

Meeting Minutes

Governance and First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: M. Little (Chair), R. Windsor (Vice Chair) (EP), P. Brent, D. Cavens (for B. Desjardins), C. Coleman, S. Kim (for M. Alto) (EP), K. Murdoch, D. Murdock, C. Plant (EP), M. Tait (EP), K. Williams (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio) (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; C. Hauff, Senior Manager, Tech and Digital Transformation; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; Z. Gray, Manager Website and Multimedia Development, Corporate Communications (EP); M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests: S. Wilson, Coast Salish Peoples of Galiano Society

Regrets: Director(s) M. Alto, B. Desjardins

The meeting was called to order 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Murdoch provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the agenda for the February 5, 2025 Governance and First Nations Relations
Committee be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0030](#) Minutes of the November 27, 2024 First Nations Relations Committee Meeting and the December 4, 2024 Governance Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting of November
27, 2024 and the Governance Committee meeting of December 4, 2024 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Little welcomed committee members to the combination of the Governance and First Nations Relations Committees and provided an insight into why the two individuals committees were combined into one.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [25-0094](#) Presentation: Shar Wilson / Wihlbuun, Coast Salish Peoples of Galiano Society; Re: Out of the Shadows - The Galiano Island First Nation

S. Wilson presented Item 5.1.1.

Discussion ensued on collaboration, inclusivity and unified representation.

5.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0035](#) 2025 Governance and First Nations Relations Committee Terms of Reference

K. Morley presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on indigenous symbolism, outreach and relationships with Nations and indigenous individuals.

6.2. [25-0029](#) 2025 Appointments Advisory Committee

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.2.

MOVED by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Cavens,
The Governance and First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the
Capital Regional District Board:

**That the membership of the Appointments Advisory Committee for 2025 include
Governance and First Nations Relations Committee Chair Little and the following
two committee members: Director Brent, and Director Windsor.**

CARRIED

6.3. [25-0068](#) First Nations Relations Operational Update

C. Vernon presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- knowledge sharing and archeological support
- identification and collaboration with First Nations territories
- territorial and land acknowledgements

6.4. [25-0089](#) Public Website Redesign Update

Z. Gray presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- engagement process and cohort profiles from received feedback
- territorial acknowledgements and First Nations symbolism incorporation
- alternative approval process engagement
- URL purchase and website update history
- project budget and contracts
- testing opportunities

6.5. [25-0096](#) Proposed Amendments to the CRD Board Procedures Bylaw

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.5.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Chair participation remotely
- voting with and without camera
- voice vote due to limitations of home networks internet bandwidth

MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Brent,

The Governance and First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff be directed to prepare an amending bylaw to the "Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaws, 2012" to include the proposed amendments on electronic meetings and electronic participation (Appendix A) and miscellaneous updates (Appendix B).

CARRIED

Opposed: Tait, Williams, Windsor

6.6. [25-0086](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting - November 19, 2024

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 Murdock, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the February 5, 2025 Governance and First Nations Relations Committee
meeting be adjourned at 11:25 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER