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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION**  
**Held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street**

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**PRESENT: Commissioners:**, M. Lougher-Goodey (Chair), G. Baird, G. Orr, M. Hicks, C. Coleman, J. Rogers, L. Wergeland, J. Brownoff, E. Zhelka, F. Haynes, Z. King, B. Isitt, T. Morrison, R. Kasper, W. Sifert, L. Seaton, L. Spzak, J. Loveday, V. Sanders, G. Logan, B. Gramigna.

**Staff:** T. Robbins, R. Lapham, A. Constabel, I. Jesney, M. McCrank, G. Harris, J. Cuthbert (Recorder)

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

**1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

T. Robbins called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission for 2018.

Commissioner Hicks nominated Commissioner Lougher-Goodey. Commissioner Lougher-Goodey accepted.

T. Robbins called for nominations a second time. There were no further nominations.

T. Robbins called for nominations a third and final time and, hearing none, declared Commissioner Lougher-Goodey as the Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission for 2018.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for the Regional Water Supply Commission for 2018.

Commissioner G. Baird nominated G. Orr for the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner G. Orr accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for nominations a second time. There were no further nominations.

The Chair called for nominations a third and final time and, hearing no further nominations, declared Commissioner G. Orr as Vice-Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission for 2018.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED by Commissioner King and SECONDED by Commissioner Morrison,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the agenda with the following addition under New Business:

Commissioner Kasper - Development Cost Charge Bylaw

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2017**

MOVED by Commissioner Gramigna and SECONDED by Commissioner Sifert,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held  
October 18, 2017.

CARRIED

**4. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair welcomed the CRD Board Chair to the meeting and thanked the Commission members for nominating him as Chair for the Regional Water Supply Commission for 2018. The Chair also spoke to the establishment of the budget subcommittee membership for the meeting that will take place in September 2018. He asked T. Robbins to speak to the 2019 budget schedule and how the timeline will work for presenting the budget to the Board.

**5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

There were no presentations/delegations.

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT****a) Japan Gulch Disinfection Plant Upgrades**

T. Robbins spoke to the commissioning of the Japan Gulch Disinfection Plant upgrades and the graduated integration of the new liquid ammonia system into the live system. The new system has been in full time operation since December 20, 2017. There has been one deficiency concerning off gassing which has caused a slight delay in the commissioning schedule. The design consultants are considering options to address this deficiency. The commissioning chlorine system is going well and integration of the liquid injection system begins today. Procedures remain in place to revert back to the original system, should there be any kind of failure.

**b) Supply Main No.3 at McKenzie Interchange**

Jacob Brothers continues to be the current project contractor for the supply and Main Number 3 Project. They are slightly behind schedule due to pipe installation issues and geotechnical concerns. The goal for completion is April, 2018.

**c) Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan**

The Board has received the Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan as per the committee's recommendations.

A discussion ensued regarding the Main Number 3 break that occurred and if the pipe material will be investigated after the old sections are removed with the highway construction. There was also discussion around how payments are handled for contractors.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER WATER COMMISSIONS**

There are no recommendations at this time.

**8. GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA MINING ACCESS REQUESTS**

A. Constabel spoke to the report.

A brief discussion took place regarding tenure.

A brief discussion took place regarding the current access request application process that was implemented in the past year.

A brief discussion took place regarding how many people are in the watershed on any given day, are they monitored, and whether there is an enforcement policy.

**MOVED** by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Morrison,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission authorize access and special use to John Halusiak to access placer tenure #1044020 in in the Leech Water Supply Area from January 17, 2018 to April 30, 2019, with conditions required in the Access Agreement.

CARRIED

**9. SOOKE LAKE WATER QUALITY – TOTAL COLIFORM EVENT – SUMMER 2017**

G. Harris spoke to the report.

A brief discussion took place regarding a study being proposed to look at implications on relocating the intake tower.

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

CARRIED

**10. WATER WATCH**

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

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

CARRIED

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kasper spoke to development cost charges (DCC's) and requested a briefing for the next meeting, in conjunction with the Juan de Fuca Water Commission decision regarding waiving of DCC's for non-profit or affordable housing developments.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kasper and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gramigna,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission discuss options for waiving development cost charges for non-profit organizations, at the next scheduled meeting.

CARRIED

Commissioner Isitt provided a Notice of Motion for consideration at the next scheduled Regional Water Supply Commission meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission request that the Chair write, on behalf of the Commission, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Minister of Environment, and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, requesting that the existing legislative restriction on mining activities in the Sooke Lake watershed be extended to catchment lands in the Leech River watershed, to safeguard water quality in the long term;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of British Columbia and the Legislative Assembly provide reasonable notice to mineral tenure holders, with an effective date of restrictions on mining activities in the Leech River watershed commencing five years following the enactment of this requested legislative amendment.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Commissioner Hicks and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Haynes,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 1:30 pm.

CARRIED

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Chair

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Secretary