

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**

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

Staff: H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment; J. Moller, Director, Engineering & Transportation Services; J. Lawlor, Senior Manager, Parks; S. O'Sullivan, Senior Manager, Roads & Transportation; and C. Lindsay, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor (Committee Clerk), 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 1, 2025 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the following minutes be adopted as circulated:

- February 25, 2025 Environment Committee meeting; and
- March 4, 2025 Environment Committee meeting.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Eagle Ridge Park Dedication

Staff provided a presentation on the Eagle Ridge Park Dedication as well as an update on other park dedications in the District and answered Committee and public questions.

The Committee discussed the following:

- the role of the BC Parks Foundation, other community groups and stewardship programs with respect to the management of the new park;

- increasing the trail network, outdoor education, and maintenance in the park;
- parking and transit access to park trailheads;
- mountain bike trails within the park; and
- challenges associated with more land to look after and how the Environment Committee can be involved.

P. Scholefield (member of the public) questioned if the land could be a component of the Federal 30 by 30 goal (protecting 30% of land and water by 2030).

D. Reinsch (member of the public) questioned if carbon credits will be generated from any of the park dedications.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the presentation regarding the Eagle Ridge Park Dedication be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Active Transportation

Staff provided a presentation on Active Transportation and answered Committee and public questions.

The Committee discussed the following:

- the distinction between recreational and commuter cyclists;
- dedicated cycling paths and mode priority on multi-use paths;
- e-bikes and e-scooter regulations and speed control on cycling paths and roadways and enforcement authority;
- bus usage information from Translink and bus ridership surveys;
- barriers to completing a dedicated cycling path from Deep Cove to Horseshoe Bay;
- progress on the Strategic Transportation Plan, pedestrian network plan, and cycling network plan;
- challenges in expanding active transportation infrastructure; and
- how to involve residents and students in creating awareness on climate action (active transportation, GHG emissions reductions, environmental protection).

P. Scholefield (member of the public): commented that the District of North Vancouver is making efforts to connect the Spirit Trail out to Deep Cove which fits with HUB's vision and how its important to connect commercial areas; and queried if it would be easier to separate the roadway from a cycling path now that the District has purchased the property at 1444 Argyle Avenue.

A. George (member of the public): questioned if the District looked at other active transportation plans from other countries; and commented that walkers also should be included in active transportation planning (and safe travel areas for walkers).

M. Gamel (member of public) questioned how we can get more children walking to school.

D. Reinsch (member of the public): questioned if the discussion on bus reliability and speed limits would be going forward to Council; and inquired about a possible transit hub at Park Royal.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the presentation regarding the District's Active Transportation program be received for information.

CARRIED

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

P. Scholefield (member of the public) commented that he would like to see the recommendation made by the Environment Committee in 2024 regarding updating the District's Strategic Transportation be moved forward for Council consideration, including a review of the bicycle network plan now that e-bikes are also a mode of transportation.

7. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT


It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 1, 2025 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair
ACTING CHAIR



Committee Clerk
Staff Representative.