

Meeting Minutes
Core Area Liquid Waste Management
Committee

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

9:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: L. Helps (Chair), R. Atwell (Vice-Chair), J. Albany (for Chief R. Sam), M. Alto (9:05), S. Brice, D. Blackwell, J. Brownoff, V. Derman, C. Hamilton, L. Hundleby (for B. Desjardins, Board Chair), B. Isitt (9:01), N. Jensen, C. Plant, D. Screech, L. Seaton, Chief A. Thomas, G. Young
STAFF: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance and Technology; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; D. Telford, Senior Manager, Environmental Engineering; B. Reems, Corporate Officer, and N. More, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

ALSO PRESENT: Alternate Director C. Day

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Hamilton,
That the agenda be approved with the supplementary agenda.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Plant
That the motion be amended to add the delegation Derek Randall to item 4.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Hamilton,
That the agenda be approved with the supplementary agenda and with the
addition of the delegation Derek Randall to item 4.
CARRIED
UNANIMOUS

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. 16-112 Adoption of the Minutes of January 13, 2016

MOVED by Director Jensen, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Hundleby,
That the January 13, 2016, minutes be corrected to show Alternate Director Day
present in place of Director Hamilton, and the minutes be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Helps remarked on an amendment to be made to Technical Memo #3.

Director Isitt entered the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Chair Helps encouraged the Committee to stay focused on a united direction to get a plan in place and the project underway to serve the taxpayers.

4. Presentations/Delegations

Director Alto entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

4.1. 16-152 Annie Gibson

Annie Gibson spoke in support of the motion presented in item 7.2. She was concerned with deadlines and felt the plan for a single facility at McLoughlin or Macaulay point was shovel-ready, approved, cheaper than other options, and would do more for less on land already owned by the CRD that includes resource recovery. The delegation provided a written submission, on file at Legislative and Information Services.

This delegation was presented.

4.2. 16-153 Michelle Coburn

Michelle Coburn spoke to item 7.2 as a member of the Victoria Sewage Treatment Alliance in support of sewage treatment and in favour of making information on the existing plan, known as Seaterra, with the MacLoughlin Point location, available during the public engagement process. She suggested if the Committee could not come to a decision, then a request could be made of the Province for a new administrative process and the provincially-approved plan could be activated through such a directive. The delegation provided a written submission, on file at Legislative and Information Services.

This delegation was presented.

4.3. 16-154 Norma Brown

Norma Brown spoke against the motion in item 7.2. She felt Esquimalt rights according to the project charter would be denied and that the Esquimalt site should be protected.

This delegation was presented.

4.4. 16-155 John Farquharson

John Farquharson spoke as a member of the Sewage Treatment Action Group regarding item 6.1. He felt the word "transformational" in the Minister's letter would apply to an optimized, integrated resource management system using gasification, suggested it be labelled as option 9, and was concerned that the information on this option was not included in the public engagement process. He was concerned that the Integrated Waste Management Task Force would report out on February 29, after the Committee's scheduled date to decide on an option.

This delegation was presented.

4.5. 16-156 Fillippo Ferri

Fillippo Ferri spoke against the motion in item 7.2. He felt the funding was not in jeopardy, the last plan fell apart due to poor public relations and a poor consultation process, and to put the McLoughlin Point, single-plant plan back on the table showed a lack of understanding as to why the previous plan failed and could set the current process up for failure. He encouraged the Committee to stay on the current path and move toward a plan agreeable to all.

This delegation was presented.

4.7. 16-157 Bryan Gilbert

Bryan Gilbert, who registered to speak to the motion in item 7.2, expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision-making process. He spoke in favour of going to tertiary treatment and took the position that there was evidence that the gasification idea was a viable option.

This delegation was presented.

4.6. 16-158 Derrick Randall

Derrick Randall spoke in favour of the motion in item 7.2. He felt there were benefits to building at MacLoughlin Point, the design of the plant met the requirements, and the main rationale for not using the MacLoughlin site had been public opinion. He expressed that if the advantages of the MacLoughlin site were explained clearly, public opposition would subside. The delegation provided a written submission, on file at Legislative and Information Services.

This delegation was presented.

5. Committee Business

The Committee sought clarification on the decision process. Staff summarized that a decision on the option was scheduled to be made on February 24, 2016. The next steps included providing the decided-upon option to the Technical Oversight Panel, submitting the option to a confirmation process, including a municipal re-zoning process for the chosen site or sites, a Liquid Waste Management Plan amendment process, an RFP over the summer, and then more firm decisions on technology.

5.1. 16-122 Technical Oversight Panel Report #8

The Committee sought clarification on whether the Technical Oversight Panel was within its terms of reference in meeting with the Chair of the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Commission. The question was requested to be answered at the next meeting of the Committee when the Chair of the Technical Oversight Panel would be present.

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,
That the report be received for information.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Atwell, Derman**

5.2. 16-130 Technical Oversight Panel Minutes for Information - January 11 and 12, 2016

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Alternate Director Hundleby,
That the Technical Oversight Panel minutes of January 11 and 12, 2016, be
received for information.
CARRIED**

6. Correspondence

6.1. 16-109 Correspondence: Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, to Mayor Helps, City of Victoria, 19 Jan 2016, re Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan

On the motion, the Committee sought clarification on the 2020 deadline. Chair Helps provided clarification that the Ministry expected the Capital Regional District to follow the regulations within the timeline, but there was some indication that once construction began, there might be flexibility.

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Alternate Director Hundleby,
That the correspondence be received for information.
CARRIED**

7. Motion with Notice

- 7.1. 16-49 Motion with Notice: Accountability and Representation in Governance of Components of Eastside and Westside Sub-systems

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee directs staff to report back at the next meeting on procedural changes and/or governance enhancements that will ensure that each participant who is anticipated to use or pay for a component of the eastside or westside wastewater treatment sub-systems is included in the governance system directing the design and eventual operation of that component of the system.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the motion be postponed until the next meeting.
CARRIED

- 7.2. 16-50 Motion with Notice: Examine Feasibility of Single Facility at McLoughlin Point or Macaulay Point (Director Jensen)

Director Jensen withdrew the motion but gave notice that he would move the motion at the next meeting, on February 10, 2016.

This item was withdrawn.

8. New Business

There was none.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

- 9.1. 16-110 Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Hamilton,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, 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 regional district or another position appointed by the regional district; and (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public; and (2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.
CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 9:47 a.m.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 10:55 a.m. without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Hundleby,
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER