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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in the 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street

PRESENT: Commissioners:, G. Orr (Chair), G. Baird, W. Vowles (for M. Hicks), C. Coleman, J. Rogers, L. Wergeland, E. Zhelka, F. Haynes, B. Isitt, G. Young, B. Fallot (for M. Lougher-Goodey), R. Kasper, L. Szpak, J. Loveday, V. Sanders, D. Murdock, G. Logan, R. Atwell, B. Gramigna

Staff: T. Robbins, R. Lapham, A. Constabel, I. Jesney, M. McCrank, S. Mason, M. Montague (Recorder)

Guest: B. Desjardins, CRD Board Chair

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak, That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held June 21, 2017.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made the following remarks:

- He introduced B. Desjardins, CRD Board Chair and R. Lapham, CRD Chief Administrative Officer;
- He noted that the Budget Subcommittee met this morning to review the proposed 2018 Capital and Operating Budget.
- He thanked IWS staff for presenting the budget and also thanked the Commission members that attended for their participation.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Water Supply Outlook – He noted that there were no issues to report.
- b) Budget Subcommittee – 2018 Budget Review – the budget subcommittee met this morning and their recommendations will be brought to the Regional Water Supply Commission in October for consideration.
- c) Project Updates
 - Japan Gulch Disinfection Plant – the project is nearing completion. Standby power has been installed for UV treatment and testing is complete.

- Main No. 3 at McKenzie Interchange – the existing main has been realigned through the McKenzie Interchange and commissioning is planned for November this year.
- d) Sooke lake Reservoir High TC Event – He reported on the high TC event that occurred in July and continued through August. A public notice was sent out and was posted on the CRD website throughout the entire even. A full report on this event will be brought back to the Commission later this year.
- e) CRD Water Quality Lab Accreditation – He reported that the CRD Water Quality Lab received CALA accreditation, as noted in the letter included in the agenda package.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Commissioner Baird and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Atwell,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER WATER COMMISSIONS

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

CARRIED

8. GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA MINING ACCESS REQUESTS

A. Constabel spoke to the report. She noted that the CRD has received access applications to conduct placer and mineral mining activities on tenures held in the Leech Water Supply Area. Given the applicants' rights to access the Leech Water Supply Area under the *Mineral Tenures Act* and *Mining Right of Way Act*, CRD approval is not required to enable the tenure holder access to the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area however, reasonable conditions may be imposed on access through the CRD's access authorization process.

MOVED by Commissioner Kasper and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Isitt,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission authorize access and special use to the mining tenure holders and accompanying persons listed in Table 1 for the valid mining tenures they hold now and during September 20, 2017 to April 30, 2018, with the conditions required in the Access Agreement.

CARRIED

9. NSERC STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GRANT – *FORWATER* NETWORK

A. Constabel spoke to the report. She reported that NSERC is providing \$5.5 million in funding to the *forWater*: NSERC Network for Forested Drinking Water Source Protection Technologies. The CRD has the opportunity to be an active Partner in the *forWater* Network to benefit from direct research and knowledge extension relative to the Regional Water Supply System. To maximize benefits and ensure research and extension on topics of interest to the Regional Water Supply System, an annual funding contribution of \$25,000 for 5 years should be made to the Network. The value of direct research and knowledge to be gained through the *forWater* Network is expected to far outweigh the cost of the 5 year direct and indirect funding contribution.

MOVED by Commissioner Murdoch and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zhelka,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission endorse, subject to final consideration of the 2018 Service Budget, annual supplementary funding from the Regional Water Supply operating budget of \$25,000 per year for 5 years beginning in 2018, to support the *forWater*: NSERC Network for Forested Drinking Water Source Protection Technologies.

CARRIED

10. REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM DAM OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He noted that the Integrated Water Services Department of the Capital Regional District manage numerous dams with the primary purpose related to drinking water supply. The IWS department has a comprehensive dam safety program in place to manage the dams within the legislated framework. It is proposed to evolve that framework with the advice of independent experts and building a robust dam safety management system that will utilize a probabilistic risk-based approach to mitigating dam safety issues.

In general, the dams have performed well, with the exception of Butchart #5 and Lubbe #4 for which there are plans for remediation and regulatory obligations are being addressed. This information provides context for the proposed dam related capital works planned for the 2018-2022 Regional Water Supply budget.

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

CARRIED

Commissioner Gramigna left the meeting.

11. SUMMARY OF THE 2017 “GET TO KNOW YOUR H₂O TOURS” – PUBLIC AND SCHOOL TOURS OF THE GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA AND WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES

A. Constabel spoke to the report. She noted that the implementation of the 2017 “Get to Know Your H₂O Tours” - Tours of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area and Water Supply Facilities met the goals of: delivering a new grade five school tour program; continuing to test a varied tour type and schedule to reach a broader demographic and increase attendance; and delivering the tours on budget with less disruption to operations by changing some of the methods of delivery.

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

CARRIED

12. WATER WATCH

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

CARRIED

13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Haynes and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 1:37 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary