

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

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

BY WEBEX:

Z. de Vries (11:50 am); S. Duncan; K. Harper; M. Hicks (11:50 am); B. Isitt (11:35 am); K. Kahakauwila;
G. Logan; T. Morrison; J. Rogers; T. St-Pierre; R. Wade; E. Wood Zhelka;

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; T. Duthie, Manager, Administrative Services, D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr (Recorder)

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Baird provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [21-117](#) Adoption of the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersereau,
That the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair did not have a report.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5.1. Water Supply Outlook

T. Robbins stated that the Sooke Lake Reservoir is at full capacity and that there were no operational impacts from recent snowfall.

5.2. CRD Board Decision: Electoral Area Building Regulation Bylaw – Rain Harvesting Potable Water

T. Robbins stated that the Electoral Area Building Regulation Bylaw updates were adopted by the Capital Regional District Board at its meeting held February 10, 2021.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Building code standards
- Advocacy

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no Presentations or Delegations.

7. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Baird stated that election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Water Advisory Committee will take place at the first meeting of the year scheduled for March 4, 2021.

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

8.1. [21-155](#) Demand Management Program Update

G. Harris introduced the report and provided a presentation outlining issues and trends affecting regional water demand.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Long term balancing storage
- Rapid increase for demand
- Financing options for utility bills
- Development Cost Charge programs
- Water quality
- Aquifer health
- Once through cooling
- Wholesale water rates
- Water consumption
- Resiliency and Redundancy
- Water conservation bylaw
- Delivery capacity

MOVED by Commissioner Mersereau, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2. [21-103](#) Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System
- June to November 2020

G. Harris introduced the report.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Water quality
- pH corrosion study
- Treatment options
- Filtration

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receives the Water Quality Summary Report for the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - June to November 2020 for information.

CARRIED

8.3. [21-118](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions
MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersereau,
That the Summary of Recommendations from other water Commissions be received for information.
CARRIED

8.4. [21-119](#) Water Watch Report
MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersereau,
That the February 8, 2021 Water Watch report be received for information.
CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

10. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There was no Notice of Motion.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Graham, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loveday,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:57 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY