

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Water Supply Commission

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Wednesday, September 16, 2020

11:30 AM

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

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**PRESENT:**

R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; C. Graham; M. Hicks; B. Isitt;  
K. Kahakauwila; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; C. Stock; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; G. Young

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Z. de Vries; S. Duncan; K. Harper; G. Logan (12:38 pm); J. Rogers; T. St-Pierre; R. Wade (12:39 pm);  
E. Wood Zhelka (11:55 am)

**STAFF:**

T. Robbins, General Manager; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection;  
I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure  
Operations, G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Scott, Senior Geoscientist,  
Watershed Protection; N. Burrows, Manager, Wildfire, Security & Emergency Response; T. Urquhart,  
Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

#### 1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Kahakauwila provided the territorial acknowledgment.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOVED** by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1. [20-524](#) Adoption of the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regional Water Supply  
Commission Meeting

**Attachments:** [Minutes: July 15, 2020](#)

**MOVED** by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,  
That the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regional Water Supply Commission  
meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Mersereau provided the following remarks:

- She extended her gratitude to Integrated Water Service's (IWS) staff for their management of the wildfire event in August.
- She advised that a bylaw regarding rain water harvesting standards, Commissioner St-Pierre's notice of motion, was approved by the Electoral Areas Committee and the Capital Regional District Board.
- She stated that staff are working on a strategic plan update for the Commission to be presented in October.
- She advised that she will be meeting with staff to discuss the appointment process for the Water Advisory Committee.

#### 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

##### 5.1. Water Supply Outlook

T. Robbins provided a verbal report of water supply demands and outlook.

Staff answered a question regarding the storage level.

##### 5.2. October Meeting

T. Robbins advised that a progress report on the strategic plan for the Regional Water Supply service and draft 2021 budget will be presented to the Commission in October.

#### 6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

#### 7. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report.

#### 8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8.1. [20-527](#) Remediation of Leech Water Supply Area Gravel Pit - Consideration of Certificate of Compliance

**Attachments:** [Staff Report: Remediation of Leech Water Supply Area Gravel Pit - Consideration of Certificate of Compliance](#)

G. Harris provided a summary of the report as presented.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Spzak,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the report for information and that staff be directed not to pursue a Certificate of Compliance for the site.

**CARRIED**

8.2. [20-526](#) August 17, 2020 Lightning Strike Wildfires in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area

**Attachments:** [Staff Report: August 17, 2020 Lightning Strike Wildfires in the GVWSA](#)  
[Appendix A: Details of Lightning Strike Wildfires in the GVWSA](#)  
[Appendix B: Map 1 2020 Wildfire Locations - Horton Ridge](#)  
[Appendix C: Map 2 Mount Healey Fire Perimeter](#)  
[Appendix D: Map 3 Rithet Fire Perimeter](#)  
[Appendix E: Map 4 GVWSA Risk Mitigation Features](#)

A. Constabel provided a summary of the report and a PowerPoint presentation illustrating fire fighting initiatives.

The Commission commended staff on a job well done.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Costs associated with wildfire fighting.
- Fuel treatment and rehabilitation plan.
- Debriefing of events.
- Collaborative planning with stakeholders.

The Commission requested that staff bring back a report outlining post-fire events and financial impacts.

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

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

**CARRIED**

8.3. [20-528](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

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

That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received for information.

**CARRIED**

8.4. [20-529](#) Water Watch Report

**Attachments:** [Water Watch Report September 8, 2020](#)

**MOVED** by Commissioner Spzak, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,  
That the September 8, 2020 Water Watch Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Graham, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,  
The meeting be adjourned at 12:47 pm.  
**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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