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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in the 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street**

PRESENT: Commissioners: M. Lougher-Goodey (Chair), G. Orr, M. Hicks, C. Coleman, J. Rogers, L. Wergeland, E. Zhelka, Z. King, T. Morrison, R. Kasper, L. Szpak, J. Loveday, V. Sanders, D. Murdock, G. Logan, V. Derman, B. Gramigna, G. Baird,

Staff: T. Robbins, A. Constabel, M. McCrank, H. Gibson, G. Harris, M. Montague (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held
April 20, 2016.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

4. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair of the Water Advisory Committee reported as follows:

- Three members of the Water Advisory Committee participated in the First Nations Tour of the watershed on May 9;
- The Water Advisory Committee strongly supports the amendments to Bylaw 2804.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Recent Taste and Odour Event – The General Manager reported on a recent taste and odour event that occurred on May 10. He noted that an increased level of algae in the Sooke Lake Reservoir resulted in some taste and odour in the drinking water. Higher numbers of a golden-brown algae called Uroglena had been observed in the Sooke Lake Reservoir some distance north of the intake tower. This algae moved closer to the intake and entered the water system. This variety of algae can produce a fishy or metallic taste and odour, however, the Island Health Authority confirms taste and odour are aesthetic parameters only - the water remains safe to drink and the aesthetic taste and odour parameters are not a health concern. The duration of this event was only a few days and has now been resolved.

Water Supply Outlook – The General Manager reported that the reservoir is currently 95% full. He noted that water demand exceeded the average 2015 consumption on 13 days in May. Staff continue to monitor the water supply outlook on a daily basis and will advise the Commission of any concerns.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No one has registered to speak.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 2804 TO INCLUDE THE LEECH WATER SUPPLY AREA AND DRAFT WATER SUPPLY AREA ACCESS AND SPECIAL USE REQUEST AND APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

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

1. (a) Endorse the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 2804, Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw and Bylaw No. 1857, Schedule 27 of the Ticket Authorization Bylaw;
- (b) Recommend to the CRD Board that Bylaw No. 4050 cited as “Capital Regional District Water Supply Area Regulations Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2015” be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time;
- (c) Recommend to the CRD Board that Bylaw No. 4051 cited as “Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 1990, Amendment No. 56, 2015” be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time; and
- (d) Approve the draft *Water Supply Area Access and Special Use Request and Approval Policy* and *Water Supply Area Access and Special Use Request and Approval Procedure*.

On the motion, discussion ensued regarding:

- Insurance requirements
- Waiver form
- Placer mining claims
- Length of time permits will be valid
- Fire hazard rating
- Appeal process

CARRIED

8. CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT TICKET INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION BYLAW – AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 4094 (FOR CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL OFFENCES)

H. Gibson spoke to the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that Bylaw No. 4094, “Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 57, 2016”, attached as Appendix A, be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time, and adopted.

CARRIED

9. **CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT TICKET INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION BYLAW – AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 4098 (FOR WATER CONSERVATION BYLAW)**

H. Gibson spoke to the report.

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak, That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that Bylaw No. 4098, “Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 58, 2016”, attached as Appendix A, be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time, and adopted.

On the motion, discussion ensued regarding:

- Best practices in similar jurisdictions
- Standardizing amounts for fines during Stage 3

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird, That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to amend Schedule 26 to the Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw by changing all fines under Stage 3 to \$400.

CARRIED
Commissioner Murdock OPPOSED

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak, That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that Bylaw No. 4098, “Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 58, 2016”, as amended, be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time, and adopted.

CARRIED
Commissioners Derman, and Loveday OPPOSED

10. **DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING TO MEET PROVINCIAL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday, That the Regional Water Supply Commission:

1. Direct CRD staff to undertake discussions with each municipality within the Core Area and Saanich Peninsula to determine the level of support for the CRD to provide additional water quality monitoring within the municipalities and reporting required under the various bulk water operating permits as required under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and associated regulatory framework as part of the Regional Water Supply Service delivery; and,
2. Direct CRD staff to report back to the Commission with alternatives to consider for any service delivery changes.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman, That the motion be amended by including “First Nations” following Saanich Peninsula in item 1.

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission:

1. Direct CRD staff to undertake discussions with each municipality within the Core Area and Saanich Peninsula and First Nations to determine the level of support for the CRD to provide additional water quality monitoring within the municipalities and reporting required under the various bulk water operating permits as required under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and associated regulatory framework as part of the Regional Water Supply Service delivery; and,
2. Direct CRD staff to report back to the Commission with alternatives to consider for any service delivery changes.

CARRIED

11. CHANGE TO FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET – REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SERVICE

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the realignment of the Regional Water Supply Service Five-Year Capital Plan for the following projects:

- a) Defer the pH and Corrosion Study (\$50,000) to 2018; and
- b) Move the Drinking Water Safety Plan project (Phase 1 (\$40,000) to 2016, and Phase 2 (\$30,000) to 2017).

CARRIED

12. WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR SOOKE LAKE RESERVOIR – JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to post the Sooke Lake Reservoir monitoring results for January 2016 through April 2016 for public release.

CARRIED

13. WATER WATCH

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

CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

15. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, s. 90(1) *(d) the security of the property of the municipality and (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

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Logan,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary