

Meeting Minutes

Governance and First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: M. Little (Chair), R. Windsor (Vice Chair), M. Alto (9:33 am), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), P. Brent, D. Cavens (for B. Desjardins), C. Coleman, K. Murdoch (9:49 am) (EP), D. Murdock (9:32 am) (EP), M. Westhaver (for C. Plant) (EP), K. Williams, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio) (9:35 am)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Byrch, Manager, Information Services; K. Dupuis, Manager, FOI and Privacy; L. Edwards, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, First Nations Relations; Z. Gray, Manager Website and Public Engagement; S. Krishna, Manager, Social Media and Marketing; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest: Director Holman

Regrets: Director(s) B. Desjardins, C. Plant, M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Coleman provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the agenda for the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee
meeting of April 2, 2025 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0384](#) Minutes of the February 5, 2025 Governance and First Nations Relations Committee Meeting

Director Murdock joined the meeting electronically at 9:32 am.

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the minutes of the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting of February 5, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0377](#) Regional Resident Experience Survey

S. Krishna presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- public engagement and subscription alerts
- respondents diversification and engagement
- scrutinization process
- emergency programs, dashboards and public alert notification system (PANS)

Director Alto joined the meeting in person at 9:32 am.

Director McNeil-Smith joined the meeting in person at 9:35 am.

Director Murdoch joined the meeting electronically at 9:49 am.

6.2. [25-0403](#) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) 2024 Overview

K. Morley presented Item 6.2. for information.

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That Director Holman be permitted to participate (without vote) in the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting.

CARRIED

- 6.3. [25-0179](#) Bylaw No. 4668: CRD Delegation Bylaw No. 1, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2025

N. Chan spoke to Item 6.3.

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4668, "Capital Regional District Delegation Bylaw No. 1, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2025" be read a first, second and third time; and
2. That Bylaw No. 4668 be adopted.

CARRIED

- 6.4. [25-0404](#) Bylaw No. 4520: CRD Board Procedures Bylaw, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 13, 2025

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.4.

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4520, "Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 13, 2025" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 4520 be adopted.
3. That the "CRD Best Practices Guide for Meetings" be updated to reflect the changes to electronic meetings and electronic participation.

CARRIED

Opposed: Windsor

6.5. [25-0230](#) Deactivating the Capital Regional District X (Twitter) account

S. Krishna spoke to Item 6.5.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- deletion versus deactivation of the account
- current versus future social media engagement
- inactive account potential liability and risks

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

1. That the CRD begin the process of deactivating its X account on April 10, 2025 using the following deactivation procedure:

- a) Inform CRD X followers that the CRD will no longer post to this account.**
- b) Publish a message stating the account is inactive and direct followers to the CRD website and other Social Media Channels.**
- c) Continue to monitor the growth of Bluesky and consider CRD adopting the platform when it sufficiently matures.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Bateman, Murdoch

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
Within six months, that the account move from inactive status to full deletion.

CARRIED

Opposed: Bateman, Cavens, McNeil-Smith, Murdoch

6.6. [25-0389](#) Letter from Ben Geselbracht, AVICC President; re: Feedback Requested - Reforming the Local Government Act - A Roadmap

K. Morley presented Item 6.6. for information.

Discussion ensued on how the feedback would be provided and a collaborative response could be made.

Director Murdock left the meeting at 10:31 am.

Referral Motion:

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
To refer the item to the Electoral Areas Committee for discussion.

CARRIED

6.7. [25-0391](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting - January 21, 2025**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [25-0392](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the meeting be closed for intergovernmental negotiations in accordance
with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

The Governance and First Nations Relations Committee went into closed at
11:04 am.

The Governance and First Nations Relations Committee rose from closed session
at 11:22 am without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the Governance and First Nations Relations Committee meeting of April 2,
2025 be adjourned at 11:22 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER