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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, held Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Logan (Chair) (EP); J. Rogers (V. 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, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS: R. Wade

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Logan provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda under New Business:

- 9.1 Florence Lake Improvement District Conversion Update
- 9.2 Water Delivery Issues

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Logan stated that this would be the last Commission meeting for the summer and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer advising to be cautious outside with the very hot and dry weather conditions.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. Water Supply Outlook [Verbal]

T. Robbins stated that the high temperatures since June 20 has caused an increase in water demand, with a total 24 hour consumption peak on June 27, the highest on record. A number of factors resulted in this peak including the extreme demands due to the hot weather and it being an irrigation day as stated in the bylaw. The supply and distribution systems have been handling demands.

There was one issue on the Saanich Peninsula where the Cloak Hill reservoir struggled to maintain adequate storage levels for about two days at the end of June. Communication to the public was issued, through the cooperation of the North Saanich public works staff. Also BC Ferries assisted by filling its boats at Tsawaassen instead of Swartz Bay.

The Sooke Lake reservoir is at 85.1% of storage capacity, which is only down a couple of percent from average.

E. Logins joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Goldstream dam storage.
- Water availability for release to supplement fish in the Goldstream River.
- Public communication regarding conservation efforts to support fisheries.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Proposed Seagirt Improvement District (SID) Conversion

T. Robbins introduced the report and noted the following:

- The water system in the Seagirt Improvement District is aging and in need of infrastructure upgrades.
- The existing infrastructure needs to be completely renewed as outlined in Appendix C.
- The distribution system has been failing and is small 4 millimeter concrete pipe.
- The estimated value of the upgrades is \$1.9 million.
- The Capital Regional District (CRD) could apply for grants on behalf of the SID.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Available money from the Juan de Fuca community works funds
- Improvement District customers would be fully responsible for all costs, even if it exceeds the \$1.9 million. Juan de Fuca customers would not bear any of the costs.
- Once everything has been replaced, maintenance would be minimal.
- The benefits to the community of having 12 hydrants installed.

MOVED by Commissioner Hicks, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission recommends that the Capital Regional District Board direct staff to:

1. Commence a service conversion process with the Province to convert the Seagirt Improvement District (SID) to a Capital Regional District (CRD) service which, when concluded, would result in incorporating the SID water infrastructure into the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service; and establishing a new service for the purpose of CRD financing of the infrastructure improvements required as a condition of conversion, and dissolving the SID; and
2. Apply for any available conversion or infrastructure grants on SID's behalf.

CARRIED

7.2. Summary of Other Water Commission Recommendations

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila, That the summary of other water commission recommendations be received for information.

CARRIED

7.3. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers, That the June 28, 2021 water watch report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Florence Lake Improvement District Conversion Update

T. Robbins provided a verbal update on the progress of the Florence Lake Improvement District conversion. He noted the following:

- The Alternative Approval Process completed, with no one in opposition.
- The Inspector of Municipalities has provided approval.
- The Bylaw is going to the July 14, 2021 CRD Board for approval.
- Once the Bylaw is approved staff can proceed with financing the \$300,000 improvements.

9.2. Water Delivery Issues

Commissioner Hicks raised a concern regarding the number of complaints he has received due to a water delivery service that recently changed ownership. He noted that people have been waiting up to a week and a half for water delivery.

Commissioner Baird stated that he recently spoke with the new owners and they advised that they are bringing on three additional trucks and increasing their fleet up to 13 trucks, with plans to expand their water delivery service.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the July 6, 2021 meeting be adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY