

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; C. Graham; J. Loveday;
C. Stock; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; G. Young

BY WEBEX:

S. Duncan; K. Harper; M. Hicks; B. Isitt; K. Kahakauwila; G. Logan;
T. Morrison; J. Rogers; T. St-Pierre; E. Wood Zhelka

REGRETS:

Z. de Vries; R. Wade

STAFF:

T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate Services; T. Duthie, Manager, Administrative Services, T. Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr (Recorder)

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Stock provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

That the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [20-764](#) Adoption of the October 21, 2020 Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Minutes October 21, 2020](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Spzak,
That the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked staff for their services during the pandemic. She stated she was elected as Vice-Chair of the Capital Regional District Board, at their meeting held November 18, 2020. She stated she is willing will step down from the Chair of Regional Water Supply Commission, and encouraged interest from other members to consider the role of Chair. She noted that appointments to the Commission take place at the first meeting in January. She stated it has been an honour to be the Chair of the Commission.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5.1. Water Supply Outlook

T. Robbins provided an update stating that seasonal weather is raising water levels at the Sooke Lake Reservoir and there are no concerns for water supply during winter months. He noted that the Kapoor Tunnel Inspection will be taking place this winter.

5.2. Tap Sampling Program Update

T. Robbins provided an update stating the program is underway and that sampling will take place early in 2021

He answered questions from the Commission regarding the program.

5.3. Commercial Faucet Aerator Replacement Program

T. Robbins provided an update stating the program is underway to businesses around the region and staff will report back on the results of the program.

5.4. 2021 Commission Chair/Vice Chair Elections

T. Robbins stated that election for Chair and Vice-Chair for the Commission will take place at the first meeting in 2021.

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the General Manager's report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

7. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was no report.

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8.1. [20-636](#) Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - December 2019 to May 2020

Attachments: [Staff Report: Water Quality Summary Report - Greater Vic - Dec 2019-May 2020](#)
[Appendix A: Water Quality Summary Report - Greater Vic - Dec 2019-May 2020](#)

G. Harris introduced the report as presented.

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the Water Quality Summary Report for the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - December 2019 to May 2020 for information.

CARRIED

- 8.2. **20-765** Water Advisory Committee Membership

The Chair noted that at their Closed meeting held November 19, 2019 the Commission made a motion to discuss at an open meeting the striking of a nominating committee to appoint members to the Water Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Graham, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission strike a nominating committee consisting of the Commission Chair or Chair's delegate, Commission Vice-Chair, Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission representative and Saanich Peninsula Water Commission representative to review the applications and that the nominating committee report back to the Commission, providing its recommendations for appointment.

CARRIED

- 8.3. [20-655](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

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

CARRIED

- 8.4. [20-654](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report November 16, 2020](#)

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the November 20, 2020 Water Watch report for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. [20-659](#) BC Wildfire Service

Attachments: [Correspondence: BC Wildfire Service](#)

The Chair introduced the correspondence between the Capital Regional District and the BC Wildfire Service regarding wildfire support in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area.

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1. 20-682 Notice of Motion - Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor provided the following Notice of Motion:

That the Regional Water Supply Commission request staff to bring forward a report outlining the current impacts and potential future impacts that climate change is having on CRD Water operations and the CRD's ability to provide water to the region.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

12.1. [20-652](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

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

That the meeting be closed In accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements

CARRIED

At 12:17 pm the Commission moved into closed session.

13. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its closed session at 12:23 pm without report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:23 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY