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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, February 17, 2016 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, B. Isitt, R. Kasper, Z. King, G. Logan, J. Loveday, T. Morrison, D. Murdock, B. Gramigna, V. Sanders, W. Sifert, L. Szpak, G. Young, E. Zhelka
Staff: T. Robbins, A. Constabel, M. Cowley, M. McCrank, G. Harris, M. Montague (Recorder)

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A revised agenda, together with Supplementary Agenda, was distributed prior to the meeting. The following changes were made to the revised agenda:

- Item 19(b) Notice of Motion re Cost and feasibility analysis for inline hydro turbine option was removed from the agenda.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Haynes,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the revised agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2016.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- He noted that the Regional Water Supply Commission representative to the Water Advisory Committee is usually the Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Coleman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hicks,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission appoint the Vice-Chair, Commissioner Orr, as the Regional Water Supply Commission representative to the Water Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

- He asked for volunteers to sit on the Regional Water Supply Commission Budget Sub-Committee in September and the following members put their names forward:
 - F. Haynes
 - V. Sanders
 - G. Orr
 - J. Rogers
 - B. Gramigna
 - G. Baird
 - J. Loveday

MOVED by Commissioner Coleman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hicks,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the appointments to the Budget
Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

The Chair welcomed Dr. Richard Stanwick, Chief Medical Health Officer; Dr. Murray Fyfe, Medical Health Officer; Councillor Alan Planes, T'Sou-ke First Nation; and Krista Robertson, Legal Counsel, T'Sou-ke First Nation, to the meeting.

4. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHAIR'S REPORT

P. Elworthy, Chair of the Water Advisory Committee, reported as follows:

- The Water Advisory Committee meets on a monthly schedule, with every other meeting conducted as a casual working meeting;
- Upcoming areas of interest for the Water Advisory Committee may include the amendment of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 2804 and Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 1857; groundwater concerns from SIA and possible impacts on present and future water quality in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area; and multi-rate pricing structure.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

T. Robbins introduced M. McCrank, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Operations at Integrated Water Services and B. Semmens, Senior Financial Officer, Finance and Technology.

A number of enquiries have been received regarding metals concentrations in the water supply in the Capital Region following the recent Flint, Michigan water crisis situation. He noted that our situation in Victoria is very different than in Michigan. Treated water in the Regional Water Supply System has low corrosivity with neutral pH and low alkalinity. Lead concentrations are very low as well due to very little use of lead materials in the distribution system in the Region. Additional water quality information is available on the CRD website.

A report was presented to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee at their last meeting regarding confirming current and future water supply and demand figures, and has been distributed to the Commission for information.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- R. Zimmerman, Director, Sea to Sea Greenbelt Society, re Item 9 – February 10, 2016 CRD Board Decision – Amendment of Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 2804 and Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 1857

Mr. Zimmerman's presentation included:

- A history of the Greater Victoria Water District;
- Landscape context of the Leech River; and
- He suggested that the Commission recognize the Leech and the rest of the water district forest for what it is, the highest quality refuge for flora and fauna to be found anywhere in BC, and it also supplies us with the highest quality water.

7. TRADITIONAL USE ACCESS AGREEMENT – T'SOU-KE FIRST NATION

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He noted that the Commission's consideration of this report and the traditional use access agreement with T'Sou-ke First Nation is a significant milestone and the culmination of a very collaborative process between the T'Sou-ke Chief, Council, Administration and Advisors, and CRD staff that goes back almost 2 years. He acknowledged the work of Chief Gordon Planes, Councilors Alan Planes and Rose Dumont, their Advisors,

Denise Purcell, Peter Wainwright, and Krista Robertson, Legal Counsel for T'Sou-ke First Nation, as well as Annette Constabel and Sue Hallatt of the CRD in developing the agreement. He provided a background of the Leech water supply area and summarized the content of the agreement.

T. Robbins introduced Councilor Alan Planes, T'Sou-ke First Nation.

Councilor Planes' presentation included the following:

- The importance of continued exercise of treaty rights
- The specific significance of the lakes or traditional areas called smoke house lakes
- Cultural monitors working with CRD
- The opportunity to work together and share knowledge and stewardship of the watershed
- Protection of the environment is as important to T'Sou-ke Nation as it is to the CRD

Councillor Planes concluded by stating that all parties worked hard on the agreement and it was a positive experience in relationship building that will continue as the agreement is implemented. T'Sou-ke Nation is in support of the agreement and urges the Commission to also support it.

MOVED by Commissioner Kasper and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sifert,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the CRD Board to enter into the Traditional Use Access Agreement with T'Sou-ke First Nation to allow and facilitate traditional use activities in the Leech Water Supply Area that do not compromise the regional water supply.

CARRIED

8. JAPAN GULCH WATER TREATMENT PLANT – STANDBY POWER FOR ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT REACTORS

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

Commissioner Hicks and Logan left the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission:

- a) direct staff to amend the 2016 Regional Water Supply Service Capital Plan to include a project for the design and installation of a 1 megawatt generator to provide standby power for up to 8 UV reactors with a budget of \$850,000;
- b) in order to maintain the current 5 year Capital Plan (2016-2020) value of \$27.249 million, direct staff to revise the Capital Plan to accommodate the standby power project through adjusting various 2016-2020 project budgets, by \$850,000; and
- c) direct staff to include an item in the long term asset management plan to install a second generator in the future that would provide standby power to all 17 UV reactors.

CARRIED

9. **FEBRUARY 10, 2016 CRD BOARD DECISION – AMENDMENT OF GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 2804 AND TICKET AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1857 (TO INCLUDE THE LEECH WATER SUPPLY AREA) – VERBAL REPORT**

T. Robbins reported that the CRD Board met last week to adopt Bylaws No. 2804 and No. 1857. The motion to introduce and give first and second reading to Bylaw No. 2804 was defeated by a tie vote.

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission send the recommendation back to the CRD Board with a complete brief on the history as to how this decision was arrived at.

The following discussion ensued on the motion:

- Lack on information provided to the CRD Board prior to receipt of this item
- Implementing a permit process
- Allowing limited access in a controlled and responsible way
- Managing the lands in a responsible way that embraces other user groups
- Timing for use of the Leech as a water source
- Reaching a solution and striking a balance
- Co-management of the watershed

Commissioner Murdock left the meeting.

Commissioner Isitt suggested that the Commission defeat this motion and direct staff to report back on options for a permitting process for responsible recreational use.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

10. **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER WATER COMMISSIONS**

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

CARRIED

11. **2016 REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM**

Commissioners Morrison, Loveday, Haynes left the meeting.

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that the Commission priorities and work program be amended to defer to 2017, the Watershed Technologist staff position requested in the Provisional 2016 Budget, and that all other priorities and the work program be confirmed.

CARRIED

12. WATER CONSERVATION BYLAW – POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Isitt and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission endorse the proposed amendments to the Water Conservation Bylaw and the preparation of a Regional Water Supply Management Plan, and direct staff to prepare a draft amended bylaw based on the proposed amendments for the Commission's consideration.

CARRIED

13. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF LANGFORD/WESTHILLS DEVELOPMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to:

Prepare an amended agreement of the existing agreement entitled "Water Supply Agreement between Capital Regional District and The Corporation of the City of Langford" executed May 2, 2007 to include the four areas of land as requested in the City of Langford's December 21, 2015 letter and identified in Figure 1 of this staff report, and proceed to execute the amended agreement subject to:

- a. The CRD Board adopting an amended Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Bylaw No. 4062, "Water Distribution Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1997, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2016";
- b. The CRD Board adopting an amended Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Bylaw No. 4063, "Development Cost Charges Bylaw (Juan de Fuca Water Distribution), Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2016"; and
- c. The City of Langford covering the costs of amending the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution bylaws, Water Supply Agreement, and conducting the AAP.

CARRIED

14. REQUEST FOR BULK WATER SUPPLY CONNECTION FROM SUPPLY MAIN NO. 4 FOR DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Commissioner King noted that this item came to the District of Central Saanich Council and was pulled and has now come through the CRD. He continued by saying that, what is proposed here is intended for agricultural use, and although it is outside the Urban Containment Boundary and poses some challenges as a result of that, the recommendation from staff was originally supported. There is always a heightened concern for any potential for expansion of urban areas outside of the Urban Containment Boundary

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve, in principle, a new bulk water supply connection to the Regional Water Supply Main No. 4 at Mt. St. Michael Road for the District of Central Saanich, subject to the following:

- a. Agreement by the District of Central Saanich to develop, design, construct, own and operate the municipal distribution system extension (including the new service for 8277 Central Saanich Road) beyond the proposed CRD bulk water meter;

- b. Agreement by the applicant to fund the full cost of the bulk water supply connection, CRD meter vault and equipment and municipal service extension; and
- c. Confirmation by the District of Central Saanich that the municipal water service extension in the proposed area complies with all municipal and CRD land use plans and policies relating to extension of municipal water services;

and direct staff to obtain the approvals and agreements noted above and report back to the Commission.

CARRIED

15. TRANS CANADA TRAIL (SOOKE HILLS WILDERNESS TRAIL) UPDATE

T. Robbins spoke to the report. It was noted that this part of the trail goes through the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area in the non-catchment portion of the Goldstream watershed.

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna, That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to provide \$100,000 from the 2016 Watershed Bridge and Culvert capital fund for construction of a pedestrian suspension bridge across the Goldstream River, as part of the establishment of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail through the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area.

CARRIED

16. KAPOOR TUNNEL INSPECTION UPDATE

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

CARRIED

17. FIRST NATIONS WATER RATE – VERBAL REPORT

T. Robbins provided a verbal report. He noted that this item is in response to a motion from the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission, which was brought to the Commission by a Central Saanich Councillor after attending a community-to-community forum on the Peninsula. Requests have also been received informally from other Bands in the Region for consideration of a First Nations rate.

It was suggested that staff be asked to go back to the requesters and ask them for their rationale and reasons for making the initial request for a First Nations water rate. It was noted that Central Saanich will continue to have conversations with the First Nations in their municipality regarding a separate rate.

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

CARRIED

18. **WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR SOOKE LAKE RESERVOIR – SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2015**

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sanders,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to post the Sooke Lake Reservoir monitoring results for September 2015 through December 2015 for public release.

CARRIED

19. **MOTION WITH NOTICE**

- **Creation of Policy Supporting Safe Rainwater Harvesting (Commissioners Haynes, Isitt, King, and Loveday)**

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Isitt,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission proactively recommends that the Capital Region District Board direct staff to prepare a policy for rainwater harvesting for potable and non-potable uses in accordance with the BC Building and Plumbing codes, and alterations to the CRD Cross Connection Control Bylaw (No. 1, 2008; Bylaw 3516).

CARRIED

20. **WATER WATCH**

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

CARRIED

21. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

22. **MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission closed the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, s. 90(1)(c) *labour relations or other employee relations*.

CARRIED

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Logan,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 2:32 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary