

## Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Environment Committee

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Wednesday, June 26, 2019

10:00 AM

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

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**PRESENT:**

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait), L. Helps, G. Holman, M. Hicks (10:07), J. Ranns (10:04), L. Seaton, N. Taylor, R. Windsor, G. Young, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations, Environmental Protection; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; J. Frederick, Engineer 5, Environmental Engineering; L. Ferris, Senior Project Coordinator, Resource Recovery, Environmental Resource Management; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

**REGRETS:** Director Howe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Barry, Principal, Reshape Strategies

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,  
That the agenda for the June 26, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be approved as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

**3.1.**     [19-629](#)     Minutes of the May 22, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the minutes of the May 22, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on the presentation by the UVIC Environment Law Centre and on the new procedures for Notices of Motion.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

##### Presentations:

- 5.1. [19-631](#) Presentation: Sarah LoBosco, The UVic Environmental Law Centre, and Erin Gray, Associate Counsel, Arbutus Law Group LLP, Re: Cleaning Up Waterways and Beaches

S. LoBosco and E. Gray spoke to a presentation regarding cleaning up waterways and beaches. A handout was provided to the committee, which is on file in the Legislative Services Department.

Discussion ensued on those who contributed to the report and implementing the regulations in the electoral areas.

##### Delegations:

- 5.2. [19-639](#) Delegation: John Roe, The Dead Boat Disposal Society Re: Agenda Item 6.4 Abandoned Boats Program Update

J. Roe spoke to a video presentation regarding the Abandoned Boats Program Update and what has been completed to date.

- 5.3. [19-641](#) Delegation: Katherine Metz Re: Agenda Item 6.6 Recycling Market Update - Verbal Report

K. Metz spoke to a presentation encouraging recycling beverage containers.

#### 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [19-607](#) E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector

J. Leahy provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- updating direction signage
- phase 4 timeline for completing the design and the capital work to be completed
- phase 5 timelines
- studies done in the City of Langford

**MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Screech,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That the E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector update report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,  
That staff be directed to work with the City of Langford and report back on options on phase five (5) of the E&N Rail Trail at the appropriate time.  
**CARRIED**

**6.2.**     [19-608](#)     Non-Migratory Canada Goose Management Update

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- managing geese to help the farming community
- identifying farms affected by geese
- firearms and bow use bylaws
- other animals that are an issue
- a regional service to identify management of wildlife

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Board advocate to senior levels of government for resources (e.g., policy, programs, research and grant funding) to maintain the scope and scale of non-migratory Canada goose management in the region.

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the main motion be amended to add the words "and enhance" after the words "...to maintain..." and "and other hyper-abundant wildlife" before the words "management in the region."

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,  
That the amended motion be severed into two separate amended motions.  
**CARRIED**

The question was called on the amended motion.

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the main motion be amended to add the words "and enhance" after the words "...to maintain...".

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Director Young

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the amended motion be further amended to add the words "and other hyper-abundant wildlife" before the words "management in the region."  
**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Ranns, Seaton, Windsor, Hicks, Taylor, and Alternate Director Bateman

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the main motion as amended be amended to add the words "and report back in one year on the efficacy of the advocacy" after the words "...management in the region".

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the amendment to the main motion as amended be amended to add the words "...or enhanced service levels" after the words "on the efficacy of the advocacy".

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Ranns and Windsor

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the amendment to the main motion as amended be amended to add the words after "...management in the region" "and report back in one year on the efficacy of the advocacy or enhanced service levels".

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Ranns and Windsor

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Board advocate to senior levels of government for resources (e.g., policy, programs, research and grant funding) to maintain and enhance the scope and scale of non-migratory Canada goose management in the region and report back in one year on the efficacy of the advocacy or enhanced service levels.

**CARRIED**

**6.3.**     [19-614](#)

Invasive Species Service

P. Kickam provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff be directed to continue with the current administration and scope of the service for the purposes of coordinating invasive species management and education in the region and incorporating the service into the 2020-2023 service plan with an ongoing position.

**CARRIED**

**6.4.**     [19-606](#)

Abandoned Boats Program Update

P. Kickam provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- risks of illegal dumping when charging for debris
- mapping where there are sunken boats and debris
- imaging technologies
- challenges with allowing individuals versus groups to bring disposal of marine debris
- partnering with the Dead Boat Society and Transport Canada to clean up the waterways

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That use of the funds set aside for marine-related debris disposal be reallocated to the removal and disposal of abandoned boats; and
2. That the CRD Board advocate to Transport Canada to have 100% of future abandoned boat disposal and removal costs paid through their funding program.

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the main motion be amended in 1. to replace the words after "...marine-related debris disposal" with "also be made available for removal and disposal of abandoned boats; and".  
**CARRIED**

The question was called on the motion as amended.

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That use of the funds set aside for marine-related debris disposal also be made available for removal and disposal of abandoned boats; and
2. That the CRD Board advocate to Transport Canada to have 100% of future abandoned boat disposal and removal costs paid through their funding program.

**CARRIED**

**6.5.**     [19-609](#)     Landfill Gas Utilization - Additional Information

L. Ferris spoke to a presentation on landfill gas utilization.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the market for renewable natural gas
- concerns of the product being viable over the next 25 years
- calculating the amount of renewable natural gas produced, greenhouse gas reductions, and collection of landfill gas

Director Screech left the meeting at 11:48 am.

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That this report be received for information.  
**CARRIED**

**6.6.**     [19-622](#)     Recycling Market Update - Verbal Report

R. Smith advised of provision of a written report that will be coming to the July Parks and Environment Committee in lieu of a verbal recycling market update at this meeting.

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,  
That the Recycling Market Update - Verbal Report be received for information.  
**CARRIED**

## 7. Notice(s) of Motion

K. Morley provided an overview of the new procedures for Notices of Motion.

### 7.1. Director Helps Notice of Motion: Appointment to the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan Steering Committee

Director Helps spoke to the Notice of Motion.

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the Notice of Motion - Appointment to the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan Steering Committee be considered by the Parks and Environment Committee today, June 26, 2019.

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Director Seaton

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the Capital Regional District Board appoint a Board member to the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan Steering Committee; and
2. That Director Helps be nominated by the Parks and Environment Committee for appointment by the Board.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Bateman,  
That the Notice of Motion: Cleaning Up CRD Waterways and Beaches Report be considered by the Parks and Environment Committee today, June 26, 2019.

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Ranns, Seaton, Holman, Helps, Hicks, and Board Chair Plant

## Notices of Motion for Consideration at the Next Meeting

### 7.2. Director Taylor Notice of Motion: Model Bylaw to Ban Single-Use Styrofoam Cups and Containers

That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That Staff be directed to report back with options and implications for creating a model bylaw to ban single-use styrofoam cups and containers.

### 7.3. Director Isitt Notice of Motion: Cleaning Up CRD Waterways and Beaches Report

That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District Board receive the report "Cleaning Up CRD Waterways and Beaches" for information, and refers the report to staff to report back to the Parks and Environment Committee on options for strengthening regulations, policies and programs relating to the health of waterways and beaches in the Capital Region.

### 7.4. Director Isitt Notice of Motion: Mapping Shorelines for Sunken Vessels in Selected Areas in the Region

That staff report back on the financial implications and feasibility of mapping sunken vessels in selected areas of the region, including the following suggested locations: Sooke Basin, Esquimalt Harbour, Victoria Harbour, Gorge Waterway, Oak Bay, Cadboro Bay, Brentwood Bay, Fulford Harbour and Burgoyne Bay.

7.5. Director Isitt Notice of Motion: Ocean Legacy Report

That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District Board endorse the five recommendations laid out in the Ocean Legacy report and request that the Board Chair write to the Minister of Environment and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, requesting favourable consideration and action on the recommendations.

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Motion to Close the Meeting**

9.1. [19-635](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1),(k), negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public; and (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district.  
**CARRIED**

The Committee moved to the closed session at 12:22 pm.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 1:23 pm without report.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Bateman, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the June 26, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting adjourn at 1:23 pm.  
**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder