

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

9:30 AM

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), C. Plant, D. Thompson, A. Wickheim (10:12 am) (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; P. Kickham, Acting Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

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 February 19, 2025 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0157](#) Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of November 20, 2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [25-0187](#) Delegation - Jim Pine; Representing Sea to Sea Greenbelt Society; Re: Agenda Item: 7.1. Motion with Notice: Model Demolition Bylaw (Director Plant)

J. Ray read J. Pine's written delegation on Item 7.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [25-0033](#) 2025 Environmental Services Committee Terms of Reference

G. Harris presented Item 6.1. for information.

- 6.2. [25-0149](#) Verbal Update on the Addition of Flexible Plastics Collection to the Blue Box Program

R. Smith presented Items 6.2. and 6.3. for information.

- 6.3. [25-0090](#) Options for Flexible Plastics Collection for Multi-Family Dwellings

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Recycle BC study and current contract
- differentiation between curbside program and multi-family dwelling options
- subsidization and funding structure
- stewardship plan and GHG emissions
- regional accountability and material streams

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

That staff report back to committee with the results of the pilot project.

CARRIED

6.4. [25-0146](#) Biosolids Literature Review Outcomes

P. Kickham presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- key takeaways and emerging technologies
- pathways of greatest concerns
- per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAST) exposures and risk levels
- contamination precautionary approaches and elimination strategies
- micro plastics research
- provincial interest

Director Wickheim joined the meeting electronically at 10:12 am.

Referral Motion:

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the Biosolids Literature Review Outcomes report be referred to the Core
Area Liquid Waste Management Committee for information.**

CARRIED

6.5. [25-0150](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - December 6, 2024

7. Notice(s) of Motion**7.1.** [25-0167](#) Motion with Notice: Model Demolition Bylaw (Director Plant)

C. Plant spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on disposal costs, structural growth and repurposing opportunities.

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

**That staff be directed to develop a model bylaw for demolition waste and
deconstruction for municipalities in the capital region, and that the attached City
of Victoria bylaw be used as a starting point.**

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [25-0161](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the meeting be closed for Contract Negotiations in accordance with Section
90(1)(k) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

The Environmental Services Committee went into closed session at 10:42 am.

The Environmental Services Committee rose from closed session at 10:55 am
without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the February 19, 2025 Environmental Services Committee meeting be
adjourned at 10:55 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER