

## Meeting Minutes

### Environmental Services Committee

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Wednesday, January 18, 2023

1:30 PM

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

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#### PRESENT

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. May, Senior Manager, Environmental Engineering; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director(s) C. Plant, A. Wickheim

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,  
That the agenda for the January 18, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-065](#) Minutes of the June 15, 2022 and the minutes of the September 28, 2022 Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

**MOVED** by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Murdock,  
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of June 15, 2022 and September 28, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

I am pleased to continue as the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee and looking forward to working with all of the committee members. We are in exciting times within the mandate and work of the Environmental Services Committee, we are on critical paths towards solutions for solid resources whether they be biosolids, wood solid, or organic resources. We are also coming through the pandemic time, where Hartland received a significant per capita increase, and that adds more pressure to make good decisions and set direction going forward. We need some good decision making for critical movement forward for our climate and solid waste targets.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations.

- 5.1. [23-068](#) Delegation - Daniel Kenway; Representing Willis Point Community Association: Re: Agenda Item 6.3.: Evaluation of Passing Lane on Willis Point Road  
D. Kenway spoke to item 6.3.
- 5.2. [23-071](#) Delegation - Philippe Lucas; Representing Biosolid Free BC: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Biosolids Short-term Contingency Beneficial Use Plan  
P. Lucas spoke to Item 6.2.
- 5.3. [23-072](#) Delegation - Hugh Stephens; Representing Peninsula Biosolids Coalition: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Biosolids Short-term Contingency Beneficial Use Plan  
H. Stephens spoke to Item 6.2.

#### 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [23-044](#) 2023 Environmental Services Committee Terms of Reference  
L. Hutcheson presented 6.1. for information.  
Discussion ensued on clarification of corporate and community climate action.  
**There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.**

**6.2. 23-052** Biosolids Short-term Contingency Beneficial Use Plan

G. Harris spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- water quality testing and monitoring
- thermal process pilot studies and established programs
- consultation and engagement processes
- chemicals and contaminants testing
- contingency planning related to operational changes
- shipping and additional costs
- associated risks of the service
- land application in other jurisdictions
- regulatory process
- gasification or composting possibilities

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

1. That the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board amend its policy to allow non-agricultural land application of biosolids as a short-term contingency alternative;

and

2. That staff be directed to update the CRD's short-term biosolids contingency plan correspondingly.

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED:** Caradonna, Desjardins, Kobayashi, Thompson, Tobias

**MOVED** by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,  
That we move to direct staff to look at alternative options and maintain the status quo for now.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Brownoff, Holman, Murdock, Tait

**6.3. [23-009](#)** Evaluation of Passing Lane on Willis Point Road

S. May presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- existing turn lanes off of Willis Point road
- jurisdiction and authority of road
- cost of passing lane

**There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.**

**7. Notice(s) of Motion**

7.1      23-101      Notice of Motion

Director Caradonna provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Environmental Services Committee meeting:

"That the Healthy Waters project proposal for Tod Creek watershed be referred to staff to report back, by end of March or within the span of two committee meetings, on project implications including resources, service mandate, and regulatory framework."

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Tait,  
That the January 18, 2023 Environmental Services Committee meeting be  
adjourned at 3:14 pm.  
CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER