

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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

Staff: K. Morley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; M. Miklea, Manager, Legislative Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director M. Tait

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgment.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the agenda for the Environmental Services Committee meeting of February 18, 2026 be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0155](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of January 21, 2026

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Environmental Service Committee meeting of January 21, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the impact Canada Geese has on local food production and the amount of interest it has generated in the community.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1.** [26-0216](#) Delegation - Mike Doehnel; Resident of North Saanich: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
M. Doehnel spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.2.** [26-0217](#) Delegation - Tom Henry; Representing Stillmeadow Farm: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
T. Henry spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.3.** [26-0218](#) Delegation - Katie Underwood; Representing South Island Farmers Institute: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
K. Underwood spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.4.** [26-0219](#) Delegation - Jim Pine; Resident of Saanich: Re: Agenda Item 6.3.: Model Demolition and Deconstruction Bylaw
J. Pine spoke to Item 6.3.
- 5.2.5.** [26-0220](#) Delegation - Terry Michell; Representing Michell's Farm: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
T. Michell spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.6.** [26-0221](#) Delegation - Clayton Fox; Representing Silver Rill Corn: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
C. Fox spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.7.** [26-0222](#) Delegation - Bryce Rashleigh; Representing Saanichton Farm: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
B. Rashleigh spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.8.** [26-0223](#) Delegation - Angus Todd; Representing Brackenhurst Farm: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
A. Todd spoke to Item 6.1.

- 5.2.9. [26-0224](#) Delegation - Kyle Michell; Representing Field Five Farm: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
K. Michell spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [26-0114](#) Regional Canada Goose Management Service - 2025 Updates
L. Jones and G. Harris spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- implications on local food prices, food security and loss damage quantification
- advocacy to provincial, federal governments including Ministry of Agriculture
- population dynamics and historical reductions of resident and migratory geese
- strategies and responsibility for non-migratory and resident geese
- streamlining permitting process for farm owners and firearm regulations
- working groups and identification of accomplishments
- potential regional service alternative approval process and max requisition
- permanent funding and longevity of the program
- additional capacity enhancements for population management activities

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

1. That staff be directed to extend the funding for the Goose Management Service with additional resources identified through the Initiative Business Case process as part of the 2027-2031 service planning period; and,
2. That staff be directed to initiate an amendment to Bylaw No. 4522 Canada Goose Management Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2022 in 2027 to increase the maximum allowable requisition and accommodate any increases based on Board direction.

CARRIED

Motion Arising 1:

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

Whereas the CRD has a proven Canada Geese Management program that costs taxpayers of the CRD in requisition;

And whereas the provincial and federal governments have a responsibility for managing wildlife;

Be it resolved the CRD Board Chair write the appropriate provincial and federal ministers responsible for wildlife and request their financial, technical, and regulatory support in addressing non-migratory Canada Geese in the CRD.

**MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the motion arising be amended by adding the words "and that the local MLAs and MPs be copied".**

CARRIED

The question was called on the motion arising as amended:

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

Whereas the CRD has a proven Canada Geese Management program that costs taxpayers of the CRD in requisition;

And whereas the provincial and federal governments have a responsibility for managing wildlife;

Be it resolved the CRD Board Chair write the appropriate provincial and federal ministers responsible for wildlife and request their financial, technical, and regulatory support in addressing non-migratory Canada Geese in the CRD, and that the local MLAs and MPs be copied.

CARRIED

Motion Arising 2:

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Plant,

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

That the Board Chair write to the appropriate Federal Minister and local MPs advocating for streamlining the Federal Crop Protection Permit program, including allowing for multi-year permits.

CARRIED

Motion Arising 3:

MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,

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

That the CRD invites local governments in the region with the Canada goose population impacting agriculture to work with the CRD and senior government partners to reduce barriers to the hunting of geese for crop protection.

CARRIED

6.2. [26-0115](#) Regional Invasive Species Program Update

L. Jones and G. Harris presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- management of invasive species and measuring success of the program
- advocating for regulations on commercial sale of products
- regulations and bylaws surrounding disposal options and fire smart programs
- education opportunities for invasive species management

6.3. [26-0113](#) Model Demolition Waste and Deconstruction Bylaw

L. Jones and R. Smith spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- permitting and enforcement processes for repurposing and moving homes
- bylaw adaptation and provision inclusion in building bylaws for electoral areas
- cost of demolition versus deconstruction
- working group discussion surrounding product diversion and waste reduction
- potential financial incentives or fee reductions

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

**That this model Demolition Waste and Deconstruction Bylaw be distributed to
staff at municipalities in the capital region for consideration and independent
review.**

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the CRD Model Bylaw regarding deconstruction be referred to the Electoral
Area Committee for information and discussion.**

CARRIED

6.4. [26-0112](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for
Information

There is no recommendation. The following minutes are for information only:

- Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - December 12, 2025
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee - January 9, 2026

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 Plant, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the Environmental Services Committee meeting of February 18, 2026 be
adjourned at 11:27 am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER