

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024
4:30 PM IN THE RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
(In-person attendance only)**

Note: Council Committee meetings are conducted in accordance with Council Committee Procedure Bylaw No. 5020, 2019 (as amended), subject to the discretion of the Chair.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the November 5, 2024 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the October 8, 2024 Environment Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Metro Vancouver's Initiative to Reduce Emissions from Small Non-Road Engine Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the presentation regarding Metro Vancouver's Initiative to Reduce Emissions from Small Non-Road Engine Equipment be received for information.

5. Enhance Sustainability in the Building and Permitting Department

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Environment Committee recommends to Council to consider the following actions to improve building, planning, and permitting processes in the District of West Vancouver:

- 1. Require Energy-Efficient Measures:** Mandate energy-efficient upgrades as part of renovation permits, tailored to the scope and cost of the project. This could include requirements for better insulation, energy-efficient windows, LED

lightings, motion controls for lights, and heating/cooling systems and/or other low carbon energy systems and controls;

2. **Incentivize Green Building Practices:** Revise the permit application process to prominently feature green and sustainable measures on the first page. Implement incentives such as reduced permit fees or expedited processing for projects that include sustainable practices. Implement a grant to cover the cost of a home energy assessment that would be payable upon proof of implementing at least one of the energy-saving recommendations;
3. **No Idling Reminders:** Require construction sites to display no-idling stickers next to their permit signage to remind crews to ensure that all crews strictly comply with vehicle anti-idling enforceable policies. Additionally, increase no-idling signage in public spaces such as schools and neighborhoods and to make a downloadable and printable anti-idling sticker on their website to allow, not only construction enterprise, but any community members to promote the good practice of turning engines off by printing and displaying the visual;
4. **Educational Resources:** Enhance the DWV website with comprehensive information on sustainable construction practices and materials. Provide guides, case studies, and links to resources that help builders and homeowners make informed decisions about sustainable building. Display a booth at high traffic areas such as the West Vancouver Community Center, events or other locations with information. Add presentations on the screens of the West Vancouver Community Center on environmental topics; and
5. **Training and Workshops:** Offer training sessions and workshops for builders, contractors, and homeowners on sustainable building practices, energy efficiency, rebates and grants, and the benefits of green renovations. This can help ensure that everyone involved in the construction process is informed and capable of implementing sustainable practices.

6. **Review of 2024 Work Plan and 2025 Priorities**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the discussion regarding Review of 2024 Work Plan and 2025 Priorities be received for information.

7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

8. **NEXT MEETING**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the next Environment Committee meeting be scheduled for January 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at the Municipal Hall.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the November 5, 2024 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

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

Staff: H. Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment (Staff Representative), 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 4:33 p.m.

A welcome was extended to new member S. Kosari, who briefly shared her experience and background.

2. Election of Acting Chair for 2024

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Alois Gallet be elected as Acting Chair for 2024.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 8, 2024 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 4, 2024 meeting minutes be amended to read:

- “pursue the possibility of joining the City of North Vancouver and District of North Vancouver in participating in the province's pilot project to legalize e-scooters until 2028 (Council motion to join pilot project passed on July 8, 2024);

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

5. Overview of Committee Procedures and Roles

H. Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, provided a presentation on Committee procedures and roles and provided answers to Committee member questions with support from staff.

Committee members provided comments and queries regarding the introduction of hybrid meetings to expand meeting options and accessibility for committee members.

D. Reinsch (member of the public), queried about whether the District needs to publicly identify a reason for a cancelled meeting.

H. Dallas left the meeting at 5:08 p.m. and did not return.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Overview of Committee Procedures and Roles be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Heat Pump Survey

Committee members discussed the Heat Pump Survey, which included the following:

- an overview of opportunities and gaps identified by the survey;
- potential ways to address permitting barriers to advance energy efficient system adoption in existing buildings;
- the issue of fossil fuel-based heating in new developments, role of rebate incentives and programs to support electrification in existing buildings;
- how to provide information or recommendations directly to Council; and
- background on the “Sue Big Oil” campaign.

D. Mulhern (member of the public), commented on the heat pump survey data that stated 70% of survey takers noted home water usage is heated by gas.

S. Kosari left the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and did not return.

D. Mulhern (member of the public), queried about the rate of uptake in West Vancouver for the Jump on a Heat Pump program.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Heat Pump Survey be received for information.

CARRIED

S. Kosari absent at the vote

7. Environment Committee Endorsement of Climate Action Strategy

Staff presented updates and revisions on the draft Climate Action Strategy and responded to Committee questions regarding:

- how staff will communicate the implementation of the Climate Action Strategy to Council;
- the role of education in moving toward energy conservation and climate action across the District;
- the need for identifying key Climate Action Strategy actions and the budget required to meet identified targets; and

The Committee provided additional comments and edits to the Strategy, which will be captured in the final draft for Council.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

- the Climate Action Strategy presentation be received for information;
- the Environment Committee endorse the draft Climate Action Strategy to support greenhouse gas emissions reduction priority actions for the community; and
- this endorsement be forwarded to Council by forming part of a report to be brought forward for consideration at an upcoming open Council meeting.

CARRIED

S. Kosari absent at the vote

8. Review 2024 Work Plan Progress

Committee members reviewed and discussed the 2024 Work Plan actions to date and agreed that Committee members will take the information provided to identify and prioritize actions to bring back to the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Review 2024 Work Plan Progress be received for information.

CARRIED

S. Kosari absent at the vote

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

D. Reinsch queried about if there are updates regarding the coastal marine management plan.

D. Reinsch queried about the "Climate Change & Sustainability" section of Council reports and whether all subject matters needed to address this section.

10. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 8, 2024 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

S. Kosari absent at the vote

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Committee Clerk