

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

L. Szpak (Chair); G. Baird (V. Chair); S. Brice for N. Taylor; N. Chambers;
Z. De Vries (EP); S. Dubow (EP); S. Duncan (EP); C. Graham (EP); K. Harper (EP);
M. Hicks (EP); B. Isitt; J. Loveday (EP); C. Plant for R. Mersereau; J. Rogers (EP);
R. Wade (EP); G. Young; E. Wood Zhelka (EP)

STAFF:

R. Lapham, CAO; 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; Tracy Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; Tanya Duthie, Manager, Administration Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; M. Risvold, Committee and Administrative Clerk (recorder)

REGRETS: K. Kahakauwila; G. Logan; R. Mersereau; T. Morrison; C. Stock;
T. St-Pierre; N. Taylor

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Chambers provided the territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [22-456](#) Adoption of June 15, 2022 Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Minutes June 15, 2022](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Baird and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Isitt,
That the Minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair provided the following remarks:

- Toured the Watershed with Vice-Chair Baird
- Acknowledged the land, climate change and development in the area
- Thanked staff and the Commission for their hard work

The Chair extended remarks to Vice-Chair Baird who acknowledged staff for all their hard work.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. Water Supply Outlook [Verbal]

T. Robbins provided a water supply outlook and advised the Sooke Lake Reservoir is currently at 92 percent of the storage capacity, and advised the daily demand is quite low compared to 2021. Staff are continuing to monitor the potential revenue impacts due to the lower demand.

6.2. Next Meeting: September 28, 2022 (Budget Meeting)

T. Robbins advised there will not be a meeting held in August. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2022 to present the 2023 operating and capital budget.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Budget timelines
- Potential of having preliminary budget reviewed by the new Commission
- Full orientation will be provided to the new Commission which will include budget overview

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. [22-457](#) Summary of Feedback - 2022 Regional Water Supply Master Plan

Attachments: [Staff Report: Summary of Feedback - 2022 RWS Master Plan](#)
[Appendix A: Public Engagement Report](#)
[Appendix B: Sample letter to First Nations Chief and Council](#)
[Appendix C: WAC Response to the 2022 Water Master Plan](#)
[Appendix D: WAC Addl Detailed Comments on the 2022 Water M. Plan](#)
[Supplemental 1: 2022 Master Plan Report-Complete](#)
[Supplemental 2: Malahat Nation Email Correspondence](#)

T. Robbins spoke to item 7.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Volume of material generated through backwash process
- Potential to deal with pH, alkalinity and copper
- Deep northern water intake in Sooke Lake
- Onsite storage
- Pump station, filtration plant, transmission system changes
- Risks associated with not filtering water
- Approximate cost for building plant
- Master plan public engagement
- Professional report from consultant
- Project priorities
- Letter from Malahat First Nation

T. Robbins read correspondence received from Malahat First Nation.

Staff responded to questions from the commission regarding:

- The need for a new pump station with a filtration plant
- Further review regarding the filtration requirement

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission:

1. Approve the 2022 Master Plan; and
2. Recommend that the Capital Regional District Board approve the 2022 Master Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Applying precautionary plan
- Due diligence and planning
- Opportunity for jobs

MOVED by Commissioner Young and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Isitt,
That the recommendation be amended to add after the words 2022 Master Plan, the following wording “, as a guide to future water supply planning” in both Items 1. and 2.

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Commissioner Isitt and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers, That the recommendation to approve be postponed to the next meeting to allow Commissioners the opportunity to read the 2022 Master Plan, to ensure that the Plan is published on a Commission agenda and to allow the Malahat Nation the opportunity to comment on the plan.

FAILED

Opposed: Baird, Brice, Chambers, Duncan, Graham, Harper, Hicks, Rogers Szpak, Young

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission:

1. Approve the 2022 Master Plan, as a guide to future water supply planning; and
2. Recommend that the Capital Regional District Board approve the 2022 Master Plan, as a guide to future water supply planning.

CARRIED

Opposed: Isitt

The Commission requested that the Master Plan be appended to the Board Agenda Package.

- 7.2. [22-468](#) Bylaw No. 4509, "Capital Regional District Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022"

Attachments: [Staff Report: Bylaw 4509 Amendment Bylaw to Bylaw No. 2804](#)

[Appendix A: Bylaw 4509 Amendment Bylaw](#)

[Appendix B: Bylaw 2804 Unofficial Redline Showing Changes](#)

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.2.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird and **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Plant,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4509, " Capital Regional District Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022", be introduced and read a first, second and a third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 4509 be adopted.

CARRIED

- 7.3. [22-469](#) Greater Victoria Water Supply Area 2022 Public and School Tours Summary

Attachments: [Staff Report: GVWSA 2022 Public and School Tours Summary](#)

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.3.

7.4. [22-459](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.4.

7.5. [22-460](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report](#)

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Plant and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Young,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY