

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
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. Welcome to Members and Election of Chair

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Lyndon Hanson be elected as Chair for 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Claudia Castro be elected as Acting Chair for 2026.

3. Committee Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Environment Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026 be adopted as follows:

- February 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- March 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- April 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- May 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- June 2, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- July 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- September 1, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.;
- October 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.; and
- November 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT

1. all remaining Environment Committee meetings for 2026 be held in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities;
2. the Raven Room, Municipal Hall be designated as the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the Environment Committee meeting proceedings; and
3. a staff member be in attendance at the Raven Room, Municipal Hall for each of the scheduled meetings.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the January 13, 2026 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the November 4, 2025 Environment Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

REPORTS / ITEMS

6. Proposed 2026 Budget for the Use of the Environmental Reserve Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the presentation regarding Proposed 2026 Budget for the Use of the Environmental Reserve Fund be received for information.

7. Annual Environment Committee Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

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

8. Environment Committee Working Groups

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT

1. the Building Retrofit Working Group be formed to conduct research and present their findings to the Committee regarding: upgrading existing West Vancouver residences to cut energy use and carbon emissions while boosting resilience to extreme weather;
2. the Building Retrofit Working Group be comprised of the following members: [*to be determined*], [*to be determined*], and [*to be determined*];
3. the Mobility Working Group be formed to conduct research and present their findings to the Committee regarding: the sustainable transition of the transportation sector in West Vancouver to reduce carbon emissions.
4. the Mobility Working Group be comprised of the following members: [*to be determined*], [*to be determined*], and [*to be determined*];
5. the Natural Environment Working Group be formed to conduct research and present their findings to the Committee regarding: the preservation and enhancement of ecosystems in West Vancouver, such as forests, oceans, and soils, that serve as natural carbon sinks and act as buffers against climate impacts; and
6. the Natural Environment Working Group be comprised of the following members: [*to be determined*], [*to be determined*], and [*to be determined*].

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the January 13, 2026 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 4, 2025 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 9, 2025 Environment Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Staff commented regarding: the process to develop the plan; the timeline to bring the plan to Council; Committee members attending Council meetings; and Council process in approving the plan and next steps.

Committee members requested an update on the Council decision.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT:

1. the summary of updates to the draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan be received for information;
2. the draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan be endorsed to support Council's direction to take steps to protect against the threat of wildfires; and

3. this endorsement be forwarded to Council by forming part of a staff report to be brought forward for consideration at an upcoming open Council meeting.

CARRIED

5. Environment Committee Priorities and Topics for 2026

The Chair provided an overview of the topics that the Committee has highlighted as priorities for discussion and requested that the discussion focus on: potential actions and deliverables; steps to take to Council for consideration; what is within the mandate of the Committee; and what would resonate with the public.

The topics that were discussed included:

1. North Shore Jump on a Heat Pump Program and promoting heat pumps to the community:
 - Schools – engage the Parent Advisory Council and the School District
 - Retrofits – when to require heat pump upgrades with renovations
 - Review communication and messaging tactics used for the Jump on a Heat Pump program (one-pagers, newsletters, ads, frequency and volume of promotions)
 - Audiences
2. Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations:
 - Number and location of public stations
 - Electrical grid capacity to accommodate more stations
 - Committee to work with staff on a Public EV Charging Strategy
3. Adapting to Climate Change:
 - Coastal planning – Environment Committee to engage on possible adaptation strategies
 - Risk assessments – Staff provided an overview of the work being done by North Shore Emergency Management to meet the new Provincial Emergency and Disaster Management Act requirements
4. Natural Assets:
 - Community groups – how the Committee can engage and support stewardship groups and work with volunteers on natural asset initiatives (tree planting, restoration, invasive species removal)
 - Suggestion to meet with stewardship groups to better advocate and bring forward their recommendations/concerns for discussion
 - Suggestion to establish a database of volunteers to help with environmental initiatives
5. New Developments – how the Committee can provide a sustainability lens:

- Committee members could attend Planning Committee meetings to learn how applications are reviewed
6. Active Transportation/Strategic Transportation Plan:
- Updating the Strategic Transportation Plan, sidewalks, safe school zones, community resistance to bike lanes and sidewalk installations, etc.
 - Suggestion for Committee to reach out to car share programs to determine interest on North Shore

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Environment Committee Priorities and Topics for 2026 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Hybrid Meetings

Staff notified the Committee that through a recently adopted amendment to Council Committee Procedure Bylaw No. 5020, 2019, hybrid meetings are now an option for the Environment Committee, beginning in February 2025.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Hybrid Meetings be received for information.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A. George (member of the public) commented that: Fortis contractors are paid to promote furnaces and receive a bonus for selling a furnace; a heat pump survey was done by the Committee already; the need to look at changing behaviours in switching to heat pump and EVs and there is research done on this topic that she can provide.

M. Gamel (member of the public) commented that Streamkeepers is also concerned with water quality and would like to see more green infrastructure, bioswales, green roofs, etc. and whether the Committee can introduce this requirement for new developments.

T. Reinsch (member of the public) commented that realtors know all about existing homes and their condition and could promote heat pumps to buyers as a measure to help with upgrades to existing homes.

D. Reinsch (member of the public): commented that there was no mention of the Coastal Marine Management Plan in the topics discussed by the Committee; inquired about whether there are environmental representatives on other committees/board of variance; mentioned an invitation to participate in a mobility survey across the North Shore that was mailed out to residents; inquired about the 3:1 ratio on replanting that was included as a priority by the Environment Committee; and suggested that volunteer programs need to also include direction on how not to cause damage and that it would be good to have stewardship groups for each natural park.

8. NEXT MEETING

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's first meeting of 2026, and it was agreed that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 4, 2025 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Staff Representative