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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street

PRESENT: Commissioners: M. Lougher-Goodey (Chair), G Orr (Vice-Chair), G. Baird, C. Coleman, V. Derman, F. Haynes, M. Hicks, E. Zhelka, G. Logan, J. Loveday, T. Morrison, D. Murdock, J. Ranns (for B. Gramigna), J. Rogers, V. Sanders, W. Sifert, L. Szpak, L. Wergeland, G. Young
Staff: T. Robbins, B. Lapham, A. Constabel, J. van Niekerk, M. Cowley, S. Thaver, H. Gibson, G. Harris, H. Dale, M. Montague (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Coleman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wergeland,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held
September 16, 2015.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- R. Mersereau, Chair, provided a verbal report on the status of the Water Advisory Committee and provided an update on current initiatives.
- R. Mersereau spoke to the supplemental report to the RWSC from the CRD Water Advisory Committee in consideration of bylaw amendments for restrictions in the Leech Watershed. She noted that the Water Advisory Committee did not support the recommendation from staff, but did support Alternative 2.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Water Supply Outlook

T. Robbins reported that Stage 1 water conservation measures were lifted at the end of September. He noted that the reservoir is currently at 65.9% of full storage capacity, and there are no concerns regarding CRD water supply at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the water supply levels on a daily basis.

MOVED by Commissioner Haynes and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

7. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER WATER COMMISSIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

8. AMENDING BYLAW 2804 TO INCLUDE THE LEECH WATER SUPPLY AREA

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to prepare an amendment to the
Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 2804 to:

- a. include the Leech Water Supply Area with the intention that the Leech Water Supply Area be fully closed to unauthorized public access effective June 1, 2016;
- b. allow for First Nations cultural use access in the Leech Water Supply Area in accordance with an access agreement; and
- c. not allow for public recreational use access by permit in the Leech Water Supply Area.

The following items were discussed:

- The Leech lands were purchased as a future water supply area, not as parkland or for recreational use;
- First Nations cultural use access;
- Number of current users of the Leech lands;
- Acceptable levels of risk for public recreational use;
- Costs to administer a permit system for public recreational use access.

CARRIED

Commissioners Young, Hicks, Morrison, and Orr OPPOSED

9. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 2012-742 SUPPLY OF HIRED EQUIPMENT – WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the extension of the award of the contract for the Supply of Hired Equipment for the Watershed Protection division to Tri-X Excavating Ltd. for a further 12 months, effective November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016, based on the hourly/daily rates as submitted in the 2012 tender, not including taxes.

CARRIED

10. SERVICE PLANS REVIEW PROCESS

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Logan and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the attached service plans.

CARRIED

Commissioner Hicks left the meeting.

11. 2016 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET

The Chair thanked the Budget Subcommittee members for reviewing the budget and making a recommendation to the Regional Water Supply Commission and Commissioner Orr for chairing the Budget Subcommittee meeting. T. Robbins spoke to the report.

Commissioner Morrison left the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend that the CRD Board:

1. Approve the 2016 Capital Budget and the Five Year Capital Plan;
2. Approve the 2016 Operating Budget;
3. Approve the 2016 wholesale water rate of \$0.6375 per cubic metre; and
4. Approve the 2016 agricultural water rate of \$0.2105 per cubic metre.
5. Amend the "Water Supply Local Service Area Fee and Charge Bylaw No. 1, 1997" accordingly.

CARRIED

12. WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR SOOKE LAKE RESERVOIR – MAY-AUGUST 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive this report for information and direct staff to post the Sooke Lake Reservoir monitoring results for May 2015 through August 2015 for public release.

CARRIED

13. WATER WATCH

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Haynes,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the report for information

CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Loveday and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sifert,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 2 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary