

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

11:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; S. Duncan; M. Hicks; M. Little for K. Kahakauwila; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; J. Rogers; C. Stock; T. St-Pierre; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; G. Young

BY WEBEX:

Z. de Vries; C. Graham; K. Harper; B. Isitt; G. Logan; R. Wade; E. Wood Zhelka

STAFF:

T. Robbins, General Manager; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; T. Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; T. Duthie, Manager, Administrative Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr, Recorder

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Hunsinger, Chair, Water Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 am.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Loveday provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

8.2.1 Correspondence - Letter from M. Doehnel re: Agricultural Study (July 14, 2020)

MOVED by Commissioner Morrison, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [20-374](#) Adoption of Minutes - June 17, 2020

Attachments: [June 17, 2020 Draft Minutes](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the minutes of the June 17, 2020 Regional Water Supply Commission
meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

[20-422](#)

Approval of Resolution

1. That this resolution applies to the Regional Water Supply Commission for the meetings being held between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
2. That the attendance of the public at the place of the meeting cannot be accommodated in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the Public Health Act, despite the best efforts of the Regional Water Supply Commission, because:
 - a. The available meeting facilities cannot accommodate more than 38 people in person, including members of the Regional Water Supply Commission and staff, and
 - b. There are no other facilities presently available that will allow physical attendance of the Regional Water Supply Commission and the public in sufficient numbers; and
3. That the Regional Water Supply Commission is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of the open meeting by the following means:
 - a. By allowing the public to hear or participate via teleconference or electronic meeting software,
 - b. By allowing the public to see and hear the live webcasting of the meeting on the CRD website,
 - c. By providing notice of the meeting in newspaper or local notice Board, including the methods for providing written or electronic submissions,
 - d. By making the meeting agenda, as well as the other relevant documents, available on the CRD website, and directing interested persons to the website by means of the notices provided in respect of the meeting,
 - e. By strongly encouraging the provision of, and subsequently receiving and distributing to members, written correspondence from the public in advance of the meeting, and
 - f. By making the minutes of the meeting available on the CRD website following the meeting.

The Chair introduced the resolution as presented.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding electronic presentations and delegations.

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the resolution as presented.
CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair had no remarks.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

7. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

7.1. Water Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Chair Hunsinger, stated the Committee met June 25, 2020 and discussed the agricultural water rates which resulted in three recommendations to the Regional Water Supply Commission which are included in the agenda package.

7.2. [20-420](#) Draft Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Water Advisory Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Water Advisory Committee Draft Minutes June 25, 2020](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner St-Pierre,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the Draft Minutes for information.

CARRIED

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

8.1. [20-375](#) Remediation of Leech Water Supply Area Gravel Pit

Attachments: [Staff Report: Remediation Of Leech Water Supply Area Gravel Pit](#)
[Appendix A: Location Map Weeks Gravel Pit Remediation](#)

A. Constabel provided a summary of the report as presented.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Remediation process
- Contamination mitigation
- Certificate of compliance
- Trespassing

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Little,

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Zhelka,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to review the costs and process for moving forward with a Certificate of Compliance to remove the site from the contaminated sites list and report back to the Commission.

CARRIED

8.2. [20-421](#) Agriculture Water Demand Model and Land Use Inventory Report and Agriculture Water Rate Considerations

Attachments: [Staff Report: Review Of The Agricultural Water Subsidy Rate And Rate Methodology](#)
[Appendix A: Agriculture Water Demand Model Report](#)
[Appendix B: Agriculture Water Rate Funding and Demand Summary 2011-2019](#)

T. Robbins provided a summary of the report as presented.

Discussion ensued and staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Water rates
- Land Use Inventory
- Subsidy for non-agricultural users
- Rate review and adjustment

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,

The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends:

That staff be directed to maintain the current agricultural water rate for the 2021 budget year, and undertake an agricultural rate review that considers the current rate, rate model and rate application, the implications of these elements, and presents rate/rate model options for the Commission's consideration.

CARRIED

8.2.1 Correspondence

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

CARRIED

8.3. [20-376](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

Attachments: [Summary Of Recommendations From Other Water Commissions](#)

Commissioners Isitt and Wade left the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be
received for information

CARRIED

8.4. [20-377](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [July 6, 2020 Water Watch Report](#)

Staff addressed a question regarding water demand during the COVID-19 State
of Emergency.

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the July 6, 2020 Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

9.1. [20-378](#) Request for a Review and Update of Bylaw No. 3780: Notice of Motion
from Commissioner St-Pierre

Attachments: [Notice of Motion: Review and Update of Bylaw No. 3780](#)

Commissioner Baird recused himself and left the room.
Commissioner Logan left the meeting.

Commissioner St-Pierre introduced the Notice of Motion.

MOVED by Commissioner St-Pierre, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner
Hicks,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Water Supply Commission recommends
that the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

That staff be requested to review and update the building bylaw 3780 with
respect to onsite water collection to align with the CSA B805-18 Canadian
National Rainwater Harvesting Standard.

CARRIED

Commissioner Baird returned to the meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

11.1. [20-379](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

R. Hunsinger left the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Loveday, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner St-Pierre,
In accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.
CARRIED

12. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its closed meeting without report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner ST-Pierre, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
The meeting be adjourned at 1:27 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY