

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT:

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; R. Smith, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; T. Watkins, Acting Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors D. Murdock, C. Plant

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 Caradonna,
That the agenda for the October 16, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the main motion be amended to add the words "and that a late delegation, Terry Michell be permitted to speak" after "be approved".
CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.
That the agenda for the October 16, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved and that a late delegation, Terry Michell be permitted to speak.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [24-1006](#) Minutes of the July 17, 2024 and September 25, 2024 Environmental Services Committee Meetings

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meetings of July 17,
2024 and September 25, 2024 be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the transition to a new board chair and the work the committee has completed over the past couple years.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations.

5.1 Delegations

- 5.1.1. [24-1050](#) Delegation - Robin Tunncliffe; Representing Peninsula and Area Agriculture Commission: Re: Agenda Item 6.2. Regional Canada Goose Management Service - Activities Update

R. Tunncliffe spoke to Item 6.2.

- 5.1.2. [24-1066](#) Delegation - Terry Michell; Representing Michell's Farm Ltd.: Re: Agenda Item 6.2. Regional Canada Goose Management Service - Activities Update

T. Michell spoke to Item 6.2.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-943](#) Regulating Curbside Organics Collection

T. Watkins spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- waste composition studies
- reduction trends and limitations
- mandatory organics separation
- targeted education and school programs
- composition study and cost analysis

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

**That staff continue implementing the organics diversion strategy as currently
outlined in the 2021 Solid Waste Management Plan.**

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That staff report back on options to expedite organics diversion targets, including
potential cost and benefit of mandatory separation.**

DEFEATED

Opposed: Kobayashi, Tait, Tobias, Westhaver, Wickheim

6.2. [24-960](#) Regional Canada Goose Management Service - Activities Update

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- harvesting and egg addling resources
- environmental implications
- trends and methodology for population control
- support and responsibility of Provincial Government

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

**That staff be directed to develop increased service levels for consideration in the
2026 service planning process.**

CARRIED

6.3. [24-1025](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for
Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - September 27, 2024**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [24-1021](#) Motion with Notice: Recycle BC Soft Plastics Multi-family Residences Pilot Program (Director Caradonna)

Director Caradonna spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- private haulers and collected materials
- industry product stewardship
- soft plastics ban
- senior government directives

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

Given that RecycleBC has opted to expand a pilot program to undertake home-based collection of soft plastics at select multi-family residences across the region;

That CRD staff report back on the potential to partner with RecycleBC on this program, and to report more generally on the costs, implications, and potential benefits of the CRD incorporating home-based collection of soft plastics into the CRD's recycling program over time.

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Caradonna, That staff provide a report on which private haulers do collect soft plastics from multi-family buildings.

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna, That the October 16, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:52 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER