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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee
Held 23 March 2011 in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: D. Blackwell (Chair), S. Brice (Vice-Chair), J. Brownoff, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, L. Hunter (for D. Fortin), G. Hill, W. Hunter (for F. Leonard), P. Lucas, D. Saunders, C. Thornton-Joe, P. Gerrard (for L. Wergeland), C. Coleman (for G. Young).

Staff: D. Lokken, J. Hull, L. Hutcheson, S. Santarossa, N. More (Recorder)

Absent: Director C. Causton

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Hill, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins, that requests to speak by W. Dancer, B. Furber, M. Coburn, and B. Redlin be approved, letters from the City of Colwood and the Town of Esquimalt be added to item 8, and a Notice of Motion from Director Desjardins be added to item 9, and that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Saunders, **SECONDED** by Director Hill, that the minutes of the 23 February 2011 meeting be adopted with the following correction: spelling of the name "Fortin" on the first page.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks—None.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- a) W. Dancer, re: item 7—commented on impacts to Saanich and Haro Woods in regard to attenuation tanks and urged the Committee towards fully mitigating adverse effects.
- b) B. Furber, re: item 7—commented on impacts to Haro Woods in regard to attenuation tanks and using a slideshow, suggested re-positioning the tanks to different parcels of land nearby and using smaller tanks to reduce the size of the necessary buffer zone.
- c) M. Coburn, re: item 6—represented the Greater Victoria Water Watch Coalition and spoke in favour of a public facility and against privatization.
- d) B. Redlin, re: 23 Feb. 2011 item on market sounding for wastewater treatment project—spoke on behalf of CUPE and emphasized concerns about public-private partnerships.

5. Harbours Environmental Action Program – Review of Service

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report. Directors comments included the following points:

- history of why Oak Bay has not been included in the funding formula, i.e., land area and discharge points
- the difference between discharge points and integrated watershed management, which looks at multiple stressors on the urban watershed, not just wastewater or stormwater discharges, and how this could affect the funding formula in the future

- how a tight alignment of the service with the Liquid Waste Management plan contrasts with a broader discussion outside of the service
- the need for a system to educate new Directors about established services and Directors about new services when they're established
- the need to review for return on cost for the whole region, not just the core area

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff, that the plan to review the Harbours Environmental Action Program service be endorsed.

CARRIED

6. Program Management Consulting Services Budget Status – Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program

J. Hull spoke to the report. On discussion, it was suggested that the column called “revised budget” would be better understood as “actual expenditure”. A Director requested staff to report on the in-house public consultation expenditures and another requested to see a consultant report mentioned in the staff report.

MOVED by Director Lucas, **SECONDED** by Director Hill, that the report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Community Benefits Framework – Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program

J. Hull spoke to the report and reviewed the responses from municipalities on the subject. He informed Committee that a legal opinion is being sought on the matter of amenity grants.

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Lucas, that a letter be written to the provincial and federal agencies to ask if they would cost-share on a community benefit fund.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued around the meaning, scope, and implications of mitigation and community benefits, as well as carbon tax requirements. Staff informed that a 42-point discussion of mitigation presented in the terrestrial Environmental Impact Study will be distributed with the minutes.

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Hill, that consideration of the recommendation on a community benefits framework be postponed until a legal opinion has been received and staff can present more information on what “mitigation” could involve.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

- a) 14 March 2011 Letter from Esquimalt Re: Public Forum on Community Benefits
- b) 11 Feb 2011 and 17 March 2011, Responses to Esquimalt letters, from Chair Blackwell
- c) 20 December 2010 Letter from Esquimalt Re: Public Forum on Community Benefits
- d) 14 March 2011 Letter from Colwood Re: Sewage Treatment Field Trip, 2011-02-18

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff, that the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Hill, that the Committee host a general meeting in Esquimalt to hear from the citizens of Esquimalt on the Core Area Wastewater Treatment project, after the legal opinion on amenity grants has been received.

CARRIED

9. New Business

Notice of Motion

(Director B. Desjardins)

"BE IT SO MOVED that, in view of the recent events in Japan with respect to effect of earthquakes and tsunami, and because the McLoughlin site is within the Provincial Tsunami zone, the Committee request that staff review with provincial ministries the requirements and risks for the building of the plant within this zone, as per amendment 8, at McLoughlin Point and within this zone designation; and

The committee further requests information as available, regarding the status of plants within the affected zone in Japan to understand the impact of earthquake and or tsunami at this site and the risks associated with the current site."

10. Motion to Move in Camera

MOVED by Director Lucas, **SECONDED** by Director Hill, that the Committee close the meeting and move in camera in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1) e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.

CARRIED

Committee moved to in camera session at 12:30 p.m.

Committee rose from in camera session at 12:55 p.m. without report.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Hunter, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Gerrard, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 April 2011.

Chair