

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, March 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; Z. de Vries (EP); S. Dubow (EP); S. Duncan;
C. Graham (EP); K. Harper (EP); B. Isitt (EP); K. Kahakauwila (12:04 pm) (EP); G. Logan (EP)
J. Loveday (EP); R. Mersereau; T. Morrison (EP); J. Rogers (EP); C. Stock; N. Taylor; E. Paterson for
E. Wood Zhelka (EP); G. Young

STAFF:

T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; S. Carey, Manager Legal 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; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

REGRETS: M. Hicks; T. St-Pierre; R. Wade

EP – Electronic Participation

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Baird provided the Territorial Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [21-191](#) Adoption of the February 17, 2021 Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Regional Water Supply Commission Minutes, February 17, 2021](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner
Mersereau,
That the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated the importance of being mindful of staff time and requested that Commissioners direct comments and suggestions through her to communicate to staff.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5.1. Water Supply Outlook (Verbal)

T. Robbins stated the Sooke Lake Reservoir is at full capacity and there are no concerns with water supply going into spring.

5.2. Goldstream Powerhouse Roof Replacement Project Grant (Verbal)

T. Robbins stated that the roof replacement project was selected by Heritage BC for \$76,000 in funding under the Unique Heritage Infrastructure - Community Economic Resiliency Infrastructure Program.

5.3. Grant Lake Property Acquisition (Verbal)

T. Robbins stated that a media release was circulated to the Commission on February 26, 2021 regarding the acquisition of the Grant Lake property.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no Presentations or Delegations.

7. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

7.1. Report from the Water Advisory Committee Chair (Verbal)

Vice Chair Baird provided a verbal update advising that E. Cote was elected Chair and J. Todd was elected as Vice Chair at the Water Advisory Committee meeting held March 4, 2021. He stated that the working groups are formed for:

- Long Term Water Supply and Demand Management
- Water Quality; Major Capital Projects (including Dam Safety)
- Water Rates (including Agricultural and First Nations).

7.2. [21-194](#) Draft Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Water Advisory Committee Meeting

Attachments: [DRAFT Water Advisory Committee Minutes March 4, 2021](#)

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

That the draft minutes the March 4, 2021 Water Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

8.1. [21-192](#) Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Regional Water Supply Operations

Attachments: [Staff Report: Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Regional Water Supply Operations](#)
[Appendix A: List of Figures](#)

A. Constabel introduced the report and provided summary of the potential impacts of climate change on the provision of water in the region.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Staff time
- Storage supply and distribution
- Insect and forest health
- Potable water
- Drought and wet thresholds
- Monitoring
- Spill release
- Fish habitat

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

CARRIED

Motion Arising

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive an updated climate impacts report every two years.

CARRIED

8.2. [21-209](#) Mining Access Request - Leech Water Supply Area

Attachments: [Staff Report: Mining Access Request - Leech WSA](#)
[Appendix A: Summary of 2021 Mining Access and Special Use Applications](#)
[Appendix B: Map of 2021 Mining Tenures Requesting Access](#)
[Appendix C: Template Access Agreement](#)

A. Constabel introduced the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission authorize Greater Victoria Water Supply Area access and special use to the mining tenure holders and their agents (where agency is confirmed) and workers (that hold valid free mining certificates) that meet Capital Regional District insurance requirements, as listed in Table 1 of Appendix A, subject to the conditions of their Access Agreement, for the valid mining tenures they hold.

CARRIED

8.3. [21-187](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

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

CARRIED

8.4. [21-188](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the March 8, 2021 Water Watch report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. [21-228](#) Heritage BC, February 22, 2021 - Unique Heritage Infrastructure Grant

Attachments: [Unique Heritage Infrastructure – Announcements](#)

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

CARRIED

- 9.2. [21-225](#) CRD Media Release, February 26, 2021 - CRD Acquires 58.7 Hectares of GVWSA Catchment Land

Attachments: [Grant Lake Property Acquisition](#)

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

CARRIED

- 9.3. [21-229](#) District of Central Saanich, February 26, 2021 - CRD's Agricultural Water Rate

Attachments: [CRDs Agricultural Water Rate](#)

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

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

11. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There was no Notice of Motion.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

- 12.1. [21-186](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

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

That the meeting be closed for:

Labour Relations in accordance with Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter. [1 item]

Legal Advice in accordance with Section 90(1)(i) of the Community Charter. [1 item]

CARRIED

The Commission moved into Closed session at 12:23 pm.

13. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its Closed session at 1:05 pm without report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Mersereau, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY