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**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee
Held Wednesday, February 18, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: N. Jensen (Chair), S. Brice (Vice-Chair), R. Atwell, D. Blackwell, J. Brownoff, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, C. Hamilton (8:34), L. Helps, B. Isitt (8:44), C. Plant, D. Screech, L. Seaton, G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance and Technology; A. Sweetnam, Program Director, Seaterra Program; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; D. Telford, Senior Manager, Environmental Engineering; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Also Present: Alternate Director L. Hundleby

Absent: Director M. Alto

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

CARRIED

2. Chair's Remarks

Director Hamilton entered the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Chair Jensen remarked on attempted meetings with senior government Ministers and an upcoming meeting with the provincial Minister of Environment, the stipulations of the funding agreements and the project outlines, a City of Victoria process, and the impact on cost to each household if the funding is lost.

3. Presentations/Delegations

- 1) Dr. Shaun Peck, re agenda item 4: spoke in favour of anaerobic digestion and the application to land of sewage sludge as fertilizer with strict conditions. He felt whatever is planned has to fit into the current sewerage piping systems and identification of the land, technology and piping for the treatment plants should be done before planning an energy resource facility at Hartland. He spoke in favour of challenging the federal regulation such as by a judicial review of the scientific basis. The delegation provided a written submission, on file at Legislative and Information Services.

Director Isitt entered the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

- 2) Bryan Gilbert, re agenda item 4: spoke against the staff report and expressed that the information was based on old technology and the costs did not match other reports by consultants such as AECOM.

- 3) Janet Riddell, re agenda item 4: expressed concern with information on gasification, questioned the fate of biosolids and felt that resource recovery from the biosolids should occur locally.

4. Supplemental Report – Biosolids Treatment and Funding: Background and Current Status of the Resource Recovery Centre

Chair Jensen introduced the report and reviewed the upcoming deadlines. R. Lapham provided an overview of the report. A. Sweetnam provided technical information.

The Committee discussed the cost of gasification, the reason for the meeting, various technological points, examples of wastewater treatment and gasification in other communities, comparisons of information between current and past reports, wastewater treatment and technology currently in place within the regional district, the balance of pros and cons within the report and the combining of solid and liquid waste.

On the motion, the Committee discussed the value of the proposed request for information from the Province.

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That staff be asked to contact the BC Ministry of the Environment to request a written response on combining liquid and solid waste into a gasification or waste-to-energy system.

DEFEATED

**Atwell, Brice, Derman, Desjardins, Hamilton, Helps, Isitt, Jensen, Plant, Screech,
Seaton OPPOSED**

On the following motion, the Committee discussed the veracity of the staff report, the objectivity of consultants and engineers engaged by the CRD, the consequences of receiving a report for information, and the issue of trust.

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That this report be received for information.

DEFEATED

**Atwell, Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Desjardins, Hamilton, Helps, Isitt, Plant
OPPOSED**

No further action was taken.

- 5. New Business:** There was no new business.

6. Adjournment

Before adjournment, the Committee requested a standing item on Committee agendas to receive minutes from the Select Committees.

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER