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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Beddis Water Service Commission
Held June 4, 2018 at the Creekside Meeting Room, #108 121 McPhillips Ave Salt Spring
Island, BC**

Present: **Director:** Wayne McIntyre
Commission Members: Simon Wheeler (Chair), Doreen Hewitt, Geoff Bartol
Ruth Waldick (via telephone)
Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager SSI Electoral Area; Dan Robson,
Manager, Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Operations; Peggy Dayton,
Senior Financial Analyst; Chris Davidson, Manager Salt Spring Engineering;
Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary
Present: approximately 6 rate payers

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Bartol, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the Beddis Water Service Commission agenda of June 4, 2018 be amended and
approved by adding Item 6.1 Lautman Tank.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 25, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Hewitt, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bartol,
That the Beddis Water Service Commission minutes of January 25, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

3.1 Chair Wheeler enquired about the process of notifying the Commission about system problems or emergency. The Sky Valley reservoir tank ran out of water over a weekend. CRD Staff are responsible for contacting the Commission. There is a system in place based on severity of event. Will discuss under item 5.3.

3.2 Director McIntyre briefly reported:

- Working towards rural status for Salt Spring Island; seeking further support at UBMC meeting in September; Duncan is considered rural, Islands Trust mandate is to maintain our rural character. Rural status would mean access to several grant opportunities.
- Commissioner Waldick asked about funding opportunities for our community under the Climate Action Plan.

3.3 Commissioner Hewitt briefly reported on the raw water quality of Cusheon Lake:

- High rain levels in Jan; March through May fairly dry
- Lake level currently 1.43 which is comparable to 2014
- Secchi Disk readings concerning at 3.85 compared to 6.5 last year

- No oxygen below 8 to 9 metres

4. Reports

4.1 Proposed Water Sampling Plans

Staff report was reviewed:

- Commissioner Waldick is seeking a modest two year water sampling data program to better understand the behavior of the lake and the effects of climate change.
- Poor raw water quality can create higher costs to disinfect water and dispose of treatment waste.
- Commissioner Waldick will work with CRD water quality on narrowing down a testing program.
- CRD is looking into a way to organize a bigger picture for island wide management of water; remove the fragmented authority system; SSIWPA holding a strategic meeting to determine legislative tools and funding.

MOVED by Commissioner Bartol, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hewitt,
That the Beddis Water Service Commission defer recommending an additional water testing program until there is a revised and specific testing program available with all associated costs included which can then be taken to the rate payers to determine support.

CARRIED

4.2 Request to Purchase CRD Land

Staff report reviewed:

MOVED by Commissioner Wheeler, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the Beddis Water Service Commission refer back to staff to determine if a pressure pump station should be added to improve existing infrastructure.

CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1 Blackburn Transfer Station- verbal report

Blackburn was originally the site of a dump which is now only a transfer station.

CRD staff advised that the Ministry of Environment is the agency responsible for monitoring for leach material from the site into the watershed of Blackburn Lake and ultimately Cusheon Lake.

5.2 Rainwater Catchment –verbal report

Staff reported on the BC building codes for rain water catchment systems:

- engineer drawings for potable water uses only
- must have back flow preventers for alternate water source connections

- no Beddis bylaw needed to approve addition of catchment systems that do not connect to water system
- Continue to encourage water catchment and conservation

5.3 Public Alert System-verbal report

Staff reviewed the current notification process in place; Notice of event and information is distributed as quickly as possible and coordinated by CRD Integrated Water Services.

Planned work/Emergency repairs (no threat to public)

- Information on CRD Website/Beddis Water System Page
- Local Commission notified by email
- Information posted to Exchange
- Door to door delivery to residents impacted by work

Emergency events (boil water advisory)

- Activation of Public Alert Notification System (PAN); sign up for Salt Spring Area events on CRD Website
- Information on CRD Website Banner AND Beddis Water System Page
- Local Commission notified by email/phone
- Information posted to Exchange

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 Lautman Tank

Chair Wheeler expressed that the Commissioners are not happy with the CRD proposal to postpone work yet again, this time until 2022.

The Commission requests that the CRD address the removal of the old Lautman tank as a matter of urgency.

Brief discussion on Sky Valley lower reservoir and pump station capital project.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Wheeler, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bartol,
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:03 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER