

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff (EP), G. Holman (EP), S. Kim (1:46 pm), D. Kobayashi (EP), D. Murdock (1:36pm), M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, A. Wickheim, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, Acting General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; S. Carby, Senior Manager, Protective Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; N. Elliott, Manager, Climate Action Programs, Environmental Protection; L. Ferris, Manager, Environmental Resource Management Policy and Planning; T. Watkins, Solid Waste Operations, Environmental Resource Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director J. Caradonna

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the agenda for the March 20, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-125](#) Minutes of the January 17, 2024 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Tobias, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of January 17, 2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the importance of the material on today's agenda.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. [24-321](#) Delegation - Francois Brassard; Representing Esquimalt Climate Organizers: Re: Agenda Item 6.5.: Third-party Academic Review of the Scientific Literature on the Uses and Impacts of Biosolids - Verbal Update
F. Brassard spoke to Item 6.5.

5.2. [24-323](#) Delegation - Philippe Lucas; Representing Biosolids Free BC Re: Agenda Item 6.5.: Third-party Academic Review of the Scientific Literature on the Uses and Impacts of Biosolids - Verbal Update
P. Lucas spoke to Item 6.5.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-243](#) Curbside Collection of Packaging and Printed Products - 2024 Update

T. Watkins presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- service delivery standards, missed collection and recovery pick-ups
- Recycle BC services and stewardship plan
- provincial legislation regarding recyclable materials
- contractor collection metrics
- multifamily solid waste program

6.2. [24-294](#) Material Stream Diversion - Award of Contract ERM2022-010

L. Ferris spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- recycling versus disposal
- out of region or country incentives, rates and policies
- contracted versus in-house operations
- 2030 waste reduction target
- cost, expenditure and financial modeling
- operational and environmental impacts or changes
- future policy and bylaw amendments for solid waste and organics

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

- 1. That staff be directed to finalize negotiations, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into a two-year operating and construction contract, for a combined value not to exceed \$12,500,000 (excluding GST) with DL's Bins, for the construction and operation of a material diversion transfer station to begin processing of clean wood, treated wood and asphalt shingles on July 1, 2024;**
- 2. That staff be directed to return to the Environmental Services Committee with proposed bylaw amendments to shift the ban on carpet and underlay and salvageable wood to Phase 3;**
- 3. That staff be directed to return to the Environmental Services Committee with proposed bylaw amendments to shift the implementation of the \$300/tonne unsorted load rate to Phase 3; and**
- 4. That staff immediately begin consultation on policies to restrict the flow of general refuse waste outside of the capital region.**

CARRIED

6.3. [24-244](#) Extreme Heat Vulnerability Mapping and Information Portal Project

N. Elliott spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- continuous improvements
- cooling centers

Director Brownoff left the meeting at 2:49 pm.

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

That the results of the Extreme Heat Vulnerability Mapping and Information Portal project for the capital region be referred to municipal councils, the Electoral Areas Committee and First Nations for information.

CARRIED

6.4. [24-245](#) Climate Projections for the Capital Region

N. Elliott spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- impacts and implications on infrastructure
- BC Building Code and building design efficiency
- mitigation, adaptation and advocacy for future infrastructure upgrades
- information session interest and outcomes
- presentation to councils possible by request

**MOVED by Alternate Director Kim, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**That the Climate Projections for the Capital Region (2024) report be referred to
municipal councils, the Electoral Areas Committee and First Nations for
information.**

CARRIED

6.5. [24-318](#) Third-party Academic Review of the Scientific Literature on the Uses and
Impacts of Biosolids - Verbal Update

L. Hutcheson presented Item 6.5. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- timeline on analysis, scope and delivery
- UVic environmental interest group

6.6. [24-255](#) Previous Minutes of Other Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) **Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting - March 1, 2024**
- b) **Technical and Community Advisory Committee Meeting - October 27, 2023**
- c) **Technical and Community Advisory Committee Meeting - November 24, 2023**
- d) **Technical and Community Advisory Committee Meeting - January 19, 2024**
- e) **Technical and Community Advisory Committee Meeting - February 13, 2024**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

L. Hutcheson provided a verbal update regarding a recent news item and
potential link to the operator of the residual treatment plant at Hartland Landfill.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
That the March 20, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 3:21 pm.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER