



# Environment Committee 2026 Work Plan

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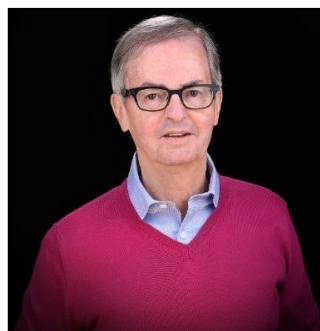
# Environment Committee Members 2026



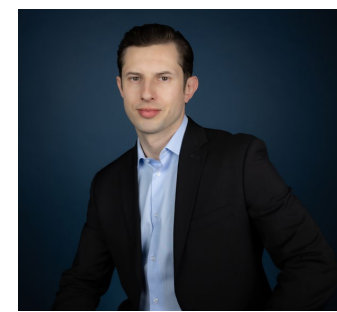
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## Committee Intent

- **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 switching 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 the 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 the 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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