

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Tobias (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, J. Caradonna, G. Holman (EP), D. Kobayashi, C. Plant (EP), M. Tait (EP)(9:34 am), D. Thompson, A. Wickheim, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Finance and Technology; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; K. Jo, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provide a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the agenda for the Environmental Services Committee meeting of October 15, 2025 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [25-1075](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting of September 17, 2025

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of September 17, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the mattress recycling report that streamed from UBCM and suggestions for advocacy.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-1055](#) Mattress Recycling - Provincial Policy Update

R. Smith presented Item 6.1.

Director Tait joined the meeting electronically at 9:34 am.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- cost differential and cost implications
- inflationary pressures
- municipal waste collections and impacts
- mattress deconstruction process
- material diversion and waste streams
- extended producer responsibility programs
- implications to overall mattress sales and illegal dumping

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

That the Board Chair is authorized to send an advocacy letter to the Ministry of Environment & Parks expressing the Capital Regional District's objection to the recent exclusion of mattresses from its forthcoming update to the Province's Recycling Regulation.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the main motion be amended by adding the words "and that the CRD issue a press release on the proposed course of action to better ensure the CRD public is aware of the issue."
CARRIED**

Discussion ensued on the following:

- collaboration and combined support with other regional districts
- landfill lifespan and current and future separation of materials

Director Wickheim left the meeting at 9:57 am.

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

**That the Board Chair is authorized to send an advocacy letter to the Ministry of Environment & Parks expressing the Capital Regional District's objection to the recent exclusion of mattresses from its forthcoming update to the Province's Recycling Regulation and that the CRD issue a press release on the proposed course of action to better ensure the CRD public is aware of the issue.
CARRIED**

6.2. [25-1061](#) Environmental Resource Management - 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.2.

Director Holman left the meeting at 10:00 am.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- biosolids and beneficial uses and effects
- thermal processing, diversion and future forecasting
- cost of diversion versus landfilling
- segregation of materials
- tipping fees and price signals
- revenue drivers and deficits, requisition and reserve funds
- landfill life expectancy and management
- environmental resource management programming
- collaboration with first nations
- RecycleBC stewardship program revenue
- solid waste management plan progress report
- shifts in operating reserves, revenue, and expenses
- decrease in construction and out of region materials waste streams
- price elasticity in tipping fees

**MOVED by Director Kobayashi, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
The Environmental Services Committee recommends the Committee of the
Whole recommend to the Capital Regional Board:
That Appendix A, 2026 Operating and Capital Budget - Environmental Resource
Management be approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional
2026-2030 Financial Plan.
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 Kobayashi, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the Environmental Services Committee meeting of October 15, 2025 be
adjourned at 10:34 am.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER