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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee
Held Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: D. Blackwell (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice-Chair), M. Alto, S. Brice, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, D. Fortin (9:36), C. Hamilton (9:36), G. Hill, N. Jensen (9:40), P. Madoff (for B. Isitt), V. Sanders (9:36, for F. Leonard), L. Seaton, L. Wergeland, G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; J. Hull, Interim Program Director, Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Corporate Services; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Also Present: L. Hundleby

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the supplementary agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Wergeland,
That the minutes of the May 8 and May 15, 2013, meetings be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

4. Presentations/Delegations

The Committee discussed the need for clarity in the title of agenda items.

Directors Fortin, Hamilton and Alternate Director Sanders entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

1) Richard Atwell, re agenda item 5: referred to information in the staff report about a potential downsizing of the attenuation tank as different information from that presented at the public consultation. He spoke of the past meetings of the Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC) and expressed concern about the TCAC consultation process.

2) Bryan Gilbert, re agenda item 5: questioned the time frame for renewing the TCAC, asked why the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce was not listed as a required member, and felt the TCAC should have been formed earlier in order to gather input from the open houses scheduled around McLoughlin Point and the Viewfield and Hartland siting. The delegation provided speaking notes which are on file at Legislative Services.

Director Jensen entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- 3) Beth Burton-Krahn, re agenda item 5: offered TCAC a conceptual framework based on the understanding that the “not in my backyard” response to “locally unwanted land uses” can be viewed as informed and useful for the decision-making process. The delegation provided speaking notes which are on file at Legislative Services.
- 4) John Newcomb, re agenda item 5: felt that the completion date should be revised to 2030, the treatment plant be examined for health and safety risks and be located with safety to residents in mind, and that the environmental impact study should be done independently of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and include public health and safety concerns. He gave suggestions as to the composition of the TCAC, reflecting consideration for the impacted community and environmental, health and safety expertise. The delegation provided speaking notes which are on file at Legislative Services.

The Committee agreed to hear a fifth speaker whose request to speak had been received but whose name had not been added to the supplementary agenda list.

- 5) Carole Witter, re agenda item 5: spoke against toxic sewage sludge, public relations campaigns, and the relationship between the CRD and the Township of Esquimalt. She expressed that the policy against taking land out of the Agricultural Land Reserve should be reconsidered so that more sites could be considered for the biosolids energy centre.

5. Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan – Amendment No. 9.

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report, which informed the Committee that the TCAC will be reconvened to provide support in studying the potential changes to Amendment No. 9 of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management (CALWM) Plan, as required by the Ministry of the Environment. The advertisements for recruiting members have been published.

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the report Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan – Amendment No. 9 (EEE 13-16) be received for information.

The Committee briefly discussed the TCAC membership selection.

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
To amend the Technical and Community Advisory Committee terms of reference presented in the staff report to add a member of the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- Past experiences with TCAC
- Attenuation tank downsizing
- The role and responsibilities of TCAC from a technical and public input perspective
- Wording in the Background section of the staff report regarding biosolids processing

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That the staff report on Amendment 9 be revised to remove the word “beneficial” from point 3 in the Background section.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the following points:

- The trigger for reconvening TCAC was the knowledge that the CALWM Plan requires amending because of the change in the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program (CAWTP) schedule and that other, potential changes are being studied.
- The role of TCAC is to respond to requests made by the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC), report to CALWMC and to review amendments to the CALWM Plan rather than review the plan from the beginning.
- The role of TCAC does not include receiving delegations or participating in public consultation methods such as open houses, as per the terms of reference. The TCAC is made up of technical people and members of the public at large.
- TCAC and the CAWTP Commission are not directly linked.

The Committee directed staff to improve the effectiveness of TCAC and its communications to the CALWMC and to ensure TCAC membership requirements include appropriate expertise and community representation. The Committee also asked for clarity around the linkages between CALWMC, TCAC and the CAWTPC.

Staff will bring a TCAC membership list to the Committee in July for approval.

The Committee also discussed:

- Positive ways to deal with sewage treatment as seen at the Dockside Green development.
- Possible Committee of the Whole meeting on waste to energy and community benefits such as enhancements to roads or addition of rain gardens.

The Committee discussed formal reviews of effectiveness of sub-committees compared to experiences related by individual members.

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the report Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan – Amendment No. 9 (EEE 13-16) be revised to add a member of the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce to the Technical and Community Advisory Committee terms of reference, the word beneficial be removed from point 3 in the Background section of the staff report, and the staff report be received for information as amended.

CARRIED

6. Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Commission Minutes from April 26 and May 17, 2013

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Fortin,
That the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Commission Minutes from April 26 and May 17, 2013, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Craigflower Pump Station Information Sheet

Director Desjardins declared a conflict of interest because of a personal connection with the engineering firm that designed the pump station and she excused herself from the meeting at 10:29 am.

The Committee discussed their satisfaction with the pump station design and suggested the name of the engineering firm could appear in publications such as the information sheet.

The Committee requested the information sheet be made available to Directors in PDF format and suggested it would be beneficial to make the information sheet available to the public who have asked for examples of what wastewater treatment infrastructure could look like, and especially for the community where potential locations for the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant and Biosolids Energy Centre have been identified.

As well, the Committee felt going door to door in the potentially affected neighbourhoods would be a worthwhile additional outreach to the public consultation open houses.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the Craigflower Pump Station Information Sheet be received for information.

CARRIED

8. New Business: There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 10:35 a.m.
Director Desjardins returned to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.
The Committee rose from the closed session at 11:10 a.m. without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Wergeland,
That the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER