

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS: G. Baird (Chair); K. Harper (Vice Chair); J. Caradonna; N. Chambers (EP); C. Coleman; Z. de Vries; S. Duncan (EP); C. Graham (EP); S. Gray; C. Green; K. Guiry; K. Jordison; S. Kim; D. Lajeunesse; T. Morrison; T. Phelps Bondaroff (EP); J. Rogers; M. Wagner; M. Westhaver

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer (EP); A. Fraser, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; K. Morley, General Manager Corporate Services and Corporate Officer; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Water Operations; S. Henderson, Senior Manager Real Estate and Southern Gulf Islands Administration; T. Duthie, Manager, Administration Services, Integrated Water Services; J. Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Integrated Water Services; M. Risvold, Committee & Administrative Clerk, Integrated Water Services

EP - Electronic Participation

REGRETS: C. Stock; S. Hammond; A. Wickheim

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Kim and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

This report was received for information.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 [24-185](#) Minutes of the January 17, 2024 Regional Water Supply Commission Meeting

Attachments: [January 17, 2024 Draft Minutes](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Gray and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Westhaver,
That the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair noted that there will be Island Health representation at the March 1, 2024 Special Meeting.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 Delegations

5.1.1 [24-229](#) Delegation - Leslie Miller-Brooks; Resident of Saanich: Re: Agenda Items: 8.1. Motion with Notice: K. Jordison - Delay Action on the Regional Water Supply 2022 Master Plan.

L. Miller-Brooks spoke to Item 8.1

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Fraser reported on the following:
-The work plan that was presented at the last meeting
-The special meeting for an overview of Master Plan that will take place on March 1, 2024

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1 [24-186](#) 2017 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan - Close-out

Attachments: [Staff Report: 2017 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan Close-out](#)
[Appendix A: 2017 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan](#)
[Appendix B: Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan Close-out Summary Report](#)

A. Fraser spoke to item 7.1.
-Spoke to the progress that has occurred
-Land acquisition and sale of land

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:
-Corporate Risk Registry
-Public engagement
-First Nations Consultation
-Public consultation schedule

MOVED by Commissioner Gray and SECONDED by Commissioner Wagner,
1. That staff be directed to update the Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan;
and,
2. That staff provide the Regional Water Supply Commission an updated draft Strategic Plan prior to initiating public, First Nations, and stakeholder engagement on the Plan.

CARRIED

7.2 [24-202](#) Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System
- April to December 2023

Attachments: [Staff Report: Water Quality Summary Report for GVDWS - April-Dec 2023](#)
[Appendix A: Letter from Medical Health Officer, Island Health - Jan 16, 2024](#)
[Appendix B: Water Quality Summary Report for GVDWS - April-Dec 2023](#)

G. Harris spoke to item 7.2.

Staff responded to questions regarding:
-In the even of a water quality issue, what type of timeline would there be before triggering a recommendation for a water filtration plant
-Island Health reviewing water quality data
-Capital costs associated with filtration
-Monitoring program
-pH levels and metals
-Filtration and cost concerns
-Climate change and impact to services

The report was received for information.

- 7.3 [24-188](#) Greater Victoria Water Supply Access and Special Use Request for Wind Data Collection - Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.

Attachments: [Staff Report: GVWS Access and Special Use Request for Wind Data Collection – Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.](#)
[Appendix A: Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. Access Request](#)
[Appendix B: Licence of Occupation Template](#)
[Appendix C: Survey Mountain Location Map](#)

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.3

Staff responded to questions regarding:
-Data and information sharing with the CRD
-Risks associated to the Watershed
-First Nations engagement
-Other wind projects in British Columbia

MOVED by Commissioner Lajeunesse and SECONDED by Commissioner Green,
1. That access be approved and special use for Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. (Innergex) to place, maintain and draw data from a wind measuring device in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area; and,
2. That staff be directed to execute a licence of occupation with Innergex for Greater Victoria Water Supply Area access and special use.

CARRIED

- 7.4 [24-189](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

The report was received for information.

- 7.5 [24-190](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report](#)

The report was received for information.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 [24-230](#) Correspondence: From Dale Puskas, Director of Engineering, District of Central Saanich: Re: Regional Water Supply Development Cost Charges, February 14, 2024

Attachments: [Correspondence: District of Central Saanich: Re: Regional Water Supply Development Cost Charges, February 14 2024](#)

The correspondence was received for information.

9. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

9.1 [24-191](#) Motion with Notice: K. Jordison - Delay Action on the Regional Water Supply 2022 Master Plan

Attachments: [Motion with Notice Supporting Material](#)

K. Jordison spoke to her motion.

Vice Chair Harper provided a statement from Commissioner Stock that she provided in her absence.

Questions/Comments:

- Largest investment
- Third party review
- Filtration requirements
- Climate change impacts and risks associated
- Consultation
- Master plan long and mid-term guide
- Economic impacts
- Funding initiatives
- Mount Healy fire and sediments in Sooke Lake
- Consider consultation concerns
- Public consultation as projects arise
- Master plan as a living document

MOVED by Commissioner Graham and SECONDED by Commissioner Kim, That the notice of motion be deferred to the March 1, 2024 Special Regional Water Supply Commission meeting.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Baird, Harper, Caradonna, Chambers, Coleman, de Vries, Duncan, Gray, Graham, Green, Guiry, Morrison, Phelps Bondaroff, Rogers, Wagner, Westhaver

MOVED by Commissioner Jordison and SECONDED by Commissioner Lajeunesse, To delay further action on the Regional Water Supply 2022 Master Plan until such time as the concerns raised by the Huggett report can be investigated and addressed.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Baird, Harper, Caradonna, Chambers, Coleman, de Vries, Duncan, Graham, Gray, Green, Guiry, Kim, Morrison, Phelps Bondaroff, Rogers, Wagner, Westhaver

9.2 [24-192](#) Motion with Notice: N. Chambers - First Nations Consultation Re: Provincial Bill 44

N. Chambers spoke to the motion stating that the motion is regarding the CRD seeking more consultation with First Nations on the impacts of the population growth, due to Bill 44, on the infrastructure and to the Goldstream river.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and SECONDED by Commissioner Kim, That the notice of motion be referred to staff.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Unanimous

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers and SECONDED by Commissioner Jordison, That the commission reach out to the WSANEC Leadership Council First Nations, in the absence of consultation by the Provinces' Bill 44, regarding the impacts on infrastructure and the Goldstream River.

WITHDRAWN

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

11.1 [24-193](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

The Commission moved to closed session at 1:39 pm.

MOVED by Commissioner Guiry and SECONDED by Commissioner Wagner, That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3 under section 90 (1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

CARRIED

12. RISE AND REPORT

The Regional Water Supply Commission rose from its closed session at 2 pm without report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Westhaver and SECONDED by Commissioner Coleman, That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 2:00 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY