

Climate Resilience Committee of the Board

Terms of Reference

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the Climate Resilience Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its governance responsibilities related to the Trust's approach to climate resilience as an integrated organizational priority.
- 1.2 The Committee will operate within the boundaries of the Trust purpose and mandate as described in the *Columbia Basin Trust Act*.
- 1.3 Within the scope of the Committee's work as defined in the Responsibilities in these terms, the Board of Directors delegates authority to the President & CEO to implement on behalf of the Board all recommendations and decisions of the Committee.

2 Membership and Meetings

- 2.1 The Board of Directors will make all appointments to the Committee.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors will appoint the Committee Chair. In the absence of the Committee Chair, the Committee may appoint another member of the Committee to serve as Chair for any particular meeting.
- 2.3 The Committee shall be composed of not fewer than three directors and not more than six directors, not counting the Board Chair or Vice Chair.
- 2.4 A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The presence of the Board Chair or Vice Chair can be counted towards quorum.
- 2.5 The Board Chair is an ex officio and voting member of the Committee. In absence of the Board Chair, the Board Vice Chair is an ex officio and voting member of the Committee.
- 2.6 The members of the Committee shall serve a one-year renewable term.
- 2.7 The Committee will review the current and future efficacy of its existence and make recommendations to the Board as required. The Committee may be discontinued in the event of changing organizational priorities, satisfaction of objectives, shifts in organizational structure, or other considerations as they may arise from time-to-time.
- 2.8 The Committee will meet on a frequency to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the Board Chair and the President and CEO.

3 Responsibilities

The Committee shall:

- 3.1 Be responsible for supporting the Board's governance responsibilities related to the Trust's climate resilience integrated priority.
- 3.2 Review and assess the historic and ongoing climate change initiatives developed by the Trust in support of community efforts to mitigate or adapt to a changing climate.
- 3.3 Evaluate opportunities to enhance existing climate change supports provided by the Trust in support of community efforts to mitigate or adapt to a changing climate.
- 3.4 Review and assess the historic and ongoing climate change initiatives developed by local, Provincial, Federal governments and First Nations, as well as by organizations such as Basin businesses/entrepreneurs, institutes, and community non-profits.
- 3.5 Evaluate opportunities to enhance existing efforts to mitigate or adapt to climate change as developed by communities and/or local, Provincial, Federal governments and First Nations.
- 3.6 Make every effort to avoid duplication of existing climate change initiatives as developed by communities and/or local, Provincial, Federal governments and First Nations.
- 3.7 Assess the Trust's internal operations and consider opportunities to introduce or enhance climate resilience initiatives.
- 3.8 Develop key performance indicators to measure the impact of Trust supported initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- 3.9 Make recommendations to the Board on objectives, policies, programs, initiatives, and approaches that will further the integrated priority of climate resilience.

4 Reporting

- 4.1 The Committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings, and report on its discussions to the Board of Directors.