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Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area and West Shore Sewage Treatment Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC)
Held May 11, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

Present: **Committee Members:** L. Helps (Chair), R. Barnhart, M. Coburn, T. Davies, G. Gillespie, D. Halldorson, E. Ishiguro, M. Mahovich, J. McIsaac, J. Miller, B. Oldham, J. Rose, T. Tiedje, D. White, C. Witter
Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services, D. Telford, Senior Manager, Environmental Engineering; K. Quayle, Communications Coordinator, Corporate Communications; M. Reilly (recorder)
External Resources: A. Downie, MOE; E. Dyck, Island Health; K. White, MOE; Jade Yehia, Island Health
Also Present: C. Houghton, Consultant

Absent: M. Baxter, D. Marshall, J. Paul, D. Purewall, L. Resnick, J. Rose, J. Rosenberg

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by T. Davies, **SECONDED** by B. Oldham,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by R. Barnhart, **SECONDED** by C. Witter,
That the minutes of the November 27, 2014 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Helps called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Core Area and West Shore Sewage Treatment Technical and Community Advisory Committee.

C. Witter nominated G. Gillespie. G. Gillespie accepted.

Chair Helps called for nominations a second and third time and hearing none declared nominations closed.

Chair Helps declared G. Gillespie as Vice Chair of the TCAC by acclamation.

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Helps began by introducing herself and her role in the sewage treatment project. As Chair of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee, Chair of the Eastside Select Committee and Chair of this committee she has responsibility for stewarding the sewage treatment project. She stressed her commitment to get treatment started. Chair Helps noted the urgency of the work as there needs to be a plan in place for 2016.

Introductions were made around the table.

E. Ishiguro, D. Halldorson and T. Tiedje entered the meeting at 12:10 pm.

5. Project Timeline Update

L. Hutcheson presented the timeline required for the sewage treatment project to comply with the PPP Canada Fund (3P) requirements. The timeline was developed in support of the CRD's request for a one year extension to the 3P funding deadline. In order to retain the \$83 million in 3P funding the CRD must now present a new plan by March 2016.

The work is currently in the "option development phase." This phase consists of working through the Eastside and Westside Select Committees with the technical working groups and consultants to deliver unique consultation processes and technical evaluations suited to the Eastside and Westside communities. By the end of June 2015, the Eastside and Westside Select Committees are to have identified preferred solution sets for their communities for further detailed technical and financial analysis by the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) in the next phase of the process.

The next phase in the work will be undertaken by the CALWMC. They will be making decisions on preferred options, doing a more detailed analysis and costing process, preparing the plan amendment and securing sites. One of the major changes in the process this time is that the siting process is being driven by the municipalities, although the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee will be making the final decisions on options and on securing sites. The options that are considered will have come via the municipalities, the public consultations and the Eastside and Westside Select Committees.

There were questions from the Committee members and the followed points were made:

- the project timelines are not dictated by the political cycle but determined more by the funding deadlines and, above all, by the final deadline of October 2020 which is mandated by the Federal Fisheries Act
- some of the costs of the option development phase are covered by municipal staff; consulting costs are being paid by the CRD and are allocated to the Eastside and Westside using the approved cost sharing formula
- the sites on the Eastside that will be brought forward by the municipalities are technically feasible and the public will assist in narrowing down to the most acceptable sites

- the Eastside Public Advisory Committee is organizing public consultation events which focus on the values and criteria important to the public, the level of treatment and potential sites
- the public criteria and the feasible sites and technologies will be brought together to come up with a solution
- at the end of this project the TCAC will be disbanded and the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee will be put in place

6. Eastside Select Committee Update

L. Hutcheson and Chair Helps provided an update on the work of the Eastside Select Committee. The following items were noted:

- A. Gibbs, from the consulting company Public Assembly, has been retained to work with the Eastside Select Committee and the Eastside Public Advisory Committee to facilitate the public consultation events
- this week potential treatment sites from the three Eastside municipalities (Oak Bay, Victoria and Saanich) will be unveiled to the public
- on May 30 and 31 a design charrette will be held to bring all the factors together and later in June the Eastside and Westside will converge
- all of the information from the public consultations and the design charrettes will be available on the website at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/project/eastside-community-dialogue>
- the chairs of both the Eastside and Westside Committees have been attending both sets of committee meetings
- the Eastside and Westside groups are meeting this week to talk about how convergence will work

7. Westside Select Committee Update

C. Houghton of Westside Solutions presented the Westside Select Committee Update. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the Westside Select Committee to date. Her comments included:

- the Westside issued a Request for Technical Information to look for new technologies
- Westside's technical group has been doing analysis of flows, flow composition, verification of flows in relation to Eastside areas, investigation of technical aspects of sites, and search for potential locations and criteria
- six open houses have been held

- proactive communication to the public has included using Twitter, a Westside Solutions website, a survey and Innovation Days
- priorities have been graphed
- next steps are: to review the sites and prioritize; to review the technologies and come up with solution sets; to analyze relative costs; and to verify technical information
- a survey that was available online and at open houses has received 345 responses; analysis of this information will be presented at the next meeting of the Westside Select Committee

8. Notice of Motion from L. Resnick – Impacts on Public Health

That the TCAC discuss whether there are impacts on public health that should be addressed in the development of new sewage treatment systems.

MOVED by C. Witter, **SECONDED** by T. Davies,
That the motion be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

9. New Business - None

10. Meeting Schedule

MOVED by C. Witter, **SECONDED** by T. Davies,
That the meeting schedule be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

MOVED by J. McIsaac, **SECONDED** by G. Gillespie,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: June 1, 2015.

CHAIR