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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Beddis Water Service Commission
Held October 30, 2014, Public Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring
Island, BC**

Present: **Director:** Wayne McIntyre
Commission Members: Simon Wheeler (Chair), Nancy Hamilton, Ruth Waldick (via conference call)
Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager; Keith Wahlstrom, Chief Engineer Salt Spring Island; Peter Sparanese, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Operations Division, Dan Robson, Manager of Operations Integrated Water Services Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands; Christoph Moch, Manager, Water Quality Operations; Peggy Dayton, CRD Finance; Erin Jory, Recording Secretary

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hamilton,
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on December 10, 2013

The Commissioners deferred approval of the Minutes.

3. Chair's Report

3.1. The Chair provided a verbal report as follows:

- Generally good water over the year, with a number of quality issues from July through September re: taste, odour, discolouration, and silt contamination.
- One Cusheon Lake resident had four events and had to flush water tank.
- Creekside system failure caused an overpressure in one residence.
- One resident replaced hot water tank.
- Issues with system and leaks occurring need better communication to Commission by staff through informal reporting.
- Concerned that water quality samplings are haphazard and does not enable a trend to be established.
- Emergency response – CRD on SSI has no capacity to get in touch with all subscribers by email – new level of communication required when emergency event occurs for contamination.
- Requesting Board to provide better service for emergencies.

A general discussion was held.

4. 2014 Annual Operations Report

Staff reviewed the 2014 Annual Report.

5. Election of Officers

- One volunteer, Mrs. Christina Malcom, qualifies as a homeowner.
- Commissioner Hamilton put forward by email that commission be disbanded as no one wants to sit on Commission. Appealed to audience to step up, or if someone is known.
- Commissioner Hamilton nominated Commissioner Wheeler as Chair. Staff called three times for further nominations. Commissioner Wheeler elected as Chair.
- Commissioner Wheeler volunteered to stay on for additional Commissioner Term.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Commission discussed issues regarding zoning change of farms near watershed; ultimately under Islands Trust jurisdiction.
- 6.2. Commission provided with anecdotal reports of back flushing from treatment plant into lake. Staff confirmed backflushing into lake is not a CRD practice and staff will confirm with plant operator that no backflushing is occurring.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hamilton,
That the meeting be adjourned at 11:33am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER