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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in the 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (V. Chair); N. Chambers; Z. de Vries; S. Duncan; K. Harper; M. Hicks, G. Logan; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; M. Sahlstrom (for R. Wade); T. St. Pierre (for B. Parkinson); L. Szpak; N. Taylor; G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, CAO; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Service (IWS); M. McCrank, Infrastructure Operations; I. Jesney, Infrastructure Engineering, B. Semmens, Senior Financial Analyst, A. Constabel, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Environmental Protection; T. Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr (recorder)

NOT PRESENT: C. Graham, K. Kahakauwila; C. Stock; E. Zhelka, J. Rogers, L. Collins, B. Isitt

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m.

Chair Mersereau provided a Territorial Acknowledgement to open the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Taylor, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2019.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed Alternate Commissioners Sahlstrom (for Commissioner Wade) and St. Pierre (for Commissioner Parkinson) and noted that Commissioner Parkinson has been appointed to replace Commissioner Tate.

The Chair stated that starting in April, commission meetings will have two hour time slots. She inquired if there would be interest amongst the Commissioners in a special meeting, in addition to the usual monthly meeting, regarding further orientation to their roles as Commissioners. A show of hands indicated interest.

Commissioner Loveday inquired about opportunities for commissioners to tour the watershed and related facilities.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.1 RWSC 19-03 2018 Wildfire Season – Greater Victoria Water Supply Area

A. Constabel introduced the report and provided highlights of the 2018 wildfire conditions, preparedness, prevention and response as provided in the report.

A discussion took place regarding wildfire services and preparedness and staff answered questions from the Commission.

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

CARRIED

5.2 RWSC 19-10 Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Mining Access Requests

A. Constabel introduced the report and stated that she is seeking Commission approval for one miner to access and use their placer tenure in the water supply area. She advised the applicant has followed all application procedures and recommends the approval of the application, as provided in the report.

Commissioner Chambers left the meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Taylor, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harper,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission authorize access and special use to:

a) The mining tenure holder; and,

b) Accompanying agents and free miners whose status can be confirmed, and that meet CRD insurance requirements;

For the valid mining tenures held, subject to the conditions of the Access Agreement.

CARRIED

5.3 RWSC 19-11 Regional Water Supply Service – 2018 Financial Performance

T. Robbins introduced the report and summarized the 2018 year-end operating revenue and operating expenditures of the Regional Water Supply Service, as presented in the report.

Commissioner Chambers returned to the meeting

He answered questions from the commission.

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

CARRIED

5.4 March 13, 2019 CRD Regional Board Resolution: Motion from Regional Water Supply Commission: Protection of Greater Victoria Water Supply Area

T. Robbins reported that the motion made at its February 20, 2019 Regional Water Supply Commission meeting, regarding opposition of highway infrastructure development in the water supply area, was forwarded to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board at its March 13, 2019 meeting and was passed unanimously. He stated the CRD Board Chair has sent a letter to the Premier and various government officials stating the board's position.

MOVED by Commissioner Taylor, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

5.5 Water Watch

T. Robbins stated that the weather is having a minor effect on Sooke Lake Reservoir levels and does not foresee any issues with the peak demand period.

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

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

7. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

In accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1) (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

MOVED by Commissioner Loveday, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission close the meeting.

CARRIED

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its closed meeting without report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Taylor, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
That the meeting of the Regional Water Supply Commission be adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary