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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, March 16, 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, B. Gramigna, S. Brice (for F. Haynes), M. Hicks, M. Alto (for B. Isitt), R. Kasper, Z. King, G. Logan, J. Loveday, T. Morrison, D. Murdock, J. Rogers, V. Sanders, W. Sifert, L. Szpak, L. Wergeland, 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 12:42 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coleman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Logan,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2016.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- He thanked A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection, for taking him out into the Leech Water Supply Area.

4. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHAIR'S REPORT

P. Elworthy, Chair of the Water Advisory Committee, reported that the Water Advisory has three sub-committees looking at the following emerging issues in the region:

- Working with Emergency Management BC on their review of critical infrastructure and potable water
- Participating in the review of municipal plans for water should there be a disaster
- Investigating desalination capabilities with DND
- Reviewing agricultural water rates
- Reviewing pricing, specifically the multi rate structure used by other water purveyors

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Water Conservation Bylaw Update Status

T. Robbins reported that staff are drafting amendments to the Water Conservation Bylaw. The draft bylaw will be reviewed by legal counsel before being brought back to the Commission for consideration.

CRD Board Decisions

- Update on the CRD Board Reconsideration of Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw Amendments - T. Robbins reported that the reconsideration of Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw Amendments was on the CRD Board agenda of March 9. The Board did not have time to reconsider the amendments at that meeting due to the length of the agenda and the item will be brought back to the April meeting.
- T'Sou'ke First Nation Traditional Use Access Agreement - The CRD Board did approve the Traditional Use Access Agreement with T'Sou-ke First Nation. Staff are in the process of executing the agreement with the T'Sou-ke First Nation.

Commissioner Derman noted that six CRD Board members have brought forward a motion recommending that the CRD Board request the Regional Water Supply Commission consider options for a permitting system for responsible recreational access to the Leech lands, including options for the issuance of fishing and hiking permits in the western portion of the Leech lands, and include this option in amendments to the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 2804 and Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 1857 for the Board's consideration.

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

1. provide a supplemental report that can be forwarded to the Board and addresses, from a staff point of view, the issues that would be involved with and which may be problematic with a permit system, and why such a system has not been recommended, and why the Commission has not supported it in the past; and
2. provide a firm costing on what the implications of having public access may be.

T. Robbins noted that the report can be prepared for the Board very quickly using information provided in previous reports to the Commission, and the costs of a permit process and enforcement will be included in the document.

CARRIED
4 OPPOSED

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No one has registered to speak.

7. JAPAN GULCH WATER DISINFECTION FACILITY UPGRADE – AWARD OF DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT 2015-975

MOVED by Commissioner Logan and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the award of a Design-Build Contract for Japan Gulch Disinfection Facility Upgrade (RFP 2015-975) to Tritech Group in the amount of \$6,430,971 including \$300,000 for construction contingency (excluding GST).

CARRIED

8. LIMITATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF ADDITIONAL RAISING OF SOOKE LAKE DAM

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

CARRIED

9. 2016 GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA TOURS

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

Staff were complimented on increasing the number of tours and for decreasing the costs. Planning for the school tours is underway and emails have been sent directly to the region's school districts and to teachers who have expressed an interest in the water supply tours.

CARRIED

10. WATER WATCH

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

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

MOVED by Commissioner Kasper 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)(e) *the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.*

CARRIED

The Commission reconvened at 1:32 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Kasper and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sifert,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 1:33 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary