

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee of the Whole

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Wednesday, April 29, 2026

12:00 PM

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

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#### Strategic Planning

##### PRESENT

DIRECTORS: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), M. Little (Vice Chair), M. Alto, J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), R. Fawcett (for P. Brent), S. Brice, J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, C. Coleman, Z. de Vries (12:06 pm) (EP), B. Desjardins, S. Goodmanson (12:10 pm), G. Holman, D. Kobayashi (EP), D. Murdock (12:06 pm), C. Plant, S. Shrivastava (for P. Jones), L. Szpak, D. Thompson, S. Tobias, A. Wickheim, K. Williams

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Finance and Technology; A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services; S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, Corporate Officer/General Manager, Corporate Services; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks (EP); R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; F. Delgadillo Lopez, Manager, Strategic Planning; A. Prisniak, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, First Nations Relations; M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; T. Pillipow, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors P. Brent, P. Jones, K. Murdoch, M. Tait, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Little provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
**That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 29, 2026 be approved.**  
**CARRIED**

### 3. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

### 4. Special Meeting Matters

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,  
That the rules of the Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw be  
suspended to allow a roundtable discussion.**

**CARRIED**

**Director de Vries joined the meeting electronically at 12:06.**

**Director Murdock joined the meeting in person at 12:06 pm.**

**Director Goodmanson joined the meeting in person at 12:10 pm.**

#### 4.1. [26-0362](#) Board Priorities Annual Check In

T. Robbins, K. Lorette, L. Jones, and K. Morley spoke to Item 4.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- improving coordination efforts with key transportation partners
- regional trail governance in relation to the Gulf Islands Regional Trail Plan
- potential implications of the changes to the federal grant application
- potential impact of provincial funding stream freezes to housing programs
- strategies to provide affordable housing in a competitive market
- confirmation that there are sufficient options in place for safe disposal of batteries
- opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- current and developing initiatives to encourage proper disposal of refuse throughout the region
- inclusion of the UNESCO Urban Biosphere Reserve application in the 2027 service planning

An informal roundtable discussion ensued regarding current progress and additional efforts related to the Board Priorities:

- streamlining some processes to avoid delays
- increasing the efforts in reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- gratitude to staff for the incredible work accomplished thus far
- that the current trajectory of expansion is not sustainable
- including a Life Cycle Assessment on the dashboard
- including a timeline of expected reduction of fees when proposing an alternative approval process
- shifting to open source software for operations
- moving the advocacy strategy beyond letter writing

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Little,  
The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
1. That the current level of effort on Board Priorities be maintained; and  
2. That this direction further inform the service and financial planning for 2027  
based on service direction this term and in preparation for the 2027-2030 Board  
term.**

Amending Motion:

**MOVED** by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,  
That the main motion be amended by inserting as part 2, "That staff include the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative in the service and financial planning process going forward," and renumbering the list.  
**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 current level of effort on Board Priorities be maintained;
2. That staff include the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative in the service and financial planning process going forward; and
3. That this direction further inform the service and financial planning for 2027 based on service direction this term and in preparation for the 2027-2030 Board term.

**CARRIED**

Director Szpak left the meeting at 2:26 pm.

Director Alto left the meeting at 2:33 pm.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
**The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**  
That the topic of developing an enhanced Advocacy Strategy be advanced to the next Board's Strategic Priorities setting meetings.  
**CARRIED**

Motion Arising:

**MOVED** by Director Tobias, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
**The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**  
That the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative be included in the Strategic Priorities planning process for the next Board.  
**CARRIED**

Motion Arising:

**The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**  
**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Fawcett,  
That regional equity considerations be included as part of the next Board's Strategic Priorities planning process.  
**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Plant

Director Alto rejoined the meeting in person at 2:57 pm.

## 5. Motion to Report to the Board

### 5.1. [26-0443](#) Motion to Report to the Board

**MOVED** by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,  
That the Committee of the Whole report to the Capital Regional District Board at the April 29, 2026 special meeting regarding Item 4.1.  
**CARRIED**

**6. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Little, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,  
That the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 29, 2026 be adjourned at 3:03  
pm.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CORPORATE OFFICER