

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD,
held Wednesday, August 13, 2008
in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT:

Directors: D. Blackwell (Chair), S. Brice, M. Cardinal, C. Causton, L. Cross (for D. Amos), T. Daly, S. DeGryp, V. Derman, G. Holman, F. Leonard, J. Mar, J. Ranns, D. Saunders (for J. Twa), U. Schnarr (for E. Lund), D. Screech (for G. Hill), J. Sterk (for C. Clement) and L. Wergeland

Staff: K. Daniels, B. Lapham, D. Lokken, A. Orr, L. Rushton, R. Sharma and C. Thiel (Recorder)

ABSENT: Directors J. Brownoff and J. Evans

REGRETS: Directors A. Lowe, C. Coleman, D. Fortin and C. Thornton-Joe.

The meeting was called to order at 1:59 p.m.

5.2 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – July 23, 2008

1. WestPac LNG Proposal, Texada Island

MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Holman,
that the CRD Board consider endorsing the following resolution:

- 1) that consistent with the Province's goal of energy self-sufficiency and clean power, the Board of the Capital Regional District urge the Provincial Government, as part of achieving the BC Energy Plan, to require zero greenhouse gas emissions from new gas-fired electricity generation stations and to support a federal government ban on the passage of LNG tankers in the waters of the Malaspina Strait, Strait of Georgia, Haro Strait and Boundary Passage; and
- 2) that the Board request the federal government to implement a ban on LNG tanker traffic as indicated above.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Derman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Schnarr,
that the Board endorse the resolution.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- the recommendation is directed at a level of principles and not specific to the WestPac LNG proposal;
- there are environmental, safety and security issues associated with the proposal;
- BC has adequate reserves of natural gas and does not need to import it with the associated risks;
- there are concerns with the proposal and its impact on climate change; and the substantial impact for a potential tanker accident in restricted waterways must be considered.

The motion was then put,

CARRIED

http://www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/capitalregionaldistr_/2008_/aug13/Aug13.pdf