

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff (EP), J. Caradonna, G. Holman, D. Kobayashi (EP), C. Plant (9:32 am) (EP), M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, A. Wickheim, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; M. Tromp Hoover, Acting Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
The agenda for the Environmental Services Committee meeting of September 17,
2025 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [25-0956](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting of July 16, 2025

Director Plant joined the meeting electronically at 9:32 am.

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of July 16,
2025 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the current weather conditions and the fallen ash that covered Greater Victoria this morning.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0910](#) Climate Action Strategy Renewal - Guiding Framework

R. Tooke spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets
- jurisdiction around reduction activities
- differentiation between regional growth and climate action strategies
- CRD, provincial and federal government authority, jurisdiction and responsibilities
- vehicle emissions and emission monitoring programs

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Capital Regional District Board endorse the updated Climate Action Strategy Guiding Framework: Proposed Vision, Principles, Goals and Targets for a Renewed Climate Action Strategy.**

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the main motion be amended by adding the following sentences:
"2. Within the strategy, that staff clarify:
i. The CRD's jurisdiction as relates to greenhouse gas reductions;
ii. The support role played by the regional district in helping the region achieve its greenhouse gas objectives;
iii. The targets and progress of the 13 member municipalities and 3 electoral areas."**

**CARRIED
Opposed: Tait**

Discussion ensued on the following:

- clarification of responsibilities and roles of levels of government
- electoral areas step code
- impacts from waste and other regional emissions

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be amended to add the following:
"3. Amend Appendix B, under Guiding Principles, Lead, add the words, "increase resilience", after the words "greenhouse gas emissions"."
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the main motion be amended to add the following:
"4. Amend Appendix B, under Goal Areas, Low Carbon Mobility, add the words, "zero emissions transportation options", after the words "public transportation"."
CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

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

1. That the Capital Regional District Board endorse the updated Climate Action Strategy Guiding Framework: Proposed Vision, Principles, Goals and Targets for a Renewed Climate Action Strategy.
2. Within the strategy, that staff clarify:
 - i. The CRD's jurisdiction as relates to greenhouse gas reductions;
 - ii. The support role played by the regional district in helping the region achieve its greenhouse gas objectives;
 - iii. The targets and progress of the 13 member municipalities and 3 electoral areas.
3. Amend Appendix B, under Guiding Principles, Lead, add the words, "increase resilience" after the words "greenhouse gas emissions";
4. Amend Appendix B, under Goal Areas, Low Carbon Mobility, add the words, "zero transportation options" after the words "public transportation".

CARRIED

6.2. [25-0899](#)

Hartland Public Drop-Off Expanded Hours Pilot Results

M. Tromp Hoover spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- cost implications and offset for staffing and equipment usage
- schedule implications and utilization of early morning hours
- small haulers drop off locations for recycling and garbage and tonnage metrics

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

That Hartland Landfill and Public Drop-off Depot's expanded hours become permanent, with Saturday opening hours remaining as 7 am to 5 pm.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the Environmental Services Committee meeting of September 17, 2025 be adjourned at 10:44 am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER