

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

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

Staff: H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment (Staff Representative) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. Welcome to Members and Election of Chair

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Lyndon Hanson be elected as Chair for 2025.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the election of the Acting Chair be deferred to the following meeting.

CARRIED

3. Committee Meeting Schedule

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Environment Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025 be adopted as follows:

- February 4, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- March 4, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- April 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- May 6, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- June 3, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- July 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- September 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.;
- October 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.; and
- November 4, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT all remaining Environment Committee meetings for 2025 be held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 14, 2025 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 5, 2024 Environment Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

6. Staff Updates

Staff provided an overview of their work plan for 2025 to support the development of the Environment Committee's annual work plan.

Committee members provided comments and queries regarding the use of the Environment Levy and how budgeting works and the administration of the Environmental Reserve Fund. The discussion focused on how the Committee can support staff's work plan.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Staff Updates be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Annual Environment Committee Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2024 work plan on-screen to identify what has been completed and any outstanding items in order to develop the 2025 work plan.

The Committee discussed the work plan with respect to the areas of energy use, active transportation, electric vehicles, and natural asset management.

The Committee discussed ideas on implementation of initiatives, including:

- How to track success on initiatives.
- How to reach a broader audience for outreach events and use of repeated messaging.

- How to support and facilitate community gardens for private properties.
- How to promote bike routes in West Vancouver and on the North Shore.
- How to support staff's work plan through technical review of initiatives (e.g., bylaws, plans, etc.).
- The need to continued attendance at community events to amplify District and Committee work on climate action.
- The need to separate active transportation initiatives from electric vehicle initiatives in the work plan.

Staff provided comments and answered questions.

P. Scholefield (member of the public) queried about the status of the District's updated Strategic Transportation Plan and whether the Committee could be used as a forum for engagement on this work. He also indicated that in 2020, HUB Cycling, North Shore Cycling, the District, and the Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association worked on developing a car free day for Ambleside but was cancelled due to COVID. Peter will look for any documentation to provide to the Committee as a resource.

T. Reinsch (member of the public) indicated that Butterfly Rangers through the David Suzuki Foundation could be the contact for a community garden program.

A. George (member of the public) indicated that Alex Jamieson in North Vancouver is also a good resource for community garden and green infrastructure work.

M. Gamel (member of the public) queried about regulations on permeable area requirements on private property and whether the Committee could work on addressing the issue of artificial grass for yards given environmental, health, and other concerns with the use of this material.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Annual Environment Committee Work Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A. George queried about the "Active Transportation" component of the 2024 work plan and that some of the actions are not actually considered active transportation (e.g., electric vehicle charging station installations, electric vehicle test drives, etc.) and only reaching out to Tesla and BC Hydro for electric vehicle charging installation when there are other companies. She also suggested that recommendations to expand sidewalk installations should go beyond school areas and include other areas. She queried about the use of promotional photos for West Vancouver that include tankers and shipping vessels and would prefer to see photos on websites, etc. without these vessels in the background.

D. Reinsch queried about whether the e-bike pilot program was being reintroduced

after the budget was previously re-allocated and clarification on whether the new voluntary tree planting program was just for existing residents or for developers as well on properties with new houses. He also queried about tree replanting along the highway and whether it was successful in terms of survival and the need to ensure that tree planting on public lands has the necessary access to watering to ensure survival.

P. Scholefield queried about the BC NDP-Green party agreement to put \$50 million towards heat pumps. He also queried about renovation projects for multi-unit buildings and whether building envelope work is considered a renovation and how the District's permitting process could help to incentivize energy upgrades to these buildings at the same time.

T. Reinsch queried about how many environmental staff work at the District and made a suggestion to extend outreach and engagement to community groups as there are many and they are always looking for presenters at their meetings.

9. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

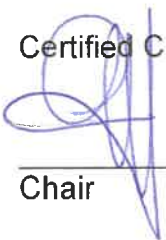
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 14, 2025 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Staff Representative