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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, held Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Baird (Chair); J. Rogers (Vice Chair); S. Donaldson; D. Grove; C. Harder; K. Pearson; M. Wagner

Staff: A. Fraser, General Manager; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Water Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS: A. Wickheim

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Donaldson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Grove, That the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked that it was nice to see everyone back after the holiday season. He is looking forward to discussions to come in 2024. He thanked staff providing the one-week delayed meeting date to give everyone a little more time.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. 2024 Commission Work Plan

A. Fraser shared staff's proposed 2024 work plan and advised that this is an effort to help staff be better able to plan for and meet Commission expectations. She noted that this is a working document and that if there are any requests from the Commission that are not addressed on the plan to please bring them forward.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Implications to the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service due to emerging Provincial housing and emergency management policy requirements.
- Implications of future growth, capacity to meet the impending density, and Development Cost Charges (DCC) rates.
- Updating the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) as it relates to the new Provincial requirements.
- Implications to Sooke's un-serviced land that hasn't been identified in the RGS yet.

Staff to include consideration in future staff reports of emerging Provincial policy requirements, related to Housing and Emergency Management, and the implications they may have on water supply and distribution.

Staff to circulate the proposed 2024 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission workplan.

6.2. Regional Water Supply Development Cost Charges Program Update

A. Fraser provided an overview as follows:

- The Capital Regional District (CRD) is moving forward with the Regional Water Supply DCC program.
- Staff have presented to 7 of 13 municipal councils and have met with municipal engineering staff.
- There was a letter with feedback received by municipalities from the development community.

Next steps:

- Complete council engagements by end February.
- Bring back the feedback and proposed framework to the Regional Water Supply Commission.
- Then go out to public and development community engagement.
- Back to Regional Water Supply Commission in late 2025 and approval by the CRD Board.
- In late December staff hosted an update on the Master Plan with the West Shore municipal mayors.
- Staff are planning to do a Master Plan refresher for the Regional Water Supply Commission and invite other commissioners to attend as well.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission related to educational opportunities for Commissioners and the community to help the public to understand.

6.3. Juan de Fuca Development Cost Charges Program Update

A. Fraser stated that the existing Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service DCC needs to be updated and will be presented to the Commission in April with online public engagement beginning in April or May.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions regarding the CRD's ability to do more frequent updates to the DCC if necessary.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Juan de Fuca 2023 Annual Operational Update

S. Irg introduced the report.

A. Fraser highlighted the good work that the operations team does and the complexity of the service. She stated that this report provides key metrics and that over time could provide foresight into year over year trends.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- A demonstration of the new valve chamber at Victoria General Hospital (VGH).
- Whether Metro Vancouver has a similar hardened hydrant program in place.
- Infrastructure demonstrations for Commissioners.
- Goldstream Avenue project, lessons learned.

Staff to consider hosting an information and demonstration session for Commissioners related to infrastructure in the Juan de Fuca area (e.g. VGH valve chamber).

This report was received for information.

7.2. Summary of Recommendations from other Water Commissions

This report was received for information.

7.3. Water Watch Report

This report was received for information only.

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Grove, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pearson,
That the January 9, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 1:05 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY