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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Beddis Water Service Commission  
Held November 20, 2017 at the Creekside Meeting Room, #108 121 McPhillips Ave Salt  
Spring Island, BC**

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**Present:** **Director:** Wayne McIntyre  
**Commission Members:** Simon Wheeler (Chair), Geoff Bartol, Doreen Hewitt, Ruth Waldick  
**Staff:** Karla Campbell, Senior Manager SSI Electoral Area; Dan Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Operations; Kyu-Chang Jo, Financial Analyst 2; Kristi Wilson, Environmental Science Officer; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Bartol, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,  
That the Beddis Water Service Commission agenda of November 20, 2017 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of October 6, 2016**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Waldick, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hewitt,  
That the Beddis Water Service Commission minutes of October 6, 2016 be approved as amended by correcting the spelling of Commissioner Waldick under item 3.3.

**CARRIED**

**3. Chair and Director Reports**

**3.1 Chair Report-** no reports

**3.2 Director McIntyre**

- Steve Price, Mayor of Sydney is the new CRD Board Chair. Good for the Southern Gulf Islands as there is a joint project on passenger only ferries being investigated.
- Rural Status - Progress being made to move Salt Spring's designation to "rural"; Letter of support from MLA Olsen being sent to the Province.

**4. Reports**

**4.1 2018 Operating and Capital Budget**

Staff reviewed the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget Report:

- Raw water intake required investigation and repair; temporary solution in place.
- Service area standpipe maintenance is annual; the National Fire Protection Association additionally mandates a thorough system investigation every 3-5 years
- Decommissioning of Lautman reservoir; capital project in place to remove empty reservoir; balance of service delivery and liability issues; Director suggested investigating the use of Community Works Funding (CWF) for this project or to free up funding from a qualifying CWF project; collapse risk is considered high in a seismic event.

- Conservation is working which reduces the water revenue; suggested increase in user charges of \$177.72.
- Quality of raw water impacts operating costs through disposal of sludge; consider ways to reduce waste product
- Commission requests staff prepare an alternative to the 2018 operating and capital budget with a user fee of \$595.00 and no change to the 2018 parcel tax (\$549.99)
- There was no motion to pass the budget as presented and it was generally agreed to defer approving the 2018 budget and have another meeting for further consideration.

**5. New Business**

None considered

**6. Outstanding Business**

**6.1 Water Testing**

Kristi Wilson, CRD Environmental Science Officer developed a draft of three extensive water testing scenarios and reported on their associated costs.

The proposed analytical water quality monitoring scenarios exceed the current recommendations in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality for public water purveyors with respect to frequency of sampling and parameters of concern. Generally, the proposed scenarios consist of varying testing frequencies and durations for the following parameters:

- Disinfection by-products (trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids)
- Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
- Algae
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)
- Turbidity
- Metals
- Taste & Odour

The cost of the three water sampling scenarios breaks down to an average increase of \$126.00 to \$236.00 per property/rate payer.

<b>Summary of Annual Costs per Beddis Water System Property/Rate Payer for Water Quality Monitoring Under Proposed Sampling Scenarios</b>						
<b>Scenario's</b>	<b>Existing Annual Lab Analytical Costs*</b>	<b>Proposed Additional Annual Lab Analytical Costs</b>	<b>NSSWW Labour/Courier Fees for Existing Sampling*</b>	<b>NSSWW Labour for Additional Sampling</b>	<b>Total Proposed Water Quality Monitoring Costs</b>	<b>Cost per Property/Rate Payer</b>
<b>A</b>	\$ 9,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 393.70
<b>B</b>	\$ 9,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 425.20
<b>C</b>	\$ 9,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 338.58

\*2017 value

Brief discussion on the following:

- Limitations of single location sampling; need broader perspective of lake health
- Cyanobacterial blooms are becoming a Health Canada issue
- Salt Spring Island Watershed Society Technical Group being formed
- Additional sampling should start with the rainy season
- Impact on ratepayers
- Should the Commission wish to consider increased sampling, staff will prepare a report for consideration and impact on the budget.

## **7. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Bartol, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 pm.

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**