

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman (EP), D. Kobayashi, D. Murdock (1:46 pm), J. Rogers (for S. Tobias (Vice Chair)), D. Thompson, A. Wickheim

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; R. Fowles, Manager, Construction & Capital Projects, Regional Housing; N. Elliott, Climate Action Program Coordinator, Environmental Protection; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors C. Plant, M. Tait, S. Tobias

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Desjardins provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,
That agenda Items 5.3 to 5.5 be removed, and that one (1) additional delegation be permitted to speak, and that the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-281](#) Minutes of the February 15, 2023 and March 29, 2023 Environmental Services Committee Meetings

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,
That the minutes of the February 15, 2023 and March 29, 2023 Environmental Services Committee Meetings be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [23-312](#) Delegation - Philippe Lucas; Representing Biosolid Free BC: Re: Agenda Item 6.5. Healthy Waters Project for Tod Creek on the Saanich Peninsula
P. Lucas spoke on Item 6.5.
- 5.2. [23-315](#) Delegation - Hugh Stephens; Representing Mount Work Coalition: Re: Agenda Item 6.5. Healthy Waters Project for Tod Creek on the Saanich Peninsula
H. Stephens spoke to Item 6.5.
- 5.6. [23-329](#) Delegation - Dave Cowen; Representing Peninsula Biosolids Coalition: Re: Agenda Item 6.5. Healthy Waters Project for Tod Creek on the Saanich Peninsula
D. Cowen spoke to Item 6.5.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [23-301](#) Solid Waste Management Plan - 2022 Progress Report
R. Smith presented Item 6.1. for information.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- plan development and adoption
 - reduction timeline and strategies
 - wood and construction demolition products
 - metrics other than kilograms per capita
 - beneficial use strategy
 - innovation equipment and technologies
 - local government waste reduction working group
 - provincial approval and endorsement
 - supplemental possibilities for better collection and access in rural depots
- Director Murdock joined the meeting at 1:46 pm.

6.2. [23-296](#) Proposed Hartland Bylaw Amendments - Material Stream Diversion

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- processing of banned materials
- tipping fee increases and comparison with nearby jurisdictions
- illegal dumping within CRD
- fines in relation to repeat offenders and commercial haulers
- wood material recycling and reuse options
- waste composition study
- recycling and depot alternatives throughout the region
- comprehensive communication plan
- beneficial use plan and pilots
- cost recovery and incentivizing behaviour

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

1. That the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 3881 be amended and come into effect January 1, 2024 to:
 - a) Ban wood waste (clean, treated and salvageable), carpet and underlay and asphalt shingles from Hartland's active face, and classify these materials as mandatory recyclable;
 - b) Modernize the tipping fee schedule to align with the proposed tipping fee schedule (Appendix B), including increasing the general refuse tipping fee to \$150/tonne, and introduce a new 'double charge' category for loads of unsorted renovation and demolition materials that contain mandatory recyclables (including wood waste) to motivate source-separation of these materials;
 - c) Introduce hauler incentive rates to promote multi-stream collection, incent voluntary self-reported waste collection data sharing, and minimize the financial impact of increases to the general refuse tipping fees;
2. That the Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 1857 be amended and come into effect January 1, 2024 to:
 - a) increase fine rates for various offences;
 - b) introduce a graduated ticket structure with higher fines for more egregious infractions and/or repeated infractions from a designated source or waste hauler;
 - c) allow for denial of service for chronic repeat offenders;
3. That service levels be adjusted to enhance enforcement capacity resources to implement the new waste diversion policies, to be reflected in the 2024 preliminary budget; and
4. That staff return with the amended bylaws for Board approval in the fall.

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be amended to add "5. Report back on the implications of potentially increasing the proposed fines and fees to a range between the existing staff proposal and levels up to double those rates."

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Rogers,
That the main motion be amended to add "6. That staff report back regularly on the above."

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the main motion be amended in 1. b) to strike "to align with the proposed tipping fee schedule" and replace it with "so that the full proposed rates are implemented in 2024".

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Brownoff, Desjardins, Holman, Kobayashi, Murdock, Rogers, Wickheim

The questions was called on the main motion as amended.

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5. Report back on the implications of potentially increasing the proposed fines and fees to a range between the existing staff proposal and levels up to double those rates.
6. That staff report back regularly on the above.

CARRIED

6.3. [23-298](#) Climate Action - 2022 Progress Report

N. Elliott presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- green house gas Co2 reductions
- climate action strategy plan and climate projections
- regional versus corporate targets
- inter-municipal networking
- food security and systems
- fleet conversion and electric mobility coordination
- adaptation strategies related to water reclamation
- home energy navigator program
- E&N Railway Corridor as transportation option

6.4. [23-303](#) Overview of the Capital Regional District's Climate Action Policies

N. Elliott presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- emission limits for buildings
- green building policy sign off
- regional versus corporate targets
- zero carbon step code

Director Brownoff left the meeting at 4:11 pm.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
That staff consider increasing the level of ambition in our Climate Action
Policies.**

CARRIED

6.5. [23-295](#) Healthy Waters Project for Tod Creek on the Saanich Peninsula

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.5.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- program collaboration and intent
- financial participation for monitoring program
- forever chemicals "contaminants of concern"
- third party versus in-house environmental testing
- procurement of services

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the meeting be extended past the 3 hour scheduled time.**

CARRIED

Directors Kobayashi and Murdock left the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Alternative 2 moved as main motion.

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

**That staff be directed to identify a source of funding and support the Healthy
Waters project proposal for Tod Creek on the Saanich Peninsula.**

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 Alternate Director Bateman,
That the April 19, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned
at 4:46 pm.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER