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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee, held Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., in the Goldstream Conference Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC**

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**PRESENT: Committee Members:** M. Fossil (Chair); J. Deschenes (Vice Chair) (EP); R. Sullivan; A. Cyr (EP); W. Foster; D. Reed; (EP)

**Staff:** J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; M. Cowley, Manager, Wastewater Engineering & Planning; D. Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula & Gulf Islands Operations; C. Moch, Manager, Water Quality Operations; M. Risvold (Recorder)

**REGRETS:** P. Brent (EA Director)

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following items were added under New Business:

8.1 Water Rates

8.2 Kiosk Wraps

**MOVED** by W. Foster, **SECONDED** by D. Reed,  
That the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED** by D. Reed, **SECONDED** by W. Foster,  
That the minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**3. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair made no remarks.

**4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

There were no presentations or delegations.

**5. SENIOR MANAGER'S REPORT**

• **Water Sampling Results**

J. Marr advised that water quality testing was recently completed as members of the public brought forward concerns due to no visible lily pads on the lake and less birds than previous years. As a precaution, staff switched the water source from 80% Buck Lake and 20% Magic Lake supply to 100% Buck Lake supply. The Capital Regional District (CRD) undertook additional testing for the presence of any chemicals which revealed no adverse chemicals within Magic Lake. CRD has since switched back to 80% Buck Lake and 20% Magic Lake water supply.

Staff responded to a query from the previous meeting regarding the capacity of the water treatment plant. Staff advised the plant was built for a full anticipated build out of the community, advising there is approximately 15-20% capacity remaining.

## **6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **6.1. Project and Operations Update**

J. Marr spoke to item 6.1.

The committee asked if CRD would be concerned if the watershed on the north side of Buck Lake was to be developed. Staff advised that Islands Trust would provide a referral to CRD where staff can comment.

The committee asked about the remaining pipe that is to be replaced, expressing concerns that previously resulted in violations. Staff agreed that the remaining pipe needs to be addressed in the long term, which funding will need to be raised for as there is not enough funds in the current grant. Staff suggested completing a closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection of the pipes to check for concerns and complete spot repairs in the interim. Discussion ensued.

The committee requested that staff post when the work is scheduled to take place on a notice board as it would be beneficial and appreciated by the community.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1. Water rates**

The committee discussed increasing the variable water rates, noting the current rate may be inadequate for water conservation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Water usage statistics for the community
- Lowering the water limit
- Lack of incentive to conserve water

### **8.2. Kiosk Wraps**

Staff shared local images with the committee that can be used to cover the kiosks. Staff encouraged the committee to submit high resolution photos that they would like used and noted it is easier to remove graffiti from kiosks that have a wrap on them. Discussion ensued.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by D. Reed, **SECONDED** by W. Foster,  
That the September 12, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 10:31 am.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**