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Minutes of the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee Held Tuesday 21 June 2011 Pender Island Library 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road, Pender Island, BC

Present: Jim Petrie (C), Joseph Gill, John MacDonald, Mary Steel, Pat Watson

CRD Electoral Area Director: Ken Hancock

CRD: Tim Tanton, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering, Mark Harper, Manager, Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Operations, Lorrie Siemens (Recording Secretary)

Three members of the public

Regrets: John Fisher

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petrie called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda as Item #8 and it was agreed that the item would be a standing agenda item for future meetings.

Questions from the committee

MOVED by Mary Steel, SECONDED by Pat Watson,

that the agenda of the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services committee meeting of June 21, 2011 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26 APRIL 2011

**MOVED** by Joseph Gill, **SECONDED** by John MacDonald, that the minutes of the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee meeting of April 26, 2011 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4. REVIEW OF ACTION LIST

The action list was reviewed and updated.

Items requested by committee:

- Send committee members information on meter reading equipment with a picture.
- Advise committee members on the length of time it takes to read the meters at Magic Lake Estates.

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#### 5. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

Staff presented a written report to provide information relating to the operation of the Magic Lake Estates water and sewer systems. The report addressed the following topics:

- Drinking Water Supply and Demand
- Drinking Water Quality
- Drinking Water Operations
- Metering Project
- Wastewater Operations
- Sewer System Engineering Study

Staff provided the committee with the following documentation:

- Draft Standard Operating Procedure for sewer flushing at Magic Lake Estates.
- Revenue and Expense Summary Detail on the Metering Project to 31 May 2011 (Project CE.207)

## MOVED by Pat Watson, SECONDED by John MacDonald,

that the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee receive the report on operations for information.

CARRIED

A lengthy discussion took place on hydrant flow testing.

## MOVED by Joseph Gill, SECONDED by Pat Watson,

that the CRD proceed with hydrant flow testing as soon as possible in cooperation with the Pender Island Fire Department.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

Staff presented a written report on the major water system upgrade project initiated by the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee.

The report addressed the following topics:

- Water supply, treatment and distribution upgrades
- Buck Lake dam seismic assessment and spillway design
- Financial status

## MOVED by Mary Steel, SECONDED by Director Hancock,

that the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

## 7. CONSUMPTION BASED BILLING

Staff presented a written report showing three alternative scenarios for introducing a usage charge for the Magic Lake Estates water service.

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MOVED by Jim Petrie, SECONDED by Mary Steel,

that the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee direct staff to revise the scenarios based on one-year consumption data.

**CARRIED** 

Staff will prepare information for the AGM using data based on existing usage patterns and comparisons will be made with other areas.

Staff will forward a draft presentation to the committee prior to the AGM.

#### 8. QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Staff addressed questions from the committee on the following topics:

- Metering project costs.
- Fire hydrant flow testing.
- Concerns with supervision on the water main replacement project.
- Water samples transported to testing labs.
- Committee review of tenders and contracts.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

Staff advised that during regular dam inspections, it was identified that there were two properties where trees are located on the dam that will be required to be removed. A letter will be sent to the CRD from the Provincial Dam Safety Branch advising that all trees must be removed from dams. CRD will then send a letter to the property owners advising that CRD will be removing the trees.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.