

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; L. Ferris, Manager, Environmental Resource Management Policy and Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director(s) J. Brownoff, D. Kobayashi

Guest: Director K. Williams

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

C. Plant provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That Director Williams be permitted to participate (without vote) in the June 19,
2024 session of the Environmental Services Committee meeting.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Thompson , **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the agenda for the June 19, 2024 Environmental Services Committee
meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-612](#) Minutes of the May 15, 2024 Environmental Services Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of May 15,
2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Desjardins spoke about the importance of the agenda items of today's meeting.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations.

5.1. Delegations

- 5.1.1. [24-647](#) Delegation - Jonathan O'Riordan; Representing Mt Work Coalition: Re: Agenda Items: 6.2. Biosolids Literature and Legal Review - June Update, 6.3. Biosolids Beneficial Use Options - Request for Expressions of Interest; and 6.4. Biosolids Advanced Thermal Demonstration Plant - Project Update

J. O'Riordan spoke to Items 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [24-620](#) Millstream Meadows Remediation Project

P. Kickham spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- acquisition and retention of property
- contamination and liability provisions
- remediation and monitoring
- uncommitted capital reserve and debt servicing payment

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

**That the Millstream Meadows project budget increase from \$14.7M to \$15.32M be
incorporated into the 2024 capital plan, with the additional project budget of
\$0.62M funded from uncommitted project capital on hand.**

CARRIED

6.2. [24-604](#) Biosolids Literature and Legal Review - June Update

L. Jones spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the predisposition of the outcome.

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

1. That staff be directed to secure a tenured professor that fulfills the qualification criteria outlined in this report, to undertake the independent literature review, as per the terms of reference previously approved for this work, with a budget not to exceed \$40,000; and

2. That staff be directed to procure a legal review in alignment with the selection criteria and scope of work presented in this report, with a budget not to exceed \$25,000.

CARRIED

6.3. [24-610](#) Biosolids Beneficial Use Options - Request for Expressions of Interest

L. Jones spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the potential for in-house versus external biosolids management and biocell inclusion in the long-term use strategy.

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

That staff be directed to issue a Request for Expressions of Interest for biosolids management under Tier 2 of the Long-term Biosolids Beneficial Use Strategy.

CARRIED

6.4. [24-611](#) Biosolids Advanced Thermal Demonstration Plant - Project Update

L. Ferris presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- wood and biomass waste
- tonnage levels of waste
- pilot project and partnership opportunities
- RFP timeline and results

6.5. [24-608](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Solid Waste Advisory Committee - June 7, 2024**
- b) Technical and Community Advisory Committee Meeting - May 22, 2024**

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 Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the June 19, 2024 Environmental Services Committee meeting be adjourned
at 2:54 pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER