

SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION

Minutes of a Meeting held 19 April 2012 at the Saanich Peninsula Treatment Plant Meeting Room 9055 Mainwaring Road, North Saanich

PRESENT: A. Bryson, T. Daly, M. Doehnel, Z. King, M. Lougher-Goodey, M. Loveless, J. MacGowan, E. McMurphy, G. Orr (Chair), M. Williams; CRD Staff: A. Liu, J. Poncelet, T. Robbins, D. Telford, J. Tradewell (recorder)

ABSENT: J. Bill

The meeting was called to order at 9:26 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added under other business at the request of a Commission member:
Sewage Reserve Capacities

MOVED by M. Loveless, **SECONDED** by M. Lougher-Goodey, that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD 16 FEBRUARY 2012

MOVED by T. Daly, **SECONDED** by M. Lougher-Goodey, that the minutes of 16 February 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF TASK LIST FROM MEETING HELD 16 FEBRUARY 2012

The task list was reviewed. Task #1 is on hold as staff has not received a detailed proposal from RCL Consulting Ltd. (RCL) for moving forward with the BioShaft wastewater treatment plant pilot test. Staff will contact RCL to determine whether or not RCL still wish to pursue the proposed pilot test.

4. BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – UPDATE ON CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

D. Telford reviewed the contents of the staff report. He reported that no expressions of interest were received from any potential biosolids users/companies involved in utilizing biosolids as a fuel, e.g., cement producers and pulp mills, etc. He noted that while identifying the alternatives for consideration, staff kept in mind the directives from the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board related to their position on biosolids for land application and biosolids use on farmland.

Discussion followed and staff responded to questions from Commission members.

MOVED by Z. King, **SECONDED** by A. Bryson, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission endorse the recommendation as stated in the staff report *Biosolids Management Program – Update on Call for Expressions of Interest*:

That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission approve Alternative 1 and direct staff to:

1. reject all Expressions of Interest as not being compliant with CRD Board policy regarding the land application of biosolids or with the long term goal of co-managing Saanich Peninsula and core area biosolids;

2. amend the Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan to enable the harmonization of Saanich Peninsula biosolids management with that of the proposed core area wastewater treatment plant; and
3. landfill all Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant untreated sludge at the Hartland landfill until the core area biosolids facility is in service.

CARRIED

Opposed: M. Doehnel, J. MacGowan

Discussion ensued regarding the CRD's position on biosolids for land application.

MOVED by T. Daly, **SECONDED** by M. Loveless, that given the response to the Call for Expressions of Interest for the utilization of Class A biosolids or untreated sludge from the Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant, the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission requests the Capital Regional District Board revisit its motion of 13 July 2011 with respect to land application of biosolids in the Capital Regional District.

CARRIED

Opposed: M. Doehnel

For the next Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission meeting:

- Chair Orr requested staff to provide an update on the status of the above motions and suggested allocating some time for further discussion on biosolids issues.
- A member asked staff to comment on how the new ban on kitchen waste will impact the demand market for biosolids.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Sewage Reserve Capacities

A member asked if there was a limit on the volume of sewage received at the Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant before a review of the volume is triggered for a particular community.

Chair Orr responded that there are established sewage reserve capacities for each of the three participating municipalities. A review is triggered when the actual average daily sewage flow volume from a particular municipality approaches or exceeds 90% of their respective reserve capacity.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 21 June 2012 at 9:15 a.m. at the Saanich Peninsula treatment plant meeting room.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Z. King, **SECONDED** by J. MacGowan, that the meeting adjourn at 10:31 a.m.

CARRIED