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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee
Held Wednesday, October 09, 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, C. Hamilton, G. Hill, B. Isitt, J. Herbert (for N. Jensen), V. Sanders (for F. Leonard), W. Sifert (for L. Seaton), L. Wergeland, G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; J. Hull, Interim Program Director, Seaterra Program; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; A. Sweetnam, Program Director, Seaterra Program; T. Brcic, Deputy Program Director, Seaterra Program; H. Gibson, Senior Manager, Environmental Partnerships; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate Services; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; D. Telford, Senior Manager, Environmental Engineering; H. Raines, Executive Assistant, Seaterra Program; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Sanders,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the supplementary agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Sanders,
That the minutes of the September 11, 2013, meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks: The Chair remarked that item 6 was brought forward at her request so the Committee would have before them a summary of the knowledge that had informed the decision for a centralized system. The Technical and Community Advisory Committee has met and minutes will come forward to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 1) Tony, re: agenda item 8.a): expressed concerns about borrowing of funds. The delegation provided speaking notes which are on file at Legislative Services.
- 2) Richard Atwell, re: agenda item 6: spoke about decentralized systems. The delegation provided a single PowerPoint presentation which the following two delegations also spoke to and which is on file at Legislative Services.
- 3) Janet Riddell, re: agenda item 6: spoke about decentralized systems.
- 4) Beth Burton-Krahn, re: agenda item 6: spoke about decentralized systems.
- 5) John Newcomb, re: agenda item 6: expressed concern about environmental impact, relative safety, danger and risk. The delegation provided speaking notes which are on file at Legislative Services.

5. Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan Programs – 2012 Consolidated Annual Report (EPT 13-37)

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report. The Committee sought clarification on matters related to the Wastewater and Marine Environment, Regional Source Control, Stormwater Quality, and Inflow and Infiltration programs.

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:

- 1) That the following reports be received for information and staff be directed to forward each report to the Ministry of Environment: Macaulay and Clover Points Wastewater and Marine Environment Program 2012 Annual Report; Regional Source Control Program 2012 Annual Report; and Core Area Stormwater Quality Program 2012 Annual Report; and
- 2) That the following reports be received for information only: Harbours Environmental Action Program 2012 Annual Report (including 2012 Annual Updates for the Gorge Waterway Initiative and the Esquimalt Lagoon Stewardship Initiative); Core Area Inflow and Infiltration Program Annual Report for 2012; Trucked Liquid Waste Program 2012 Annual Report; and Onsite Wastewater Management Program 2012 Annual Summary.

CARRIED

6. Technical and Financial Implications of a Regional Distributed Treatment System (CAW 13-19) (& PowerPoint Presentation)

J. Hull and R. Fiorante spoke to the report and the main points were illustrated using the PowerPoint presentation. On the motion, the Committee discussed the following points:

- centralized and decentralized systems
- the commanding role of directions from the Committee in staff work and reports
- impressions of what the public perceives of the wastewater treatment project
- the nature of the debate brought to the Committee through the delegation process
- financial realities of the project
- the mandate from the Province that informs the wastewater treatment program
- heat recovery systems
- emerging compounds of concern and provisions in the RFQ to enable the addition of advanced oxidation to the treatment in the future
- complexities involved in comparing different systems in terms of capital investment and operational scope and costs
- the potential for stand-alone facilities along with the centralized system
- technology as it is and opportunities for future possibilities to be added

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the report "Technical and Financial Implications of a Regional Distributed Treatment System" (CAW 13-19 and PowerPoint Presentation) be received for information.

CARRIED

Directors Derman, Desjardins, Hamilton and Hill OPPOSED

7. Draft Amendment No. 9 to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan – Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program (EEE 13-38)

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report and noted that in item 2 of the Background section of the report, a typographical error in the paragraph giving the history of the Arbutus Road Attenuation tank should be noted: the year 2005 ought to read 2025. The report highlighted proposed changes and the attachments included further technical information. Clarification sought by the Committee was provided by A. Sweetnam and J. Hull.

The Committee discussion included the following points:

- changes listed in section 5 regarding amendments to wording about the recovery of energy from biosolids were intended to open possibilities for different technologies while maintaining environmental considerations
- changes listed in section 4 regarding amendments to wording about biosolids processing were intended to open possibilities for innovative, alternative technologies
- the regulatory definition of beneficial use of biosolids, the implications of Capital Regional District Board policy on use of biosolids, and ecological values

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee refer the proposed Amendment No. 9 to the Technical and Community Advisory Committee for consideration and that its recommendations on the proposed amendment be brought back to the next Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee meeting.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the motion be amended to include that staff revise the replacement wording to the proposed Amendment No. 9, Commitment 3.b) on page 6.2 of Section 6, "Preparing the biosolids for beneficial use", to include the phrase "in a manner that is consistent with CRD policy".

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee refer the proposed Amendment No. 9, as revised, to the Technical and Community Advisory Committee for consideration and that its recommendations on the proposed amendment be brought back to the next Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee meeting.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

- a) Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program and Budget Update**
- b) Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Commission Request for Information (CAL 13-19)**

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the reports, "Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program and Budget Update" and
"Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Commission Request for Information" (CAL 13-
19), be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Alternate Director Sanders, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4,
Division 3, Section 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or
improvements, if the regional district considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected
to harm the interests of the municipality; and (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 12:33 pm.
The Committee rose from the closed session at 1:26 pm without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Sanders, **SECONDED** by Director Derman,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:26 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER