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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION,
Held Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Conference Room, 479 Island
Highway, Victoria, BC**

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Logan (Chair); J. Rogers (Vice Chair) (EP); G. Baird (EP); M. Hicks (EP); K. Kahakauwila (EP); E. Logins (EP); L. Szpak
Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; J. Marr, Manager, Water Distribution & Planning; D. Dionne (Recorder)

REGRETS: R. Wade

EP – Electronic Participation

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Logan provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

5.2. DELEGATIONS

**5.2.1. Delegation – Raymond Mew; Representing Mew's Farms: RE: Agenda Item 6.1
Water Servicing of Finney Road and Cogan Road**

Mr. Mew addressed the Commission regarding his request for a water service line on Finney Road. He advised that he has reached out to neighbouring land owners to see if there is interest from others in the area. He noted a number of other interested parties seeking to cost share water infrastructure for agricultural, future residential and industrial development needs.

6. COMMISSION BUSINESS

6.1. Water Servicing of Finney Road and Cogan Road

T. Robbins introduced the report, restating the direction received from the Commission at its last meeting to provide more information on the request for water servicing on Finney Road.

He stated that there are three existing water meters installed at what will be the intersection of Finney Road and Luxton Road, which is where the Capital Regional District's (CRD) ownership ends and noted that the service pipes that extend beyond the meters are owned by the property owners.

He stated that the Juan de Fuca Water service can support water extensions to the three areas under consideration, as long as they are in accordance with Bylaw No. 3889 as outlined in the staff report.

He advised that the staff report presents a few different servicing options to provide some scope and conceptual costs, noting that these will change depending on which lots need servicing.

Discussion ensued and the Commission stated that:

- while the Commission is sympathetic to farming and agriculture, Bylaw No. 3889 allows a pathway forward for bringing in new infrastructure.
- it seemed like there was potential for other land usage and cost sharing opportunities.

Chair Logan stated that moving forward in accordance with Bylaw No. 3889 would be consistent practice as with a similar request made by a neighbouring property owner who was advised that they would need to bring the service in at their cost.

The Commission encouraged the parties that expressed interest in bringing in the water service to share in the cost, and noted that staff would be able to assist.

Chair Login advised Mr. Mew to have a conversation with the City of Langford in terms of timing, in order to get the work done while the road is not yet constructed. He also stated that, while the Commission may support the staff recommendation, it in no way shows lack of support for what he is trying to do, and that the Commission is very supportive and encourages him to continue to develop the cost sharing partnerships.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission:

Deny the request from the property owner for the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service to provide funding for a new water main and service connections to service the properties fronting Finney Road and/or Sooke Road and/or Cogan Road described in Options 1, 2 and 3, but approve water service extensions to any or all of the properties with the most suitable servicing option at the applicant's expense, in accordance with CRD Bylaw No. 3889.

CARRIED

6.2. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird
That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received
for information.

CARRIED

6.3. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila
That the February 22, 2021 Water Watch report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Mr. Mew – Water Servicing of Finney Road

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila
That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila,
That the March 2, 2021 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission meeting be adjourned
at 12:27 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY