



Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

9:30 AM

Electronic

Electronic Meeting

ELECTRONIC MEETING

[26-0841](#) Electronic Meeting Notice

In accordance with Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw No. 3828, the meeting will take place electronically with committee members participating on Microsoft Teams. Members of the public may attend the meeting by connecting to the meeting by phone (1-877-567-6843 ID: 89371462#), electronically (MS Teams link below) or in person at the public viewing room (Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard Street, Room 129).

Attachments: [MS Teams Link](#)

B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman,
D. Kobayashi, C. Plant, M. Tait, D. Thompson, A. Wickheim, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio)

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0820](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of May 20, 2026

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of May 20, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Attachments: [Minutes: May 20, 2026](#)

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

The public are welcome to attend CRD meetings in-person.

Delegations will have the option to participate electronically. Please complete the online application at www.crd.ca/address no later than 4:30 pm two days before the meeting and staff will respond with details.

Alternatively, you may email your comments on an agenda item to the CRD Board at crdboard@crd.bc.ca.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0693](#) Climate Action Strategy 2026-2030

Recommendation: The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

- 1) That the Board adopt the renewed Climate Action Strategy attached as Appendix A to guide the Capital Regional District (CRD) Climate Action and Adaptation Service through to 2030;
- 2) That staff be directed to review and report back on regional greenhouse gas reduction target alternatives for inclusion in the next update to the Regional Growth Strategy;
- 3) That the Chair on behalf of the Board send a letter to the Premier of BC and relevant ministers advocating for the full implementation of the recommendations of the CleanBC Independent Review, including continued funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP);
- 4) That staff establish all necessary processes and systems to direct all revenues from the sale of carbon credits - such as those generated under the federal Clean Fuel Regulation and provincial Low Carbon Fuel Standard - into CRD programs and projects aligned with the renewed Climate Action Strategy;
- 5) That staff establish continuous internal processes to seek opportunities that generate carbon credit and renewable energy revenues; and,
- 6) That staff report back on how these carbon credit revenues will be used to accelerate climate action, for the Board's consideration and approval.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Climate Action Strategy 2026-2030](#)

[Appendix A: Climate Action Strategy Renewal - 2026-2030](#)

[Presentation: Climate Action Strategy 2026-2030](#)

6.2. [26-0768](#) Harbours Environmental Action Service Summary

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Harbours Environmental Action Service Summary](#)

[Appendix A: Harbours Service Accomplishments 2021-2026](#)

[Appendix B: Harbours Ecological Inventory & Rating Summary](#)

- 6.3. [26-0707](#) Bowker Creek Blueprint | 2026 Update: A 100-Year Action Plan to Restore the Bowker Creek Watershed

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Bowker Creek Blueprint Update - 100-Year Action Plan](#)
[Appendix A: Bowker Creek Blueprint Update: What We Heard \(Aug 2025\)](#)

- 6.4. [26-0771](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. The following minutes are for information only.
a) Climate Action Inter-municipal Task Force - March 13, 2026
b) Solid Waste Advisory Committee - April 10, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes: Climate Action Task Force \(March 13, 2026\)](#)
[Minutes: Solid Waste Advisory Committee \(April 10, 2026\)](#)

7. Notice(s) of Motion

- 7.1. [26-0805](#) Motion with Notice: AI Data Centres (Director Caradonna)

Recommendation: The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
In light of the Federal AI Strategy announcement, that staff report back on AI data centres, their potential environmental, utility, and land use impacts in this region, and potential policy options for regulating data centres within the CRD.

8. New Business

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

- 9.1. [26-0821](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

Recommendation: 1. That the meeting be closed for contract negotiations in accordance with Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter. [1 item]
2. That the meeting be closed for proposed municipal service in accordance with Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter. [1 item]

10. Adjournment

There are no more scheduled meetings for 2026.