



Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:30 AM

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

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

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0838](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of June 18, 2025

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of June 18, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Attachments: [Minutes - June 18, 2025](#)

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [25-0836](#) Presentation: Brendan McShane, VP Operations, Western Canada, Recycle BC and SK Recycles; Re: Expanding Collection Opportunities

Attachments: [Presentation: Expanding Collection Opportunities](#)

5.2. Delegations

The public are welcome to attend CRD meetings in-person.

Delegations will have the option to participate electronically. Please complete the online application at www.crd.ca/address no later than 4:30 pm two days before the meeting and staff will respond with details.

Alternatively, you may email your comments on an agenda item to the CRD Board at crdboard@crd.bc.ca.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0864](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. The following minutes are for information only:
- Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - June 27, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes: Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force - June 27, 2025](#)

7. Motion with Notice

7.1. [25-0781](#) Motion with Notice: Blue Box Recycling Programs in Schools (Director Caradonna)

Recommendation: [At the June 18, 2025 Environmental Services Committee meeting, the following notice of motion was read into the record by Director Caradonna to be discussed at a following meeting:]

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

That staff report back on how the Solid Waste Management Plan could be leveraged to extend the blue box recycling program to schools across the region (not including the City of Victoria) as well as other institutional customers.

Attachments: [Background: GVTA Letter CRD re Blue Box](#)

8. New Business

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [25-0852](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

Recommendation: 1. That the meeting be closed for proposed service in accordance with Section (90)(1) (k) of the Community Charter. [1 Item]
2. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District. [1 Item]

10. Adjournment

The next meeting is September 17, 2025.

To ensure quorum, please advise Jessica Dorman (jdorman@crd.bc.ca) if you or your alternate cannot attend.

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
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Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; N. Elliott, Manager, Parks, Planning and Development; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Tobias provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the agenda of the Environmental Services Committee of June 18, 2025 be
approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0706](#) Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of April 16, 2025

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of April 16, 2025 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Solid Waste Management Plan progress report.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0445](#) Climate Action Strategy Renewal - Vision, Principles, Goals and Targets

R. Tooke spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the scope of framework and municipal consultation
- regional growth strategy and future updates
- adaptation, mitigation strategies and intention to advance climate action
- workflow advancement and timeframe to ensure engagement
- context of "boldly" and alignment with priorities
- regional and corporate targets for emission reduction
- decision making and intention to achieve targets
- financial considerations and potential funding options

MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Tobias,

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

That the CRD adopt the guiding framework for the CRD's renewed Climate Action Strategy, as stated in Appendix A.

Referral Motion:

MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,

Refer to staff to revise the wording in Appendix A to reflect the CRD's existing commitment to working to reduce community wide GHG emissions (i.e. climate mitigation).

Discussion ensued regarding the rationale of the language in Appendix A.

The question was called on the referral motion:

Refer to staff to revise the wording in Appendix A to reflect the CRD's existing commitment to working to reduce community wide GHG emissions (i.e. climate mitigation).

CARRIED

6.2. [25-0692](#) Additional Opportunities for Regional Climate Action

R. Tooke presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- mitigation strategies and urban assets
- impacts of parks and natural areas
- resources and funding considerations
- zero carbon step code reduction
- federal and provincial programs to increase funding and capacity building
- transportation service and GHG emission reduction
- adaptation and cost of climate impacts such as forest fire or sea level rise
- strategies within our parks and protected areas
- asset renewals and management

Director Tobias left the meeting at 10:44 am.

Motion Arising:

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

**Direct staff to develop an advocacy motion to the Province requesting enabling
legislation related to enhanced climate action at the local government level.**

CARRIED

6.3. [25-0648](#) Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 3881 Amendment
and Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 4685 and 4675

R. Smith spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion regarding the update on the cruise ship waste diversion.

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

- 1. That Bylaw No. 4685, "Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2025", be read a first, second, and third time;**
- 2. That Bylaw No. 4685 be adopted.**
- 3. That Bylaw No. 4675, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 85, 2025", be read a first, second, and third time;**
- 4. That Bylaw No. 4675 be adopted.**

CARRIED

6.4. [25-0737](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for
Information

The following minutes were received for information only:

- a) Solid Waste Advisory Committee - June 6, 2025**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

- 7.1. [25-0489](#) Motion with Notice: Potential UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (Director Brownoff)
- J. Brownoff spoke to Item 7.1.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- timeframe
 - implications
- MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith, The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**
- Direct staff to report on a potential UNESCO Biosphere Reserve application and outline related implications.**
- CARRIED**
- 7.2. **25-0780** Notice of Motion: Blue Box Recycling Programs in Schools (Director Caradonna)
- Director Caradonna proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting:
- “That staff report back on how the Solid Waste Management Plan could be leveraged to extend the blue box recycling program to schools across the region (not including the City of Victoria) as well as other institutional customers.”

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the June 18, 2025 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:12 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER

EXPANDING COLLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

Capital Regional District. Environmental Services Committee.

July 16, 2025



RECYCLEBCTM

Brendan McShane.
VP, Operations. Western Canada
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WHO WE ARE

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout British Columbia.

Serving two million households or 99.4% of BC.

First full extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for packaging and paper products in North America.



COLLECTION MODELS



CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Collection from households that set out materials individually for pick-up



MULTI-FAMILY COLLECTION

Collection from a central location in residences with five or more units



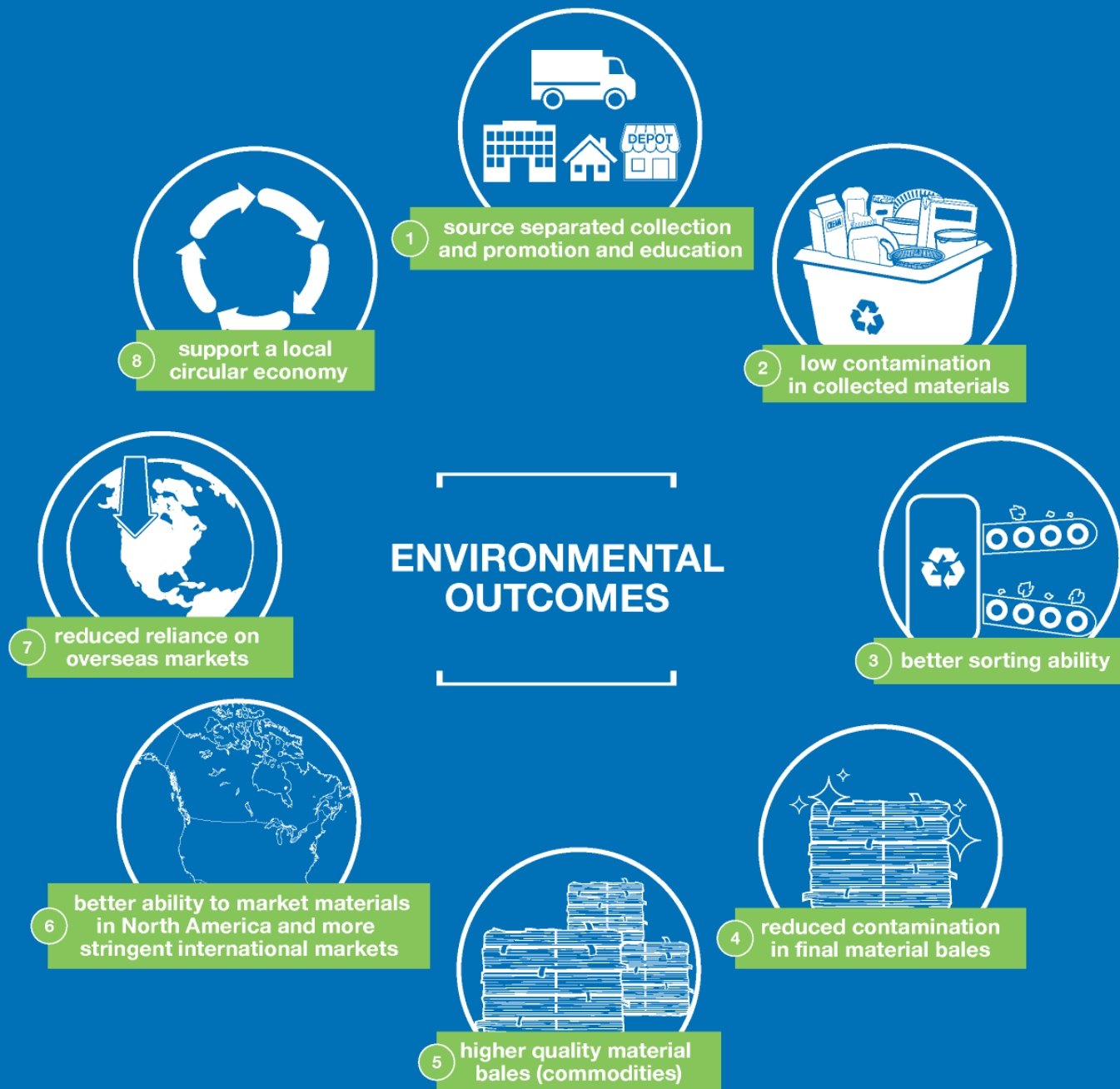
DEPOT COLLECTION

Residents drop off their materials

Recycle BC Direct Service Areas

- Recycle BC is providing Direct Service of curbside and/or Multi-Family collection in the following areas of BC:
 - City of Coquitlam
 - City of Langley
 - City of North Vancouver (C/MF)
 - City of Pitt Meadows
 - City of Prince George
 - City of Quesnel
 - City of Revelstoke
 - City of Vancouver (C/MF)
 - City of West Vancouver (C/MF)
 - City of Maple Ridge (C/MF)
 - Regional District Central Okanagan (Five Municipalities)
 - District of North Vancouver (C/MF)
 - Regional District of Central Kootenay
 - Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Boundary region
 - Regional District of Kootenay Boundary- Kootenay region
 - Regional District of North Okanagan
 - University Endowment Lands
 - Village of Anmore

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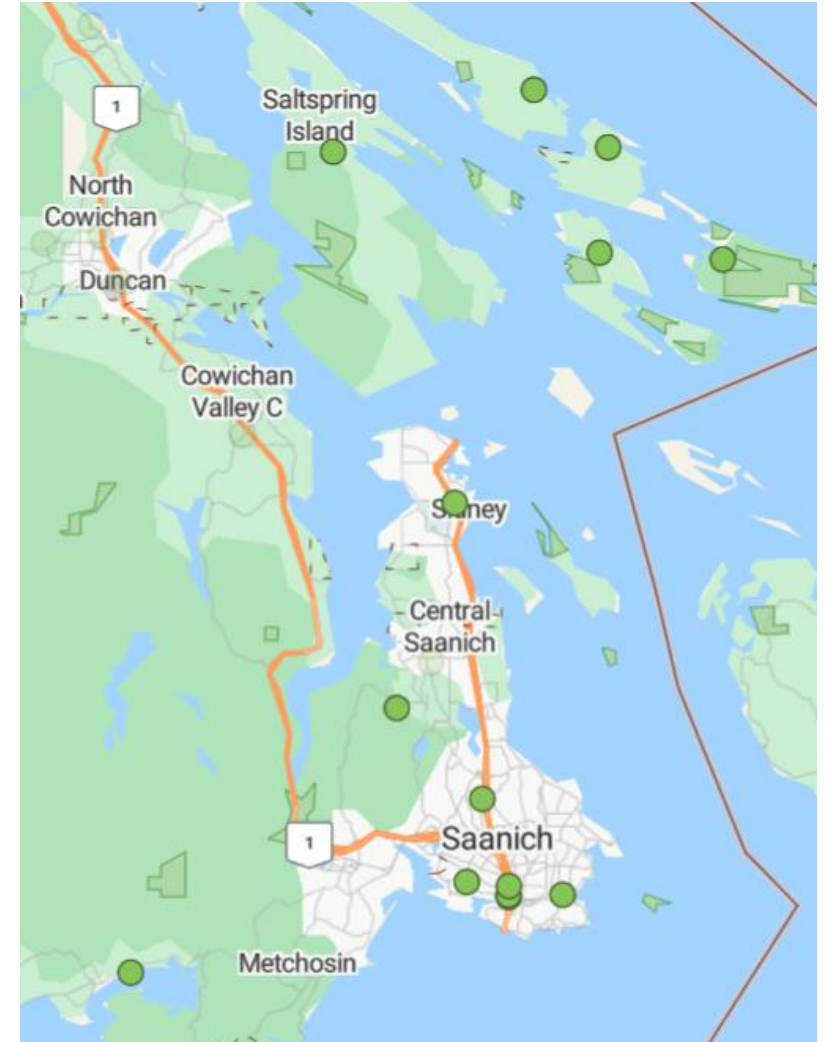




RECYCLING IN THE CRD: 2025 AND BEYOND

Recycling Services in the CRD

- **Curbside:** All single-family homes.
- **Multi-family Collection**
 - Capital City Recycling (CCR)
 - GFL
 - Adanac (Victoria Bottle Depot) – Flexible Plastics
- **Depot:**
 - CRD Depots: Hartland, Gulf Islands (x5), Port Renfrew
- City of Victoria: Pop- Up Depots (June-Dec 2025)
- Sooke Bottle Depot (March, 2025)
- GFL Depot, Langford (July, 2024)
- Queen St Bottle Depot (June 2024)
- Sidney Bottle Depot
- Esquimalt Bottle Depot
- Oak Bay Public Works Yard
- London Drugs locations



NEW COLLECTION CONTRACTS INCLUDE MORE MATERIALS

Curbside Collection Fee		
	Collection Type	\$ per Curbside Household per Year
	Single-Stream using automated carts – Mixed Containers and Paper and Cardboard	\$41.00
	Single-Stream using Collection Containers other than automated carts – Mixed Containers and Paper and Cardboard	\$42.60
	Multi-Stream – Paper and Cardboard separate from Mixed Containers	\$71.10
	Flexible Plastics - which must be segregated from all other PPP	\$8.00

Curbside Collection Glass Bottles and Jars Fee		
	Glass Bottles and Jars	\$ per Tonne
		\$80.00

SEGREGATED FLEXIBLE PLASTICS COLLECTION



- West Vancouver Multi-Family (July 1, 2024)
- Maple Ridge Multi-Family (Jan 1, 2025)
- Maple Ridge Curbside (Jan 1, 2025)
- West Vancouver Curbside (June 1, 2025)
- City of Vancouver Multi-Family (February, 2026)
- RDCO (May 2026)

- Capital Regional District, select Multi-Family (August 1, 2024)

SEGREGATED FLEXIBLE PLASTICS COLLECTION



- Provision of segregated Flexible Plastic collection throughout the region
 - Provision of collection container
- Receive the per household incentive rate
- Deliver to Dedicated Receiving Facility
- Develop an effective Implementation Plan

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Plastic Bag and Plastic Overwrap

Plastic bags and overwrap

Plastic bags for groceries, produce, bread, etc.



Plastic overwrap for soft drinks, water, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.



Stand-Up and Zipper Lock Pouches

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Pouches for frozen prawns, scallops, fish fillets, etc.



Pouches for frozen prepared food like gyoza, perogies, chicken wings, tempura shrimp, etc.



Frozen fruits and vegetable pouches



Dried fruit and nut zipper lock pouches



Granola zipper lock pouches



Candy zipper lock pouches



Stand-Up and Zipper Lock Pouches

Stand-up and Zipper Lock Pouches:

Sugar zipper lock pouches



Oatmeal zipper lock pouches



Grated cheese zipper lock pouches



Quinoa, rice, grain zipper lock pouches



Coffee zipper lock pouches



Crinkly Wrappers and Bags

Crinkly Bags:

Chip bags



Candy bags



Dried pasta bags



Cereal bags



Wet wipe dispenser bags



Cookie bags



Woven and Net Plastic Bags

Net Bags:

Avocado net bags



Onion net bags



Orange net bags



Lemon net bags



Lime net bags



Chocolate coin net bags



Nut net bags



Woven Plastic Bags:

Woven plastic rice bags



Non-food Protective Packaging

Plastic shipping envelopes



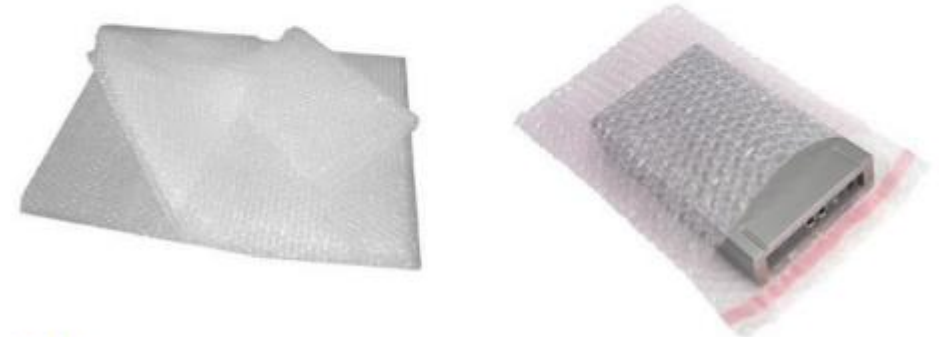
Plastic air packets



**Squishy cushion packaging
(polyethylene foam)**



Bubble wrap



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Capital Regional District

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force (IMTF)

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:30 AM

Room 488/MS Teams

Present: Councillor S. Duck (Sidney), Councillor M. Gardiner (Victoria), Councillor D. Grove (Colwood), M. Wagner (Langford)

Electronic Participation: Councillor A. Appleton (Oak Bay), Councillor M. Brame (Esquimalt), Councillor S. Gray (Metchosin), Councillor T. St-Pierre (Sooke), Director A. Wickheim (JdF EA)

Staff: M. Carolsfeld (Climate Action Coordinator), M. Greeno (Community Energy Specialist), M. Rowe (Climate Action Program Assistant, Recorder), R. Tooke (Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation & Strategy)

Regrets: Councillor A. Baird (Highlands), Director P. Brent (SGI EA), Councillor J. Brownoff (Saanich), Director G. Holman (SSI EA), Mayor P. Jones (North Saanich), A. MacKenzie (View Royal), Councillor S. Riddell (Central Saanich)

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

- M. Greeno provided a Territorial Acknowledgment.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda for the [June 27, 2025](#) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force meeting.

MOVED by Councillor S. Duck, SECONDED by Councillor M. Wagner
That the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes from the [March 14, 2025](#) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force meeting.

MOVED by Councillor M. Wagner, SECONDED by Councillor S. Duck

That the minutes of the March 14, 2024, Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentation: Fireweed Learning Commons

- Dr. Elizabeth Lange provided an overview of Fireweed Learning Commons, highlighting their Livable Futures Workshop Series and Climate Field Guide, developed with funding from the District of Sooke. Questions and discussion followed, including opportunities to partner with additional municipalities and/or regionalize offerings, with many task force members expressing interest in working with Fireweed Learning Commons to deliver workshops in their communities. Questions were raised about measuring and evaluating impact. See [presentation](#) for further details.

Actions:

- a) CRD staff to provide Fireweed Learning Commons presentation slides and Dr. Lange's email address with meeting minutes.
- b) Members interested in exploring partnership opportunities with Fireweed Learning Commons may reach out to Dr. Lange directly.

6. Climate Action Program Updates

- M. Greeno, R. Tooke, M. Carolsfeld, and M. Rowe provided background information and updates for the CRD Climate Action Service, including:
 - Staffing updates, Climate Action Strategy renewal (timeline extended by a few months to engage with local First Nations, will also incorporate recent feedback from the Environmental Services Committee), electric mobility, Low Carbon Fuel Standard Reporting service, climate adaptation capacity-building grant, Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy partnership, energy and carbon emissions reporting, Zero Carbon Step Code, BCSEA Cool It! Climate Leadership Training 2024/2025 results, and community outreach and education.
- Members advised that the CRD consider:
 - Developing a public-facing master map of active EV chargers in the region. (*S. Duck, Sidney*)
 - Enhancing policy coordination to avoid unintended consequences—for example, multi-storey developments blocking solar installations on adjacent properties. (*M. Gardiner, Victoria*)
 - Taking a softer, less punitive approach to implementing the energy and carbon emissions reporting bylaw, particularly for stratas and multi-family dwellings. (*M. Gardiner, Victoria*)
 - Investigating cruise ship scrubber discharge, and clarifying what testing, monitoring, and oversight is in place, if any, as well as the CRD's role—raised in the context of the Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy. (*M. Gardiner, Victoria*)
 - Reviewing regulations related to heat pump noise, especially in strata and multi-family housing contexts. (*M. Gardiner, Victoria*)

Actions:

- c) CRD staff to investigate opportunities to develop a public-facing map of active EV chargers in the region and report back to Task Force members.

- d) CRD staff to invite Task Force members to climate adaptation capacity-building workshops, likely to start Q4 2025.
- e) CRD staff to return to the Task Force with further information on the energy and carbon emissions reporting program.
- f) CRD staff to follow up with Environmental Protection division regarding cruise ship scrubber discharge and clarify whether testing and monitoring is being conducted, and what the CRD's role is. Report back to Task Force.
- g) CRD staff to follow up with Task Force members with information on existing regulations for heat pump noise.
- h) CRD staff to circulate the BCSEA Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Final Report once available.

7. Municipal Roundtable – Open Discussion

- Deferred due to time constraints.

Action:

- i) Members to share any pertinent updates to CRD Staff for distribution with meeting minutes.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

New Actions	Responsibility	Timeline
CRD staff to provide Fireweed Learning Commons presentation slides and Dr. Lange's email address with meeting minutes.	Staff	ASAP
Members interested in exploring partnership opportunities with Fireweed Learning Commons should reach out to Dr. Lange.	IMTF	Ongoing
CRD staff to investigate opportunities to develop a public-facing map of active EV chargers in the region and report back to Task Force members.	Staff	September meeting
CRD staff to invite Task Force members to climate adaptation capacity-building workshops.	Staff	Q4 2025
CRD staff to follow up with Environmental Protection division regarding cruise ship scrubber discharge and report back to Task Force.	Staff	Q3 2025
CRD staff to report back to Task Force members with information on existing regulations for heat pump noise.	Staff	ASAP

CRD staff to circulate the BCSEA Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Final Report once available.	Staff	ASAP
Members to share any pertinent updates to CRD Staff for distribution with meeting minutes.	IMTF	Q3 2025
Past Actions	Responsibility	Timeline
Members to utilize Task Force SharePoint site to share key documents and resources between members. If you need assistance accessing the collaborative site, please contact staff.	IMTF	Ongoing
Members to provide future meeting topic requests to Manager, Climate Action Programs.	IMTF	Ongoing
CRD staff to attach the minutes from the previous meeting with future meeting invites, in addition to linking to the SharePoint collaboration site.	Staff	Ongoing



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June 9, 2025

Jeremy Caradonna, Councillor and CRD Director
City of Victoria
By email: jcaradonna@victoria.ca

Dear Jeremy,

The Greater Victoria Teachers' Association understands that the Capital Regional District is studying the potential of adding soft plastics to the collection list.

We are writing to suggest that this could also be an opportunity for the CRD to consider an expansion of the blue box recycling program to school buildings outside the City of Victoria (given that the City of Victoria is considering a municipally run collection service).

Currently, the school district is not collecting any recyclables as it must use private waste collection services. As a result, there is no recycling collection in schools other than ad hoc programs run by volunteers within some schools.

Teachers feel strongly that as educators, we should be modelling the sustainable recycling practices that we teach about. Unfortunately, this is not currently possible.

Should the CRD begin offering blue box pick up to the schools, we hope that schools would then be able to implement recycling services to put the schools into alignment with our sustainability values.

Yours truly,

Tara Ehrcke, Climate Justice Committee Chair
Carolyn Howe, President

Cc: CRD Board, GVTA members