

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024**

Committee Members: C. van der Vorm (Chair), C. Castro, A. Gallet, P. Hundal, P. Scholefield, F. Umedaly; and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: D. Bunsha and E. Grdina.

Staff: H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment (Staff Representative); I. Gordon, Director, Financial Services; and M. Wise, Climate Action Coordinator (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Election of Chair

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT C. van der Vorm be elected as Chair for 2024.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT P. Hundal be elected as Acting Chair for 2024.

CARRIED

3. Committee Meeting Schedule

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Environment Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024 be adopted as follows:

- January 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- February 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- March 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- April 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- May 7, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- June 4, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- July 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- September 10, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.;
- October 8, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.; and
- November 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT all Environment Committee meetings for 2024 be held in-person in the Raven Room at the Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

Committee members discussed virtual and hybrid meetings, clarification of quorum language end of meeting times. Staff responded to the questions.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 9, 2024 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 5, 2023 Environment Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

6. District's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Modelling Project – Financial Modelling Component

C. Strashok (Sustainable Solutions Group) entered the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

C. Strashok provided a presentation and responded to the Committee's questions with support from staff.

Committee members provided comments and queries regarding:

- Social cost of carbon and timeframe for assessing local social cost impacts and sea-level rise
- Adaptation costs
- Step code planning
- Active transportation
- Carbon pricing
- Breakdown of yearly objectives
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure and power back up supply
- Behaviour change
- Waste generation

C. Strashok left meeting at 5:51 p.m. and did not return.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the presentation regarding District's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Modelling Project – Financial Modelling Component be received for information.

CARRIED

7. **Environment Committee Priority Actions and 2024 Workplan Items**

Committee members provided comments and queries regarding:

- Cost projections;
- Additional environment actions to be explored;
- Local heat pump mobilization, survey creation and Jump on a Heat Pump program;
- Renovation and retrofit challenges and opportunities; and
- Discussion on conservation and environmental protection initiatives were moved to the next meeting's agenda.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Environment Committee Priority Actions and 2024 Workplan Items be received for information.

CARRIED

8. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

D. Reinsch (West Vancouver) queried whether trees and embodied carbon emissions were included in the Green House Gas emissions inventory as they were in the City of Vancouver inventory.

D. Reinsch (West Vancouver) queried about the Environmental Levy and the budget options to not increase or increase by 0.5%. He also queried as to whether staff will be submitting a Community Resilience Investment grant application for the wildfire fuel management program in 2024.

E. McHarg (West Vancouver) noted the importance of demystifying misinformation about heat pump technology and use to support behaviour shift and reduce heat pump uptake challenges for different demographics. She suggested including the Seniors Centre as a place to provide information on heat pumps.

J. Jordan (West Vancouver) queried about how the social cost of carbon was calculated and whether a range of costs was used for the financial modelling given that costs will change over time for some expenditures.

Staff responded to the public questions.

9. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 9, 2024 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair 

Staff Representative 