

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

L. Szpak (Chair); G. Baird (EP) (V. Chair); C. Chambers; S. Dubow (EP); S. Duncan (EP);
C. Graham; K. Harper (EP); M. Hicks (EP); B. Isitt (EP); K. Kahakauwila (EP); G. Logan (EP);
J. Loveday (EP); R. Mersereau; T. Morrison; J. Rogers (EP); C. Stock; N. Taylor; R. Wade (EP);
G. Young; E. Wood Zhelka (EP)

STAFF: T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; T. Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; T. Duthie, Manager, Integrated Water Services Administration Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; T. Phillipow, Committee Clerk

REGRETS: Z. De Vries; T. St-Pierre

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 am

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Stock provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersereau,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [21-829](#) Draft Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Regional Water Supply Commission meeting.

Attachments: [DRAFT Minutes October 20, 2021](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Mersereau and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Szpak acknowledged the great work of staff. She also sent out heartfelt thoughts to those affected by the recent storm devastation that occurred throughout British Columbia this past week.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

T. Robbins spoke to Item 6.

He spoke regarding:

- 230 mm of rain received in the Water Supply Area between Saturday and Monday
- Sooke storage capacity is at 96.4%
- System and facility operations and performance during and after the storm and power outages
- Assessment of the area for tree damage/road access
- No significant impact on raw water turbidity given the extreme inflow of water
- Extreme weather impact on long and short term planning

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. [21-828](#) Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study

Attachments: [Staff Report: Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study Update](#)
[Appendix A: Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study - Final Report - KWL](#)

G. Harris spoke to Item 7.1.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Centralized pH system
- pH adjustment systems for distribution suppliers
- Standing water and public communication
- Removal of old copper piping
- Budgeting implications

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

The Regional Water Supply Commission receives the Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study report for information.

CARRIED

- 7.2. [21-827](#) Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - July to September 2021

Attachments: [Staff Report: Water Quality Summary Report - GVDWS - July-Sept 2021](#)
[Appendix A: Water Quality Summary Report - July-Sept 2021 - full report](#)

G. Harris spoke to Item 7.2.

Staff responded to a question from the Commission regarding filtration for choliform levels.

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
The Regional Water Supply Commission receives the Water Quality Summary Report for the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - July to September 2021 for information.

CARRIED

- 7.3. [21-830](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

T. Robbins spoke to Item 7.3.

Staff responded to a question from the Commission regarding First Nations representation on the Post Disaster Water Supply Technical Working Group.

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

CARRIED

- 7.4. [21-831](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Taylor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersereau,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receives the November 8, 2021 water watch report for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

[21-832](#)

Motion to close the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Graham and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the meeting be closed for appointments in accordance with Section 90 (1)
(a) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The Regional Water Supply Commission moved into closed session at 12 pm.

11. RISE AND REPORT

The Regional Water Supply Commission rose from it's closed session at 12:09
pm without report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Taylor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:09 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY