

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Eastside Wastewater Treatment and**  
**Resource Recovery Select Committee**

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Wednesday, July 15, 2015

2:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom

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PRESENT:

MEMBERS: L. Helps (Chair), V. Derman (Vice-Chair), M. Alto, R. Atwell, S. Brice, J. Brownoff, B. Isitt, K. Murdoch (N. Jensen), C. Plant, G Young

ALSO PRESENT: B. Desjardins, Co-Chair Westside; A. Gibbs, Public Assembly; E. Lee, Urban Systems; C. Houghton, Westside Solutions; N. Thambirajah, Eastside Public Advisory Committee

STAFF: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate and Risk; K. Quayle, Communications Coordinator; A. Boyd, Committee Clerk (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,  
That the Agenda be approved.  
**CARRIED**

### 2. Adoption of Minutes

#### 2.1. 15-770 Adoption of the Minutes of June 17, 2015

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,  
That the minutes of June 17, 2015 be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

### 3. Chair's Remarks

*Chair Helps thanked the public and noted that 3000 had touched in to the process. The Eastside survey closed on Monday at midnight and the Chair expressed appreciation for the work being done to compile the input.*

### 4. Presentations/Delegations

#### 4.1. 15-778 Presentation: Eastside Pubic Advisory Committee Update

*N. Thambirajah, provided feedback on behalf of the Eastside Public Advisory Committee members. Key points were:*

- Focus on the process, rather than the outcome
- More education to the public on basic concepts and regular project updates, see agenda item 5.1

- With regards to the survey feedback they felt it could fall under three main categories:
1. those that do not want any treatment,
  2. those that will oppose any solutions put forward, and
  3. those that are ill-informed.

*It is recommended that the Eastside Select Committee focus on the third group.*

- Regarding agenda item 5.1 again, educate the public on how the East and West sides are coming together to amalgamate their findings and come to a single solution.

*It was noted that EPAC would be meeting the following week to help design what the weekly feedback would look like.*

## 5. Committee Business

### 5.1. 15-779 Recommendation from Eastside Public Advisory Committee

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,  
That regular project updates are published weekly and steps are taken to ensure the public can find the updates.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2. 15-756 Eastside Public Consultation Update

*An additional report was handed out by A. Gibbs. Chair Helps called a recess for 5 minutes so that all members could take time to read the report.*

*Recess at 2:51 p.m.*

*Reconvene at 3:00 p.m.*

*A. Gibbs presented a PowerPoint presentation on where they have come since mid-March, what findings have emerged, challenges, and provided key recommendations from the public consultation as follows:*

- #1) Set of key values and commitments for the process
- #2) What did we learn? Public interest in costing and technical analysis
- #3) Siting acceptability
- #4) Education, vision, commitments, and demographic inclusiveness

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell

That the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3. 15-771 Determination of Short-listed Scenarios for Further Engineering and Financial Analysis - Presentation by Amanda Gibbs and Ehren Lee

*An additional handout of recommendations was handed out by A. Gibbs. Chair Helps requested the Committee to consider the recommendations as a suite and called a recess for 5 minutes.*

*Recess at 3:58 p.m.*

*Reconvene at 4:05 p.m.*

*A. Gibbs gave an overview of all recommendations.*

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,

1) We recommend the following options for further study

Option 1a – centralized system at Rock Bay including a mix of public and private sites, co-location of wastewater and residuals treatment – sub-regional for Eastside

Option 1b - centralized, at Rock Bay including a mix of public and private sites, co-location of wastewater and residuals treatment – regional

2) We recommend removal of Ogden Point, Coast Guard and Banfield Park from the list of acceptable sites. (green and yellow)

3) We recommend that an option for a distributed system be brought forward by the Eastside Select Committee for further costing and analysis.

3a) Direct Urban Systems to reprioritize sites and develop an option for a distributed system for the Eastside to be presented at the July 29th meeting of CALWMC.

3b) We recommend that the parking lot at Royal Jubilee Hospital and Trent Street Pump Station be referred to municipal councils for consideration by Saanich City Council on July 20th and Victoria City Council on July 23rd.

4) That the Eastside Select Committee recommends to the CALWMC that the East Side solutions (1a, 1b and distributed solution) put forward for the next phase of costing and analysis be analyzed, costed and considered as they integrate with Westside flows and proposed west side solutions.

5) Recommend that Eastside Select Committee recommends to CALWMC that phase two costing of Eastside options includes the following treatment and recovery methods:

- Secondary and tertiary
- Anaerobic digestion and gasification

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,

**THAT** recommendation 5) be amended to add an additional bullet point "Potential for resource recovery and revenue generation"

**CARRIED**

Following concern expressed about removing sites, Chair Helps pulled recommendation 2) to be considered separately.

B. Desjardins left the meeting: 4:30 p.m.

On the motion, the Committee discussed the following:

- Rock Bay site and response from the Burnside residents
- Difficult for public to select technically feasible sites
- Request Eastside municipalities to consider all existing CRD pump stations for inclusion as sites in a distributed system
- Options for a distributed system to include all of Saanich flows

**MOVED** by Director Young, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,

**THAT** recommendation 3 a) be amended to add the words "all remaining sites" after the word reprioritize.

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Atwell,  
THAT recommendation 3 b) be amended to add the phrase at the end "and that  
all three Eastside municipalities consider all existing CRD pump stations for  
inclusion as sites in a distributed system at their next council meeting as soon as  
possible and no later than July 28."

CARRIED

Question was called on the main motion as amended;

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recovery methods:

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- potential for resource recovery and revenue generation

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Atwell,  
THAT Recommendation 2) be amended to include the word "centralized" after  
"acceptable".

CARRIED

OPPOSED Atwell, Isitt

MOVED By Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Atwell,  
That the meeting extend beyond three hours.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Alto,

THAT Recommendation 2) be amended to remove Banfield Park from further consideration.

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED** Atwell, Brice, Derman, Murdoch, Young

THAT the main motion be approved as amended:

2) We recommend removal of Ogden Point, Coast Guard and Banfield Park from the list of acceptable centralized sites (green and yellow).

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED** Atwell, Plant

It was requested that an additional Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee meeting be scheduled prior to July 29 to review the reprioritized remaining sites.

Director Alto left the meeting: 5:45 p.m.

**5.4. 15-758** Eastside Budget Update No. 4

*In the interest of time, the Committee deferred this item to the next meeting.*

**5.5. 15-772** Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee - Verbal Update

*Chair Helps read an update from Co-Chair Desjardins with key points:*

- Westside has received a new site and will be able to rise and report out as early as tomorrow
- Westside have had 450 plus responses on SiteSpeak from both Nations and all municipalities
- Direction of input supports advanced levels of treatment
- Westside asked "If there were additional costs attached to a high level of treatment what would be a reasonable amount for each household to pay per day?" 72% said they would pay 25 cents-\$1.00 more per day
- Westside asked "If your chosen wastewater resource solution would cost significantly more than another option would that affect your choice?" 56% said No
- Financial information regarding funding sources, projected costs for the region, costs per resident, construction estimates, 79% respondents said that was important

**MOVED** by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell,  
That the verbal report from Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5.6. 15-773** Minutes of the Meetings of June 17, June 23, July 7, July 21, 2015 Eastside Public Advisory Committee for Information

*The Committee deferred this item to the next meeting.*

**6. New Business**

**7. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Murdoch,  
**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 5:55 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**RECORDER**