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Minutes of a Meeting of the Eastside Public Advisory Committee
Held Wednesday, May 06, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

Present: Director V. Derman (Vice Chair, 4:38), D. Dickson, B. Gilbert, G. Klima, J.Knock, S. Marks, B. Mumford, D. Sutton, N. Thambirajah,
Staff: N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)
Consultant: A. Gibbs, Public Assembly
Also Present: D. Wong, C. Town and E. Lee, Urban Systems
Absent: Director L. Helps (Chair), T. Davies, R. Travers

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by N. More. The Committee elected D. Sutton to chair the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by B. Mumford, **SECONDED** by D. Dickson,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of item 7 General Discussion.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of April 1, 2015, were not available for adoption, so the Committee agreed by consensus to postpone the adoption of both April 1 and April 22 minutes until the next meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

4. Review and Discuss the April 29 Event

A. Gibbs reported on the participation numbers and aspects of the public engagement process carried out at the April 29 event. The survey draft will be distributed to the Committee for feedback. Another public engagement event will be held at the end of May. The URL for the public website for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee is http://www.crd.bc.ca/eastside.

Members of the committee provided A. Gibbs with their comments and observations on aspects of the presentation, the public engagement process as it occurred at the event, the survey being developed, and advertising and social media methods. They discussed their role as committee members at such events and as public and private citizens, and emphasized the need for careful use of social media.

Director Derman entered the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

The Committee discussed communications and A. Gibbs remarked on opportunities for both broad and deep public engagement.

5. **Introduce Urban Systems Team and Discuss Next Steps**

    A. Gibbs introduced Dan Wong, senior planner, and Chris Town, a professional engineer in wastewater, of Urban Systems, the firm which is to assist the committee until the end of June on technical components and on the design of the public engagement process.

    A. Gibbs, D. Wong and C. Town provided information on the steps involved in the public engagement process, including the importance of having sites to present to the public so that information on public values and criteria for the wastewater treatment project can be gathered. The Committee discussed the public process at length.

    Ehren Lee of Urban Systems entered the meeting and was introduced.

    A. Gibbs remarked on the siting workshops scheduled for May 30 and 31 at the University of Victoria and the Victoria Conference Centre.

J. Knock left the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

    The Committee discussed the process of designing the wastewater treatment project, including such topics as the use of in-house resources and consultants, public and private ownership, funding, technology, health and safety, procurement methods, and the role of the Seaterra Commission. They commented on the value of capturing themes of public concern revealed in the questions and comments gathered from the public engagement process.

6. **New Business:** There was no new business.

7. **General Discussion**

    *   A. Gibbs to canvas the group for a change in the regular meeting day to Thursdays.
    *   integrity of the Committee as a representative body
    *   a voice for the rural area in Saanich
    *   April 29 event notes will eventually be published to the public website, as will the video
    *   Victoria Salon is holding a debate on "treat or don't treat".
    *   the Technical and Community Advisory Committee meets on May 11

8. **Adjournment**

    MOVED by D. Dickson, **SECONDED** by B. Mumford,
    That the meeting be adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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    CHAIR

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