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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee  
Held Wednesday, August 13, 2014, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

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**Present: Directors:** G. Young (Chair), W. Sifert (for D. Blackwell, Vice-Chair), M. Alto, S. Brice, J. Brownoff (9:03), V. Derman, B. Desjardins, S. Gudgeon (for D. Fortin), C. Hamilton, G. Hill, B. Isitt, N. Jensen, V. Sanders (for F. Leonard), L. Seaton, L. Wergeland

**Staff:** R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance and Technology; A. Sweetnam, Program Director, Seaterra Program; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; M. Peckham, Project Manager, Seaterra Program; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

**Also Present:** Alternate Directors L. Hundleby and D. Screech; B. Eaton (Chair, Seaterra Commission)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,

That correspondence of 12 August 2014, from the federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs to the Mayor of Langford, be added as part of item 6.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Wergeland, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,

That the agenda be approved with the addition of a Notice of Motion from Director Derman, the correspondence added to item 6 and the supplementary agenda.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Director Brownoff entered the meeting at 9:03 am.

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,

That the minutes of the June 11, 2014 (continued on June 18) meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Hill, **SECONDED** by Director Jensen,

That the minutes of the July 9, 2014, meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

**CARRIED**

- 3. Chair's Remarks:** The Chair remarked on the reasons for revisiting the previous decision on the communications material meant for Esquimalt citizens, as per item 5. He also encouraged the municipalities to begin the process of studying alternatives to the wastewater treatment plan, including the biosolids disposal component.

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

- 1) David Langley re item 6: was concerned about the terms of reference for the study. The delegation provided a written submission, on file at Legislative and Information Services.
- 2) Scott Attrill re item 5: did not appear
- 3) Susan Low re item 5: did not appear
- 4) Beth Burton-Krahn re item 5: spoke against the offer to Esquimalt and the actions of the CRD. She expressed that consultation had not been done with the public of the City of Victoria or other municipalities.
- 5) John Farquharson re item 5: spoke against the information in the proposed mailer to Esquimalt citizens, the offer to Esquimalt, and the actions of the CRD.
- 6) Kathleen Sumilas re item 5: did not appear
- 7) Shawn Hamilton re item 5: did not appear
- 8) Norma Brown re item 5: spoke against the offer to Esquimalt and the actions of the CRD.
- 9) Filippo Ferri re item 5: spoke against the proposed mailer to Esquimalt, the offer to Esquimalt and decisions made by the Committee.
- 10) Carole Witter re item 5: spoke against the decisions made by the Committee, the mailer to the citizens of Esquimalt, and the offer to Esquimalt.
- 11) Richard Atwell, STAG, re item 5: questioned the information within the proposed mailer relating to the provincial and federal funding and project deadlines. The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation, on file at Legislative and Information Services.
- 12) Russ Smith re item 5: spoke against the bylaw amendment, the offer to Esquimalt, the proposed mailer to Esquimalt citizens and decisions of the Committee.

**5. Consideration of Amendments to the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service Establishment Bylaw**

On the motion, the Committee discussed the following points:

- it may be premature to communicate and solicit feedback from the residents before knowing whether all of the Core Area municipalities will be in favour of the offer to Esquimalt, whether amendments to the bylaw would be considered, and before the Board has decided on amenities for host communities
- communicating directly with the citizens of Esquimalt may be an intrusion on the municipal political system
- the level of awareness of the offer since it was reported in the media
- communicating with all of the Core Area citizens rather than Esquimalt alone
- sharing the history and facts that led to the present circumstances

- councils of Colwood and Langford communications with the CRD indicating they will vote against making the offer to Esquimalt
- the information within the flyer
- how the financial offer to Esquimalt would affect the other Core Area municipalities

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,

That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the motion previously adopted by the Board on July 9, 2014, be amended to delete the following: "And, that staff be directed to use communication tools to provide information directly to Esquimalt residents and solicit feedback from Esquimalt residents, regarding the above offer."

**CARRIED**  
Young **OPPOSED**

On the following motion, the Committee discussed points related to the development of an amenities policy covering jurisdictions hosting wastewater facilities, including:

- history of other infrastructure hosted by municipalities without benefit of amenities
- staff and committee time and priorities
- past discussions on the topic have occurred but new discussions will have benefit of current experience related to the wastewater treatment project
- the Committee scope is limited to wastewater treatment, so discussion about amenities for other shared infrastructure would not apply
- over several months, staff could begin the groundwork, including canvassing other regional districts, on the principles of what benefits host jurisdictions could receive

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,

That Bylaw 3971 be referred back to staff for a more generic amenity formula for host municipalities of wastewater treatment facilities.

**CARRIED**  
Young **OPPOSED**

## **6. Update: Options Study for Sewage Treatment**

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report and confirmed that the study is intended to be managed independently. The draft terms of reference and a short list of managers will be presented at the September meeting. On the motion, the Committee discussed the following points:

- remaining focused on sites and technologies
- working collaboratively with municipal and First Nations staff

**MOVED** by Director Brownwell, **SECONDED** by Director Jensen,

That the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee receive for information this report and the correspondence of 12 August 2014 from the federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs to the Mayor of Langford.

**CARRIED**

**7. Seaterra Budget Update No. 14.**

D. Lokken spoke to the report and pointed out that there is no Seaterra project update, since the project has been paused. At the Committee's request, A. Sweetnam reported on the progress of work on the Craigflower pump station.

**MOVED** by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Jensen,  
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That Seaterra Budget Update No. 14 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given**

**a) Options for Wastewater Treatment (Revised from July 9 original): Director Hamilton**

**MOVED** by Director Hamilton, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,  
That the motion for which notice was given be postponed until the terms of reference are in place.

**CARRIED**

**9. Notice of Motion**

**a) A Process for Investigating Best Practices: Director Derman**

That staff be directed to report back, at the next meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Committee, on how a process for investigating best practices, as described in the rationale [handed out at the meeting], might be implemented.

**b) Going Forward with Respect to Withdrawing McLoughlin Point from the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan: Director Desjardins**

That staff be requested to provide a report regarding direction going forward with respect to withdrawing McLoughlin from within the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Hill, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 11:22 am.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK