

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

L. Szpak (Chair); G. Baird (V. Chair); C. Chambers; S. Dubow (11:38);
S. Duncan; C. Graham; K. Harper; B. Isitt (11:54); K. Kahakauwila; G. Logan;
J. Loveday; R. Mersereau; T. Morrison; J. Rogers; C. Stock; T. St-Pierre; N. Taylor;
R. Wade; G. Young; E. Wood Zhelka

STAFF:

R. Lapham, CAO; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Marr (EP), Acting Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg (EP), Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; K. Vincent (EP), Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; L. Westinghouse, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; T. Duthie, Manager, Integrated Water Services Administration Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk; A. Doiron, Administrative Clerk (Recorder)

REGRETS: Z. De Vries; M. Hicks

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Baird provided the Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [22-117](#) Adoption of Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Minutes: January 19, 2022](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair advised that the next meeting date is scheduled for March 23.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1. Delegation: Kym Hill, Westcoast Flyfishers Association: Re: Agenda Item 7.1

K. Hill spoke to Item 7.1

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

T. Robbins introduced new staff member, L. Westinghouse.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. [22-118](#) 2022 Leech Water Supply Area Westcoast Flyfishers Access Request

Attachments: [Staff Report: 2022 Leech Water Supply Area Westcoast Flyfishers Access Request](#)
[Appendix A: Leech WSA Access & Special Use Permits Information Sheet](#)
[Appendix B: Westcoast Flyfishers Access Application - Redacted](#)
[Appendix C: Draft Access and Special Use Permit: Westcoast Flyfishers Association](#)
[Appendix D: Newspaper Article](#)
[Appendix E: 2017 Thank You Letter from Westcoast Flyfishers Association](#)

A. Constabel spoke to Item 7.1

Commissioner Dubow joined the meeting.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Plans for decontaminating equipment upon entering Weeks Lake
- Cost recovery
- Delegated authority for access requests
- Access to Watershed for other groups / First Nation groups
- Aquatic risk
- Efforts to mitigate contamination

Commissioner Isitt joined the meeting.

- Risk of Access
- Risk Assessment needs
- Access during fire season

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission authorize the Westcoast Flyfishers Association access and special use of the Leech Water Supply Area for a maximum of 20 members for one day, when the Fire Danger Rating is less than Extreme (planned for May 29, 2022), to fish in Weeks Lake, under the conditions of the access permit which limits the type of vessels to those that can be effectively decontaminated, and pending evidence of insurance and

completion of waivers to the satisfaction of the CRD.

CARRIED

Opposed: Harper, St-Pierre, Rogers, Loveday, Taylor

- 7.2. [22-112](#) Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study - Update

Attachments: [Staff Report: Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study - Update](#)
[Appendix A: Water Quality Tap Sampling - Lead and Copper Results](#)

G. Harris spoke to Item 7.2.

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the Greater Victoria pH & Corrosion Study report for information.

CARRIED

- 7.3. [22-126](#) Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - October to December 2021

Attachments: [Staff Report: Water Quality Summary Report - GVDWS - Oct-Dec 2021](#)
[Appendix A: Water Quality Summary Report for GVDWS - Oct-Dec 2021](#)

G. Harris spoke to Item 7.3

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Main water treatment and Sooke River Road - related to water flows
- Fluctuating ratios
- Corrosion Study
- Provincial guidance and updates

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

That the Water Quality Summary Report for the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - October to December 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

- 7.4. [22-119](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner St-Pierre,

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

CARRIED

- 7.5. [22-120](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report](#)

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

That the Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

Commissioner Graham introduced a Notice of Motion:

That staff develop a cost recovery fee for access, bring forward a standardized process and check list that needs to be met by an applicant for access, and investigate delegating the issuance of access permits to staff as is done in other cases.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

10.1. [22-121](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

The commission moved into closed session at 12:59 pm.

- MOVED** by Commissioner Stok and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
1. That the meeting be closed for Appointments in accordance with Section 90(1)(a) of the *Community Charter*
 2. That the meeting be closed for Intergovernmental Negotiations under Section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*

CARRIED

11. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its closed session at 2:24 pm without report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the meeting be adjourned at 2:24 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY