

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:30 AM

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 (EP), D. Kobayashi (EP), C. Plant, D. Thompson, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; K. Morley, Corporate Officer/General Manager, Corporate Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; P. Enright, Manager, Climate Action, Environmental Innovation; M. Tromp Hoover, Manager, Environmental Resources Management Policy and Planning; M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director(s) M. Tait, A. Wickheim,

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Desjardins provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the agenda for the Environmental Services Committee meeting of April 15,
2026 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0427](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of February 18,
2026

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of February
18, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins recognized that it was the start of Earth Week and the theme for this year's Earth Day focuses on renewable energy, conscious consumption and the collective power of communities, families and individuals on creating environmental progress.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

5.2.1. [26-0448](#) Delegation - Jeff Miller; Resident of View Royal: Re: Agenda Item 6.1 Wrap-Up Activities of the Wildlife Attractants Working Group

J. Miller spoke to Item 6.1.

5.2.2. [26-0453](#) Delegation - Mollie Cameron; Representing Wild Wise Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. Wrap-Up Activities of the Wildlife Attractants Working Group

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That a late delegation, M. Cameron, Wild Wise Society, be permitted to speak on
agenda Item 6.1.**

CARRIED

M. Cameron spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0342](#) Wrap-Up Activities of the Wildlife Attractants Working Group

L. Jones and M. Tromp-Hoover presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- limited jurisdiction, governing and service authority bylaws
- provincial model bylaws and examples
- collection services in municipal versus electoral areas

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the agenda item be referred to the Electoral Areas Committee to provide
their direction and comments.**

CARRIED

- 6.2. [26-0275](#) Bylaw No. 4765 - Exemption of Salt Spring Island Composting Facility from Bylaw No. 2736 - A Bylaw to Regulate the Operations of Composting Facilities in the Capital Regional District

M. Tromp Hoover spoke to Item 6.2.

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4765, "Capital Regional District Composting Facilities Regulation Bylaw No. 1, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a first, second and third time;
 2. That staff conduct an online consultation on the exemption of the Salt Spring Island Composting Facility from the application of Bylaw No. 2736 for a minimum of one month;
 3. That, pending the outcome of this consultation process, staff refer Bylaw No. 4765 to the Minister of Environment and Parks for written approval; and
 4. That staff incorporate a repeal of Bylaw No. 2736 into the CRD's next Solid Waste Management Plan that is scheduled to be updated by 2030, including a public engagement process, and, subject to the completion of these tasks, prepare a bylaw for the CRD Board's approval to repeal Bylaw No. 2736.
- CARRIED**

- 6.3. [26-0372](#) Solid Waste Management Plan - 2025 Progress Report

L. Jones and M. Tromp Hoover presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- composition study outlining construction, demolition and deconstruction waste
- per capita waste goals and achievements
- downturn in economic development and construction
- fee impediments, increases and illegal dumping
- thermal conversion plant, biosolids and biochar
- pink box trial program and progress update
- composition studies and associated costs
- multi-family, residential and commercial recycling programs

6.4. [26-0373](#) Climate Action Strategy - 2025 Progress Report

L. Jones and R. Tooke presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- climate action GHG reductions versus climate adaptation
- carbon sequestration estimations, land conservation and natural assets
- inventory processes, territorial emissions and geographical boundaries
- future strategies, adaptation, and long term plans
- variability in global climate change and fluctuations
- EV chargers and user metrics
- BC Hydro calculations, changes and methodologies
- emissions intensity and differentiation of carbon neutrality

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That Director McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio) serve as Acting Chair in the
absence of the Chair for the Environmental Services Committee meeting on April
15, 2026.**

CARRIED

Director Plant left the meeting at 11:17 am.

Chair Desjardins left the meeting at 11:23 am.

Director McNeil-Smith assumed the chair at 11:23 am.

Director Brownoff left the meeting at 11:29 am.

6.5. [26-0371](#) Board Advocacy for a New Invasive Species Legislative Framework

L. Jones spoke to Item 6.5.

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:
That the CRD Board Chair write a letter to the Province of BC (Ministry of Forests)
requesting a review and update to the existing invasive species management
regulatory framework in BC, including a ban on the sale, barter, gifting and
transport of priority invasive species in British Columbia.**

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 Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the Environmental Services Committee meeting of April 15, 2026 be
adjourned at 11:53 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER