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Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area and West Shore Sewage Treatment Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC)
Held July 7, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

Present: **Committee Members:** L. Helps (Chair), R. Barnhart, M. Coburn, T. Davies, D. Halldorson, E. Ishiguro, J. McIsaac, J. Miller, J. Paul, D. Purewall, J. Rosenberg, 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)
Also Present: C. Houghton, Consultant; A. Gibbs, Consultant; A. Lee, Consultant
Absent: M. Baxter, G. Gillespie, M. Mahovlich, D. Marshall, L. Resnick, J. Rose, T. Tiedje, D. White

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by T. Davies, **SECONDED** by J. Paul,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of “General Thoughts on the Process” under item 7 New Business.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by C. Witter, **SECONDED** by D. Halldorson,
That the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Chairs Remarks

Chair Helps commented on lessons learned from the June 24 open house at the Delta Hotel. Future events will anticipate larger crowds.

J. Miller entered the meeting at 12:07 pm.

4. Eastside Select Committee Update

Amanda Gibbs, Public Assembly, provided an overview of the Eastside process. The following points were made:

- the first phase of concentrated public engagement is coming to an end

- the public consultation process has brought forward potential options for sewage treatment that are site focused, pragmatic, transparent, aware of cost and focused on optimizing response to climate change
- Ms Gibbs will be delivering a report on July 15 to the Eastside Select Committee which will quantify all of the public input to date and give key recommendations

Ehren Lee, Urban Systems, provided an update on the technical aspects of the Eastside process. Mr. Lee reviewed the six Eastside option sets that were presented to the public. He noted:

- option sets and design direction were developed based on responses gained through public consultation
- site suitability information continues to emerge
- sea level rise is a factor for consideration
- alternative outfalls (alternative to ocean outfalls) are being considered for reuse and disposal possibilities
- the Rock Bay site is present in 5 of the 6 options because it offers a potential integration of west and east and is strongly supported by the public
- the outer harbour site has an advantage in that it is larger than the Rock Bay site

5. Westside Select Committee Update

Christine Houghton, Westside Solutions, reported on the Westside's progress. Ms Houghton reviewed the Westside options set that were presented to the public. She noted:

- on June 18 the Westside sites were released to the public at the Songhees Wellness Centre
- technical progress to date includes: a request for technical information, flow analysis, identification of 20 potential sites and identification of 9 option scenarios
- kits are available for presenting information at community events
- an engagement tool call "Site Speak" has been set up on the internet to allow the public to provide comments on the process
- an interim report on the Site Speak findings will be presented at the next Westside Select Committee meeting
- feedback from public engagement is making a difference to the process – it is helping to shape the solution the Westside Select Committee has been tasked with finding
- costing will be done after the solution sets have been chosen and this information will then go back to the public for input
- every effort has been made to communicate with the public, including: open houses, rounds tables, presentations at community events, mail to residents and advertising in newspapers

6. Revised Meeting Schedule

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

CARRIED

7. New Business

General Thoughts on the Process

TCAC members were invited to comment on the current sewage treatment process. The following observations were made:

- when the Sooke watershed was developed it required everyone to pull together and to think about the future benefits in order to create something of great value to the region; a similar spirit of unity and progressive thinking is needed for the sewage treatment project to be accomplished
- some are hearing anger and frustration over what they see as a repeat of past efforts, escalating costs and a failure to get this project underway
- the level of public consultation is encouraging
- given the difficulty and complexity of the sewage project as much information as possible needs to be given to the public
- it is helpful to have Amanda Gibbs and Christine Houghton speaking at public event as often as possible as the person-to-person contact is valuable in creating understanding
- this issue has been talked about for many years and this time action will be taken

8. Adjournment

MOVED by J. McIsaac, **SECONDED** by T. Davies,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: September 1, 2015.

CHAIR