan and budget for Project No. 21-07 as presented, and to proceed with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart multi-sport court and relocation of the playground.
CARRIED

Planning & Protective Services Committee

- 8.4. [21-212](#) Esquimalt Regional Context Statement Consideration
- MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That the Township of Esquimalt regional context statement be considered in
relation to the 2018 Regional Growth Strategy (Bylaw No. 4017) and be accepted
in accordance with the requirements of section 448 of the Local Government Act.
CARRIED
- 8.5. [21-213](#) Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 4328
- MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
1) That Bylaw No. 4328 be amended to correct the bylaw title and citation;
CARRIED
- MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
2) That Bylaw No. 4328, “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019”, be read a third time as
amended; and
CARRIED
- MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
3) That Bylaw No. 4328 be adopted.
CARRIED

Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission

- 8.6. [21-239](#) Additional Grant Request for Michigan Square
- MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That a grant in the amount of \$525,000 to the Capital Region Housing Corporation
be approved to support the development of 35 additional units of affordable
rental housing at 330 Michigan Street, Victoria, subject to meeting the terms of
the Regional Housing Trust Fund Grant Funding Agreement.
CARRIED
- 8.7. [21-244](#) Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation
COVID-19 Funding
- Director Isitt declared a personal conflict and recused himself from the meeting
at 2:36 pm.
- Director Loveday declared a personal conflict and recused himself from the
meeting at 2:36 pm.
- MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the Reaching Home and Canadian Medical Association Foundation
COVID-19 Funding report be received for information.
CARRIED
- Directors Isitt and Loveday returned to the meeting at 2:37 pm.

- 8.8. [21-251](#) Creation of a Committee to Oversee Development of a Regional Performing Arts Facilities Service

MOVED by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,

1. That the creation of a Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee whose purpose will be to define the scope and functions of a regional service that will lead to the drafting of an establishing bylaw for the Performing Arts Facilities Service be approved.

2. That the Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Blackwell, Hicks, Holman, Seaton

9. BYLAWS

There were no bylaws for consideration.

10. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

- 10.1. [20-034](#) Motion with Notice: Kings Road - Director Holman

This Motion with Notice was withdrawn.

[At the September 9, 2020 meeting the Capital Regional District Board tabled the below Notice of Motion to April 14, 2021:]

That CRD staff provide a report to the Hospitals and Housing Committee examining options for the purchase of a small portion of the Kings Road property in Saanich, at a cost of up to \$2 million, for the purposes of affordable housing while still protecting all of the undeveloped portion of the parcel, including the forested riparian corridor.

(NWA)

10.2. [21-278](#)

Motion with Notice: Zero Waste British Columbia Input on Solid Waste Management Plan (Directors Isitt, Loveday, and Taylor)

Director Loveday spoke to Item 10.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- reviewing the Solid Waste Management before this motion is put to the Board
- the opportunity for staff to thoroughly review the submission
- implications to the Solid Waste Management Plan should this move forward

MOVED by Director Loveday, SECONDED by Director Taylor,

That the Board:

- 1. Refer the attached report from Zero Waste British Columbia dated February 10, 2021 to staff, to inform revisions to the Solid Waste Management Plan.**
- 2. Endorse the goal of the CRD becoming a national leader in Zero Waste and the Circular Economy in solid waste management; and**
- 3. Direct staff to strengthen the emphasis on the principles of Zero Waste and Circular Economy in the Solid Waste Management Plan, including in the waste-reduction targets within the plan.**

MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Screech,

That this item be referred to the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Environmental Services Committee.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

Director Isitt Notice of Motion for consideration at the May 12, 2021 meeting of the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Board endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, the Capital Regional District Board, municipalities in the Capital Region, and the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Partnerships to Protect Fairy Creek and Other At-Risk Old-Growth Forests on Vancouver Island

WHEREAS Ancient high productivity old-growth ecosystems are globally one of the most valuable climate mitigation and resiliency assets in terms of carbon storage, sequestration, protection against wildfire, storage of water and preservation of biological diversity;

AND WHEREAS Less than 3% of the original high productivity (big tree) old-growth forests in British Columbia remain standing, and of this residual land base, 75% is slated to be eliminated through industrial logging operations;

AND WHEREAS Alternatives exist to increase protection of biological diversity and employment, through the immediate and just transition to sustainable management of second-growth forests with expanded value-added processing and manufacturing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District expresses its willingness to work with the Pacheedaht First Nation, the Government of British Columbia and other entities to protect Fairy Creek and other at-risk old-growth forests on southern Vancouver Island, including consideration of establishing Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District calls on the Government of British Columbia to defer logging in high-productivity old-growth forests on Vancouver Island, as recommended by the Old Growth Strategic Review, until the panel's 14 recommendations have been implemented;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District calls on the Government of British Columbia to allocate funding to enact deferrals in an economically just manner, in the full spirit of reconciliation and to support the economic transition of affected First Nations and non-First Nation workers, communities and companies from unsustainable old-growth logging toward the development of long-term sustainable local economies.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

12.1. [21-291](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

1. That the meeting be closed for Appointments in accordance with Section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

2. That the meeting be closed for Labour Relations under Section (90)(1)(c) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

3. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

4. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

5. That the meeting be closed for a Legal Update in accordance with Section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

6. That the meeting be closed for Intergovernmental Negotiations in accordance with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

13. RISE AND REPORT

The Capital Regional District Board rose from the closed session at 4:12 pm. and reported on the following item:

3.3. - Appointments to CRD Committees and Commissions

In accordance with Bylaw No. 2945, that the following person be appointed to the Shirley/Jordan River Advisory Planning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022: E. Anderson

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

That the April 14, 2021 Capital Regional District Board meeting be adjourned at 4:12 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER