

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Water Supply Commission

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Wednesday, April 19, 2023

11:30 AM

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

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**PRESENT:**

G. Baird (Chair); C. Stock (Vice Chair) (EP); J. Caradonna; C. Coleman;  
Z. de Vries (EP); S. Duncan (EP); C. Graham (EP); S. Gray; C. Green;  
K. Guiry; S. Hammond (EP); K. Harper; K. Jordison; S. Kim; T. Morrison (EP);  
T. Phelps Bondaroff; J. Rogers; M. Wagner; M. Westhaver; A. Wickheim

**STAFF:**

T. Robbins, CAO; I. Jesney, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services;  
A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Senior Manager,  
Environmental Protection; J. Marr, Acting Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering;  
S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; J. van Niekerk, Senior Manager,  
Customer & Technical Services; S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal & Risk Management;  
J. Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator, Integrated Water Services;  
D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; M. Risvold, Committee and Administrative Clerk

**REGRETS:** N. Chambers; D. Lajeunesse

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am

#### 1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOVED** by Commissioner Green and **SECONDED** by Commissioner  
Coleman,  
That the agenda be approved as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of the February 15, 2023 Minutes

Attachments: [Draft Minutes, February 15, 2023](#)

**MOVED** by Commissioner Phelps Bondaroff and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Westhaver,  
That the Minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair had no remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I. Jesney noted the following:

- The Water Advisory Committee had its first meeting and Katie Oppen was elected as Chair
- An agricultural sub-committee was formed by the Water Advisory Committee and has met
- Regional development cost charge program
- Staff applied for a \$6 million dollar grant which was successful

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Bylaw No. 4541 Water Supply Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw Amendment

**Attachments:** [Staff Report: Bylaw No. 4541 Amendment](#)

[Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4541](#)

[Appendix B: Bylaw No. 2537 Unofficial Consolidation \(Redlined\)](#)

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Tree thinning and location
- Possible sale of logs
- Cost recovery
- Capital plan amendment
- Tree branches crossing property lines
- Recycling wood chips
- Treatment of invasive wildlife and species
- Benefits of leaving cut logs on the ground
- Wildfire and other potential risks to the watershed
- Long-term effects of thinning
- Reducing forest fuels
- Drought stress amongst trees

**MOVED** by Commissioner Harper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Westhaver,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital  
Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4541, "Capital Regional District Water Supply Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1997, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2023", be introduced and read a first, second, and a third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 4541 be referred to the service participants for approval by way of council and electoral area director consent on behalf, and that if successful, Bylaw No. 4541 be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

**CARRIED**

**7.2.** Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Regional Water Supply Operations

**Attachments:** [Staff Report: Potential Impacts of Climate Change](#)  
[Appendix A: Current and Potential Climate Change Impacts](#)

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Increased pressure for population density on south Vancouver Island
- Concern regarding density projections
- Tree mortality and removal of trees
- Future impact on the water
- Trends that are foreseen
- Water restrictions
- Water conservation bylaw
- Demand management report

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

**7.3.** Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

**7.4.** Water Watch Report

**Attachments:** [Water Watch Report](#)

I. Jesney spoke to item 7.4.

Staff responded to a question regarding snow melting in the watershed.

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

**8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Coleman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Westhaver,

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 pm.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY