



COUNCIL AGENDA

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**DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER**  
750 17TH STREET, WEST VANCOUVER BC V7V 3T3

## COUNCIL REPORT

Date:	February 18, 2026
From:	Christopher Monaghan, Climate Action Coordinator
Subject:	Environment Committee 2026 Annual Work Plan

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Environment Committee 2026 Annual Work Plan, attached as Appendix A, be approved.

#### 1.0 Purpose

To seek Council approval of the Environment Committee’s 2026 Work Plan (**Appendix A**) that outlines specific objectives that the Committee plans to achieve as well as a summary of work completed by the Committee in 2025.

#### 2.0 Legislation/Bylaw/Policy

##### Legislation

Section 142 of the Community Charter provides regulations regarding the appointment of Select Committees to consider or inquire into a matter and report its findings and opinion to Council.

##### Bylaw

Council Committee Procedure Bylaw No. 5020, 2019 is a bylaw to govern Council committee meetings of the District of West Vancouver.

##### Policy

The Environment Committee Terms of Reference 0282-20-0155 **Appendix B** outlines that the committee is expected to identify a set of objectives in an annual work plan to be submitted to Council for approval.

General Council Committees Policy 0144 is a policy to establish best practices and processes for Standing and Select Committees.

#### 3.0 Council Strategic Objective(s)/Official Community Plan

##### Official Community Plan

The following policies in the Official Community Plan support the District’s climate action and environmental protection goals:

- 2.6.3 Facilitate on-site and off-site environmental enhancement on both public and private lands as opportunities arise (e.g., creek daylighting, fish habitat restoration, invasive species management).
- 2.6.6 Continue to work with senior governments, neighbouring municipalities, First Nations, local businesses and landowners, stewardship groups, and other community partners in the delivery of environmental stewardship and education initiatives.
- 2.6.19 Implement community energy and emissions initiatives to advance towards meeting the District’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets of 45% below 2010 levels by 2030 and 100% by 2050 or sooner, notably through the land use, housing, transportation, low carbon energy and infrastructure policies contained in this plan.
- 2.6.22 Expand the use of green infrastructure through public and private development to enhance long-term ecosystem services that support multiple benefits (e.g., storm water management, air quality, carbon sequestration, water quality, and biodiversity).
- 2.6.23 Seek to incorporate low-carbon and renewable energy in public and private projects and support the development of low-carbon and renewable energy systems as opportunities arise.

#### Council Strategic Objectives

The Environment Committee developed their work plan to align with the objectives of Environment and Climate Change component of Council’s 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

For any Work Plan items that require additional resources, the Committee will develop a budget and funding source recommendation for Council consideration.

## **5.0 Background**

### 5.1 Previous Decisions

Council at its May 8, 2023, regular meeting, passed the following resolution:

*THAT proposed “Environment Committee Terms of Reference Policy 0155”, attached as Appendix A to the May 1, 2023 report titled Proposed Committee Terms of Reference, be approved.*

### 5.2 History

The Environment Committee was established in 2023 with the objective to support Council and staff on initiatives to meet the District’s greenhouse

gas (GHG) emission reduction targets, adapt to climate change, and protect the community's natural assets.

## **6.0 Analysis**

### **6.1 Discussion**

The Environment Committee is currently comprised of eight voting members with various backgrounds in environment and climate change expertise. The purpose of the Committee is to advise, identify, review, analyze, promote, and assist staff and Council on the development and implementation of climate action and environmental protection initiatives. **Appendix A** provides a summary of the work that the Committee completed in 2025 and proposed priorities for their 2026 Work Plan.

### **6.2 Climate Change & Sustainability**

Members provide their experience to amplify and support the District's key climate action and environment goals through initiatives related to building decarbonization, active transportation, natural asset protection, environmental conservation, and climate adaptation planning, which contribute to long-term community resiliency.

### **6.3 Public Engagement and Outreach**

The members of the Environment Committee provide a connection to the community that helps to ensure broader perspective and engagement on the District's climate action and environmental protection portfolio.

### **6.4 Other Communication, Consultation, and Research**

The Environment Committee continues to work with staff and external organizations and experts to gain an understanding of District operations and programs to provide input from a community lens to support climate action and environment goals.

## **7.0 Options**

### **7.1 Recommended Option**

THAT the Environment Committee 2026 Work Plan, attached as Appendix A, be approved.

### **7.2 Considered Options**

A considered option is for Council to request additional information.

## **8.0 Conclusion**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the annual Work Plan that outlines the specific targets and priorities that the Environment Committee plans to achieve in 2026.

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**Appendices:**

- A. Environment Committee 2026 Annual Work Plan
- B. Environment Committee Terms of Reference 0282-20-0155



# Environment Committee 2026 Work Plan

Lyndon Hanson, Chair  
Claudia Castro, Acting Chair

# Environment Committee Members 2026



Lyndon Hanson  
(Chair)



Claudia Castro  
(Acting Chair)



Philip  
Beaudoin



Alois Gallet



Alejo  
Gutierrez



Jade Jordan



Trevor Moss



Lisa Romero

**Council  
Representative:**  
Peter Lambur

**Staff  
Representative:**  
Heather Keith

## Committee Intent

- **Collaborate** as a Committee to plan future projects and programming.
- **Explore** additional engagement with community groups, stewardship groups and local schools to explore conservation initiatives.
- **Amplify** information to residents on pathways to participate in lowering their carbon footprint and conserving nature.
- **Review** and advise on proposed policies and programs presented by staff related to environment and climate targets and goals.



## Committee Purpose

Advise, Identify, Review, Analyze, Promote, and Assist Council on the development and implementation of initiatives to:

Meet GHG Reduction Targets

Adapt to Climate Change

Protect the Community's Natural Assets



# 2025 in Review – GHG Emission Reductions

## Advise, Identify, Review, Analyze, Promote:

- Received information from Staff regarding Active Transportation within West Vancouver - obtained better understanding of distinction between recreational and commuter cyclists, the development of dedicated cycling paths, use of e-mobility devices (scooters/ bikes, etc.) and management of the same on cycling paths.
- During the two Go by Bike Weeks, 113 riders registered spring plus fall with 39 being new registrants.



# 2025 in Review – GHG Emission Reductions

## Education and Outreach:

- Attended “Jump on a Heat Pump Home Retrofit Event” for North Shore Residents in October. Surprised by lack of public attendance at this event. Determining better ways of engaging public on changing to a heat pump will be a focus for 2026.
- Presence at the 2025 Go By Bike Week events - West Vancouver saw more than double the number of registered commuters and more than double new riders compared to 2024.



# 2025 in Review – Adapt to Climate Change

## Advise, Identify, Review, Analyze, Promote:

- Received information on “Cool Roofing” and the benefits and impediments to implementing this adaptive measure.
- Discussed initiative to engage students in disseminating environmental news to the community and potential avenues to connect with the school board and schools.

## Education and Outreach:

- Attended Yard Tree Planting Event at West Vancouver Memorial Library; met with members of the public to provide them with information on the mandate of the Environment Committee.



## 2025 in Review – Protect Natural Assets

### Advise, Identify, Review, Analyze, Promote:

- Received information from staff regarding Eagle Ridge Park Dedication.
- Received information on the Urban Forest Management Plan and endorsed proposed bylaw changes recommended by Staff to respond to Council’s direction to the implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan; the endorsement was forwarded to Council as part of the staff report to be brought forward for consideration at an upcoming Council meeting.



## 2025 in Review – Protect Natural Assets

### **Advise, Identify, Review, Analyze, Promote:**

- Received information regarding the District's Draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

### **Education and Outreach:**

- Attended workshop by Urban Tree Alliance to better understand concerns of local citizens regarding urban forest canopy in West Vancouver



## 2026 Committee and Intent

- Significant change in Committee membership in 2025: two members remain from 2024, new chairperson elected, six new members in 2025.
- Reviewed areas explored by earlier Committee and struck three working groups for 2026:
  - Building Retrofit Working Group
  - Mobility Working Group
  - Natural Environment Working Group
- Intent is to focus on areas that are aligned with Council objectives in 2026 and for which the Committee can realistically make progress.



# 2026 Objectives

## Building Retrofit Working Group

### Purpose

To support the District of West Vancouver with residential energy-reduction and building-retrofit initiatives through 2026. The Working Group will help improve community knowledge related to energy efficiency for the benefit of West Vancouver residents and the District’s climate-action goals. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting initiatives such as *Jump on a Heat Pump* alongside other retrofit measures (e.g., insulation, air sealing, windows, and electrification upgrades). This is expected to include:

- Measuring the effectiveness of outreach efforts by tracking indicators related to residential GHG reductions (e.g., estimated emissions avoided from heat-pump adoption and other retrofit improvements).
- Developing community-focused promotional strategies to increase participation in residential retrofit and energy-reduction programs.
- Enhancing public communications related to home-energy-reduction opportunities and best practices.

# 2026 Objectives

Building Retrofit Working Group (continued)	
Purpose	<p>Continued:</p> <p>It is noted that the adoption of energy efficiency measures in the District has been limited (i.e. uptake of heat pump retrofit). The working group will compliment staff efforts with community level perspectives. Working group members bring varied practical experience from homes, construction, environment, and industry with an ability to help identify real-world barriers and opportunities that residents may encounter.</p> <p>The Working Group will report findings to the Environmental Committee for consideration and ultimately to District staff, Mayor and Council for their consideration and possible action.</p>
Members	Trevor Moss (key contact) and Jade Jordan

# 2026 Objectives

Mobility Working Group	
Purpose	<p>To support the District of West Vancouver with transportation and mobility initiatives through 2026 to help advance the climate action goals and enhance effective, efficient and safe transportation options. This is expected to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide input and advice during the development of the public electric vehicle charging strategy; working with District staff and the selected consultant. The scope is proposed to include analysis of where stations are needed, numbers, electrical capacity needs, new build requirements, fee models and ownership models.</li> <li>2. Related to active transportation, provide input and advice on opportunities to increase sidewalks in key residential areas, enhance bike infrastructure, and implement car sharing, carpooling and shared e-bike use.</li> <li>3. Support any 2026 update to the strategic transportation plan.</li> </ol> <p>The Working Group will report findings to the Environmental Committee for consideration, and ultimately District staff, Mayor and Council for their consideration and possible action.</p>
Members	Lisa Romero (key contact), Aloïs Gallet, Phil Baudin

# 2026 Objectives

Natural Environment Working Group	
Purpose	<p>To support the District of West Vancouver in the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural environments - forests, oceans, and soils - which serve as carbon sinks and buffers against the impacts of climate change. The Working Group will help advance the District’s environmental and climate resilience goals, focusing on practical, community-supported actions that align with District planning tools, regulatory frameworks, and existing stewardship efforts.</p> <p>This is expected to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the implementation of OCP objectives related to ecosystem protection, environmental stewardship, habitat connectivity, and climate resilience.</li> <li>• Identifying opportunities to enhance ecological function through restoration, stewardship, and nature-based solutions (e.g., stream and riparian enhancement, invasive species management, urban forest health, shoreline naturalization), while considering existing efforts by District staff and local stewardship groups.</li> </ul>

# 2026 Objectives

Natural Environment Working Group (continued)	
Purpose	<p>Continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing and providing input on District initiatives, policies, or projects that impact the natural environment, including policy updates, environmental management initiatives (e.g., stormwater management, shoreline protection, tree and vegetation management), and land use planning and development review as needed.</li> <li>• Supporting community education, stewardship, and engagement initiatives that raise awareness of local ecosystems and encourage residents to participate in protecting and restoring the natural environment.</li> </ul> <p>The Working Group will report findings to the Environmental Committee for consideration and ultimately to District staff, Mayor and Council for their consideration and possible action.</p>
Members	Claudia Castro (key contact) and Alejo Gutiérrez Viñuales.

# 2026 Objectives

## Other

- Provide support to Council on emerging initiatives as needed.
- Attend community events such as Bike to Work week and Yard Tree Planting.





# Thank You & Questions

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## **POLICY**

Title: Environment Committee Terms of Reference

Division: Planning, Development & Environment Services

Policy Number: 0155

File Number: 0282-20-0155

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### **1. Mandate**

- 1.1. The purpose of the Environment Committee (the Committee) is to:
  - (a) enable input, advice, and peer review from the District's diverse community to inform the design and implementation of the District's Climate Action Strategy;
  - (b) provide advice on the appropriate tools for two-way information sharing and collaboration between District staff and external stakeholders;
  - (c) provide recommendations on a climate lens decision-making procedure within the District to incorporate climate risk resiliency across District initiatives;
  - (d) mobilize all sectors and communities to move toward the District's climate action goals of being a carbon neutral and climate resilient municipality;
  - (e) develop and recommend climate action and environment policies and programs, monitor and evaluate their effectiveness, and advise on environmental issues and potential regulations; and
  - (f) support Council on climate actions in the community by providing advice, and proposing positive environmental actions, bylaws, events, education, and projects in the community.
- 1.2. The scope of work for the Committee includes:
  - (a) developing and providing recommendations to Council on environmental policies and programs;
  - (b) conducting research and analysis of environmental issues and trends;
  - (c) identifying environmental risks and information needs to find solutions;
  - (d) supporting outreach and education activities to raise awareness of environmental issues; and
  - (e) collaborating with other stakeholders, such as businesses, community groups, and government agencies, adjacent municipalities, and Indigenous communities to promote environmental sustainability.
- 1.3. The Committee will assist in integrating a climate and environment lens into all aspects of municipal operations and decision-making. By promoting sustainable practices and behaviours within the community, the Committee will aim to reduce the environmental impact of the municipality and enhance the overall quality of life for its residents.

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- 1.4. The scope of the Committee's work is broad and includes initiatives under transportation, waste management, energy, conservation, biodiversity, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

## 2. Role

- 2.1. The Committee will:
  - (a) act as advisor to the District on the effective design and implementation of a Climate Action Strategy;
  - (b) identify emerging issues, topics for discussion, and ideas for consideration of District Council;
  - (c) review proposed implementation policies and programs presented by District staff;
  - (d) bring diverse perspectives to define the climate action goals and potential solutions to achieve those goals;
  - (e) advise on the most appropriate mechanisms to engage with the public to gain support for the implementation of the Climate Action Strategy;
  - (f) promote initiatives and programs, approved by Council, within the community and sectors to move towards the District's climate action goals;
  - (g) analyze project success and metrics and report out on climate action progress;
  - (h) advise on proposed policies and make recommendations through meeting minutes and reports;
  - (i) assist staff on project development and implementation as required;
  - (j) assist with accessing external funding to support the implementation of climate action projects; and
  - (k) demonstrate positive-minded, result-driven, and community-caring values in their work.

## 3. Membership

- 3.1. The Committee consists of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of nine (9) voting members:
  - (a) up to six volunteer members;
  - (b) up to three members representing the First Nations with traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories on which the District of West Vancouver is located (Squamish, Tseil-Waututh, and Musqueam); and
  - (c) up to two youth members.
- 3.2. Volunteer members should collectively bring the following skills and experience to the Committee:
  - (a) understanding, skills, expert knowledge and/or experience with a sector that emits Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the District;

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- (b) knowledge in one or more areas of GHG emission reduction, climate policy development, natural asset protection, environmental conservation, climate resilience, adaptation and/or climate planning, and indigenous reconciliation and engagement; and
  - (c) a climate champion mindset and a desire to inform and mobilize sectors and communities to collectively achieve the District's climate action goals.
- 3.3.** First Nations members will provide Indigenous climate leadership and ensure Indigenous knowledge, expertise, and values are incorporated into all aspects of the District's Climate Action Strategy and initiatives.
- 3.4.** Appointments will be made by Council according to the General Council Committees Procedure.
- 3.5.** The Chair and Acting Chair must be designated, by resolution, according to the Council Committee Procedure Bylaw.
- 3.6.** The Committee membership includes the following non-voting members:
- (a) one (1) member of Council, appointed annually to serve as the Council representative on the Committee.

## 4. General Terms and Code of Conduct

- 4.1.** Volunteer members are expected to uphold the standards outlined in the General Council Committees Policy, the General Council Committees Procedure, the Council Committee Procedure Bylaw, and the *Community Charter*.

## 5. Rules of Procedure

- 5.1.** Meetings must be conducted in accordance with the General Council Committees Policy, the General Council Committees Procedure, the Council Committee Procedure Bylaw, and the *Community Charter*.

## 6. Working Groups

- 6.1.** Working Groups may be established by the Committee in alignment with the Council Committee Procedure Bylaw and the General Council Committees Procedure for specific tasks or projects identified in the Annual Work Plan.

## 7. Annual Work Plan

- 7.1.** An Annual Work Plan must be submitted to Council for approval and be consistent with the requirements outlined in the General Council Committees Procedure.

## 8. Altering Terms of Reference

- 8.1.** Any alterations to the Terms of Reference must be in accordance with the General Council Committees Procedure.

## 9. Staff Assistance

- 9.1. Staff assistance will be provided to the Committee, as necessary and within reason, by staff of the Planning, Development & Environment Services division.

## 10. Approval

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## 11. Additional Information

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