

Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

10:30 AM

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

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: C. Plant (Chair), R. Mersereau (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, S. Brice, B. Desjardins (EP), J. Brownoff (for F. Haynes) (EP), L. Helps (10:33 am) (EP), M. Hicks (11:04 am) (EP), G. Holman, P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), B. Isitt (10:35 am) (EP), J. Loveday (10:31 am) (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (10:33 am) (EP), R. Martin (EP), H. Braithwaite (for K. Murdoch) (10:32 am) (EP), G. Orr, J. Ranns (EP), D. Screech, L. Seaton, J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (10:34 am) (EP), N. Taylor, K. Williams, G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services (EP); G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection (EP); E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors F. Haynes, D. Howe, K. Murdoch, M. Tait, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Mersereau provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the agenda for the May 12, 2021 Session of the Committee of the Whole be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-400](#) Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Plant thanked everyone in attendance and advised the committee of the day's proceedings.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Special Meeting Matter(s)

6.1. [21-355](#) 2019-2022 Board Strategic Priorities - Annual Check-In

R. Lapham and K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- approach to the Rapid Housing Initiative: Round 2
- Climate Action Strategy updates and completion date
- impacts from the discontinuation of the provincial revenue incentive program
- electrification of the CRD fleet vehicles
- environmental protection initiative timelines
- using social media to raise electric vehicle awareness
- progress status on fire grant applications
- strategy to bring high-speed internet to the electoral areas
- the newly created BC economic development agency
- social housing program partners
- advocating to bring doctors into our area
- priorities around greenhouse gas reductions
- First Nations participation with the Capital Regional District
- approaching provincial government for parks funding
- more aggressive advocacy for the E&N Railway

**MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
1. That the current level of effort on CRD Board Priorities be maintained; and
2. That staff, through the service planning process, provide recommendations on
funding, timing and service levels for 2022 in accordance with the approved
2019-2022 Board Strategic Priorities.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Ranns, Young

7. Motion to Report to Board

7.1. [21-393](#) Motion to Report to the Board

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That the Committee of the Whole report to the Capital Regional District Board at
the May 12, 2021 regular meeting regarding item 6.1.**

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the May 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 12:13
pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER