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Minutes of a Meeting of the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee

Held Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present: L. Helps (Chair); V. Derman (Vice-Chair); M. Alto, R. Atwell; J. Brownoff; G. Young; J. Loveday (for B. Isitt); D. Murdock (for C. Plant), K. Murdoch (for N. Jensen); L. Wergeland (for S. Brice)

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services, A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; K. Quayle, Communications Coordinator, Corporate Communications; M. Reilly (recorder)

Also Present: Director B. Desjardins, Westside Select Committee; A. Gibbs, Public Assembly

Chair Helps called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

Comment [SS1]: Their alternate showed for them so no need to list as absent.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Atwell, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the agenda and supplementary agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of March 4, 2015

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell,
That the minutes of March 4, 2015 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Helps commented on the ambitious nature of the timeline that requires engagement with the public and provision of options to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee and the Board by June 2015.

4. Presentations

- Eastside Public Advisory Committee Update

Chair Helps reported on the first meeting of the Eastside Public Advisory Committee (EPAC) which took place earlier today. Discussion included how to engage those who had not previously had their voices heard; norms for working as a group such as trust, transparency, quality and balance of information; and what a successful outcome would look like for the EPAC. The meeting schedule will be changed to facilitate connection with the Eastside Select Committee meeting times. The flip chart information and notes from the EPAC meeting will be circulated to the Eastside Select Committee.

5. Delegations

- (a) David Langley, re agenda item 7 – he provided a handout to the committee on the Work Plan Overlay from which he made his presentation.

6. Review Summary of March 4 Facilitated Planning and Strategy Session Regarding Public Consultation.

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Loveday,
That the Briefing Notes from the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee Session of March 4, 2015 be adopted as the working document for this committee.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell,
That the Briefing Notes be amended above the point “Identifying priority sites” to include “Maximizing response to climate change by maximizing resource recovery and minimizing life cycle cost.”

Ensuing discussion included the following points:

- the principles and priorities already include all of these factors but the objectives must be weighed against affordability and one objective cannot be made to take priority over all
- in order to regain public confidence, the committee must not present confusion but must find consensus
- a list of objectives from a 2007 letter from the Minister of Environment on the subject of wastewater treatment was read; this letter used “optimize” in relation to objectives
- it was agreed that “optimize” is a better word than “maximize” and the motion was restated

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell,
That the amendment be amended by replacing the word “maximizing” in both instances to “optimizing”.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell,
That the Briefing Notes from the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee Session of March 4, 2015 be further amended below the point “Ensuring efficiency and maximizing available public funding” to include “Ensuring efficiency by including life cycle costs in the consideration of total costs.”

CARRIED

Question was then called on the main motion, as amended as follows:

- i) above the point “Identifying priority sites” to include “Optimizing response to climate change by optimizing resource recovery and minimizing life cycle cost.”; and
- ii) below the point “Ensuring efficiency and maximizing available public funding” to include “Ensuring efficiency by including life cycle costs in the consideration of total costs.”

CARRIED

7. Review Proposed Work Plan Overlay – 3P Canada Funding Considerations

Ms Amanda Gibbs led a discussion of the timeline for sewage treatment. She suggested that 4 to 6 public meetings will be needed and these should start late April. She recommended setting the stage with workshops, conversations and online information that provides concrete information and lets the public know the areas to which they may contribute.

Ensuing discussion included the following points:

- the work plan, public consultation and engineering information must be simultaneous
- the public must be given as much information as possible
- 4 to 6 public meetings is too many
- engineering staff must be directed to work as quickly as possible to provide possible options
- there should be 1 or 2 public meetings per region but there should also be 1 collective public meeting
- the public must be given concrete information about realistic sites and realistic technologies
- go early to the public and present principles and ask for public input
- the Westside poster boards are available for use; comments provided by the public over the course of the 6 Westside open houses can be used for improving the process
- bring only concrete information, not speculation about sites and technologies as this creates fear
- goal must be to regain the public's trust by showing serious results, timelines, and pros and cons of sites to the public
- define site parameters before going to the public
- there is a danger of repeating the previous process
- present 30 or 40 sites and let the public go through the evaluation process
- get input from the Eastside Public Advisory Committee as soon as possible
- ask Ms Gibbs to present 2 plans, 1 for public consultation with presentation of sites and 1 without sites
- the public consultations should be presented in a spirit of seeing the benefits of the proposals

8. Westside Select Committee Verbal Update

Director Desjardins reported that the Westside Select Committee has plans for an "Innovation Day" in which those who provided technical information will be invited to give presentations to which the public will be invited. A second round of public consultation meetings will be held at Royal Roads. Westside's technical committee will be bringing sites and technologies to the Westside Select Committee in April. The Westside Select Committee is working on how to analyze the technical data. Cost projections have not yet been done but some of the responses to the Request for Technical Information include cost information.

9. New Business - None

Councillor D. Murdoch left the meeting at 3:25.

10. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Atwell, **SECONDED** by Director Derman,
That the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

12. Next Meeting: April 1, 2015

Chair

Recorder