

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

11:25 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT: R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; S. Potts for L. Collins; Z. de Vries; S. Duncan; C. Graham; K. Harper; M. Hicks; B. Isitt; K. Kahakauwila; G. Logan; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; J. Roger; T. St. Pierre (Alternate); C. Stock; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; R. Wade; E. Wood Zhelka; G. Young

REGRETS: C. Stock

STAFF: R. Lapham, CAO; T. Robbins, General Manager; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; M. McCrank, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Operations; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; T. Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. R. Stanwick and Dr. T. Fife, Island Health

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Graham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Morrison, That the September 18, 2019 Regional Water Supply Commission agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [19-667](#) Adoption of the Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Meeting

Attachments: [June 19, 2019 Draft Minutes](#)

MOVED by Commissioner St. Pierre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Graham, That the minutes of the June 19, 2019 Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair extended condolences to the friends, family and colleagues at the District of Sooke of former Commissioner Parkinson who recently passed away and extended gratitude to Commissioner St. Pierre for assuming the position and representing the District.

She stated that she feels fortunate to be able to contribute to the security of our water supply while other districts on the island are facing significant stressors attributed to climate change. It is important to recognize that we are not without risk although the summer was quiet and calm with respect to our water service.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

5.2. Delegations

There were no Delegations.

6. Water Advisory Committee

The Chair stated there is no report from the Water Advisory Committee as they did not meet over the summer months.

7. General Manager's Report

7.1. Water Supply Outlook

T. Robbins advised that the water demand through the summer was typical.

7.2. 2020 Budget Preparation - October Meeting

T. Robbins advised that the draft 2020 Regional Water Supply budget will be presented at the October meeting.

8. Commission Business

- 8.1. [19-666](#) Proposed Transfer of the Admirals Road Water Main from the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service to the Regional Water Supply Service

Attachments: [Staff Report: Proposed Transfer Of Admirals Rd Water Main](#)

[Appendix A: Figure 1 – Water Main located on Admirals Road, View Royal](#)

A discussion took place regarding municipal servicing requirements and long term implications of access to the regional infrastructure.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

MOVED by Commissioner Isitt, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Young, That the motion be amended to add the following wording to the end after 2020: “with the costs associated with the transmission function of the main being apportioned to the regional service.”

DEFEATED

Opposed: Commissioners Mersereau, Baird, Chambers; Collins, de Vries, Duncan, Graham, Harper, Hicks, Kahakauwila, Logan, Loveday, Morrison, Roger, St. Pierre, Szpak; Taylor, Wade, Wood, Zhelka, Potts

MOVED by Commissioner Logan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird, That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the transfer of the Admirals Road Water Main to the Regional Water Supply Service from the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service in fiscal 2020.

CARRIED

Opposed: Commissioners Isitt and Young

8.2. [19-783](#) Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality - Recent Change in Lead Guideline and Capital Regional District Actions

Attachments: [Staff Report: Guidelines For Canadian Drinking Water Quality - Lead](#)
[Appendix A: Drinking Water: What About Lead?](#)

T. Robbins introduced the report stating that Health Canada recently changed the maximum acceptable concentration for lead in drinking water and outlined the implications of the change and the ongoing and upcoming work to address this issue.

Dr. Stanwick, Island Health, was asked to respond to questions from the commission.

Discussion ensued regarding communications for informing the public of potential health risks of exposure to lead. The commission asked staff to report back on options for engaging and informing the public with regards to lead safety.

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

8.3. [19-794](#) Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 3516 - Amendment

Attachments: [Staff Report: Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 3516 - Amendment](#)
[Appendix A: New Updated Bylaw 3516, Amendment Bylaw No. 2](#)
[Appendix B: Updated Bylaw 3516 - showing revisions](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That Items 8.3 and 8.4 be postponed.

CARRIED

8.4. [19-670](#) Summary of the 2019 Public and School Tours of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area and Water Supply Facilities

Attachments: [Staff Report: Summary of the 2019 Public & School Tours of the GVWSA](#)
[Appendix A: 2019 Tour Brochure](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That Items 8.3 and 8.4 be postponed.

CARRIED

8.5. [19-668](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

Attachments: [Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Logan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers, That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions for information.

CARRIED

8.6. [19-669](#) Weekly Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Weekly Water Watch Report](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Isitt, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor, That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the September 8, 2019 Weekly Water Watch Report for information.

CARRIED

9. Motion with Notice

9.1. [19-686](#) Regional Water Supply Commission Support of the Provincial Water Conservation Measures; N.Chambers

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor, That Item 9.1 be postponed.

CARRIED

10. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Graham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor, That the September 18, 2019 of the Regional Water Supply Commission be adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY