

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

1:30 PM

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, D. Kobayashi, D. Murdock (1:36 pm) (EP), M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, A. Wickheim (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; R. Smith, Acting General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services (for L. Hutcheson); G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management & Engineering Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Thompson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the agenda for the October 18, 2023 Environmental Services Committee
meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [23-764](#) Minutes of the July 19, 2023 and September 27, 2023 Environmental Services Committee Meetings

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meetings of July 19,
2023 and September 27, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-707](#) Proposal For Academic And Legal Reviews Of Biosolids Land Application

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- timelines, input opportunities and scope of Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) review
- environmental risks and benefits of land application
- biochar consideration, implications and treatment
- Lafarge Vancouver and Cassidy

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

**That academic and legal reviews of the risks and benefits of biosolids land
application be reconsidered after the provincial technical working group has
completed its review of the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation and released its
report.**

**MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the committee postpone discussion on this item until the January 2024
committee meeting.
CARRIED**

6.2. [23-713](#) Implications of Regulating Curbside Organics Collection

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- solid waste management plan diversion and separation of streams
- incentives timeline and frequency of monitoring
- solid waste stream composition study
- soil repository and organic diversion

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

**That staff continue implementing the organics diversion strategy as currently
outlined in the new Solid Waste Management Plan.**

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be amended to add the words ", and evaluate and report
to committee on pathways to mandatory separation of curbside collection and
diversion of organics."
CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

That the Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff continue implementing the organics diversion strategy as currently outlined in the new Solid Waste Management Plan, and evaluate and report to committee on pathways to mandatory separation of curbside collection and diversion of organics.

CARRIED

6.3. [23-779](#)

Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force Meeting - September 29, 2023
- b) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting - October 6, 2023

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [23-788](#)

Motion to Close the Meeting

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

The Environmental Services Committee went into the Closed Session at 2:50 pm.

The Environmental Services Committee rose from the Closed Session at 3:37 pm without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the October 18, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:37 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER