

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL**

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

Staff: H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate, Environment, and Land Development (Staff Representative) 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 4:32 p.m.

2. Welcome to Members and Election of Chair

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Lyndon Hanson be elected as Chair for 2026.

CARRIED

Member Castro absent at the vote

With the consent of the Committee, consideration of the Acting Chair was delayed until Member Castro could join the meeting.

3. Committee Meeting Schedule

It was Moved and Seconded:

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.

CARRIED

Member Castro absent at the vote

It was Moved and Seconded:

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.

CARRIED

Member Castro absent at the vote

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

Member Castro absent at the vote

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 4, 2025 Environment Committee meeting minutes be amended by:

- replacing under Item 5 the phrase “Jump on a Heath Pump program” with “Jump on a Heat Pump program”;

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Member Castro absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

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

Staff provided a presentation on the District's proposed 2026 budget for the use of the Environmental Reserve Fund and answered questions.

M. Warner left the meeting at 4:44 p.m. and returned at 4:45 p.m. C. Castro joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Rationale and mechanism for the one-time redirection of Environmental Levy funds to offset operating costs;
- Use of the Environmental Reserve funds;
- Appropriateness of the Environment Committee to comment on the redirection of Environmental Levy funds;
- Whether a guarantee exists that the redirection of funds does not set a precedent to continue to do this in future years;
- Composition and number of District taxpayers for the 2026 Budget;
- The timeline of tree canopy cover monitoring; and
- Whether the coastal planning for sea level rise focuses on public or private lands and how that impacts the public engagement process.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

2. **Welcome to Members and Election of Chair**

The Committee continued consideration of the election of its Acting Chair.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Claudia Castro be elected as Acting Chair for 2026.

CARRIED

7. **Annual Environment Committee Work Plan**

The Committee positioned the proposed work plan around three environmental themes for 2026: Building Retrofits, Mobility, and Natural Environment.

The Committee outlined the role of Working Groups to investigate and research each thematic area and present their findings to the Committee as a mechanism to advance the work plan.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The Building Retrofit Working Group's proposed scope, mandate, and alignment with the District, emphasizing community engagement;
- The Mobility Working Group's proposed scope, mandate, and alignment with the District, emphasizing safety;
- The Natural Environment Working Group's proposed scope, mandate, and alignment with the District, emphasizing external collaboration; and
- The delivery of a high-level work plan by each of the Working Groups.

A. George (member of the public) commented on the opportunity for Committee Members to join the Friends of Cypress Provincial Park Society for relevant information.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

8. Environment Committee Working Groups

The Committee agreed upon the composition of membership for the three newly formed Working Groups.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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: T. Moss (Lead) and J. Jordon;
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: L. Romero (Lead), A. Gallet, and P. Baudin;
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: C. Castro (Lead) and A. Vinuales.

CARRIED

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

D. Reinsch (member of the public) questioned the mechanism for the Committee to maintain transparency and a commitment to the public with Working Groups, how much control the Environment Committee has over the Environmental Reserve Fund budget, and how to preserve the Environmental Levy to have funds available in the future.

L. Hanson (Committee Chair) shared his surprise that funds were redirected from the Environmental Levy, noting that long-term projects will require future funding.

A. George (member of the public) noted the contradiction of removing funds from the reserve for other uses while the reserve awaits future projects to fund.

D. Reinsch (member of the public) spoke a second time and questioned if District staff will report on Corporate greenhouse gas emissions progress to Council and the public.

D. Reinsch (member of the public) spoke again and questioned why funds are withdrawn from the Reserve for geese mitigation rather than using the Parks Department budget.

T. Reinsch (member of the public) recommended the Committee connect with the environmental group of the University Women's Club of West Vancouver.

10. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that 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

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

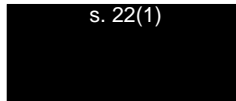
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Committee Clerk