

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

Committee Members: L. Hanson (Chair), P. Baudin, A. Gallet, J. Jordan, T. Moss, L. Romero, A. Vinuales, and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: C. Castro and M. Warner.

Staff: G. Howard, Fire Chief; J. Calder, Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention; H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action and Environment (Staff Representative); T. Bentley, Manager, Parks Environmental Operations; and C. Monaghan, 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 4:28 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 9, 2025 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 3, 2025 Environment Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Presentation on the District's Draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Quentin Schmidt (Blackwell Consulting) provided a presentation on the District's Draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) and answered Committee questions with support from staff.

The Committee discussed the following:

- determination of cultural values identified in the CWRP;
- mitigation of fire risk on private property and the resources required;
- the emphasis on behavioural change for FireSmart actions;
- success of FireSmart actions in other local government jurisdictions;

- the relationship between local First Nations and the District in fire management;
- the timeline for engagement with First Nations;
- acquisition of more sophisticated fire suppression equipment;
- level of uptake of FireSmart activities in the community;
- whether the Wildfire Hazard Development Permit Area (DPA) impacts insurance coverage and associated costs;
- status of fire-related access routes;
- role of BC Hydro in fuel treatment measures;
- strategic plans as a mechanism to leverage additional funding; and
- number of dedicated staff required to carry out FireSmart initiatives.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the presentation on the District's Draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

D. Reinsch (member of the public) questioned if the CWRP will prescribe areas for fuel treatment, whether the District has a procurement process for this type of work, and the scope and costs for the fuel treatment that occurred at Eagle Lake in winter 2025.

S. Lorimer (member of the public) questioned if the District has considered insurance requirements similar to the U.S. in needing to remove trees within 30 m of a principal structure while developing FireSmart recommendations for the CWRP.

T. Reinsch (member of the public) questioned if the consultant for the CWRP considered early fire detection technology as a mitigation measure.

M. Gamel (member of the public) commented that the District should factor in smoke and heat wave impacts, expanding the scope of wildfire resilience. Also, that FireSmart can be effective with good education and house hygiene.

A. George (member of the public) questioned how the District works with Cypress Provincial Park on wildfire management.

D. Reinsch (member of the public) spoke a second time and commented on the need for a holistic approach to action, suggesting alternatives be sought beyond the Wildfire Hazard DPA.

D. Reinsch (member of the public) spoke a third time and questioned how FireSmart measures as part of a building permit for a new house are inspected and enforced over time.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

Staff confirmed that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

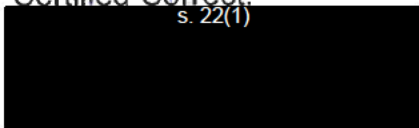
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 9, 2025 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

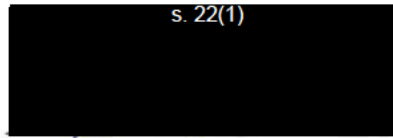
The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:
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Chair

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Staff Representative