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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission
Held March 17, 2016 in the Saanich Peninsula Treatment Plant Meeting Room,
9055 Mainwaring Road, North Saanich, BC**

PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS: M. Williams, P. Wainwright, R. Barnhart, M. Doehnel, M. Lougher-Goodey, M. Weisenberger, R. Windsor

STAFF: T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; M. McCrank, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Operations; M. Cowley, A/Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; D. Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula & Gulf Island Operations; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; D. Puskas, Engineer 5; M. Montague (recorder)

GUESTS: M. Underwood, Tsawout First Nation; S. Hallatt, Manager, Aboriginal Initiatives; E. Nahser-Ringer, First Nations Engagement Assistant; G. Orr, Geoff Orr Consulting

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Windsor, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair's remarks are attached.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEM – ENERGY RATE PRICE UPDATE

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He reported that the District Energy System's financial viability with the Panorama Recreation Centre as the only client is very dependent on energy market conditions. Maintaining the Panorama Recreation Centre as a client is crucial so that operation can continue to satisfy the funding grant requirements

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart, That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission:

1. Recommend to the Panorama Recreation Commission to maintain the current DES rate at \$12.015/GJ for 2016 and adjust the rate for 2017 (based on market conditions) as part of the 2017 budget process, and
2. Direct staff to:
 - a. Review the energy rate annually at each budget cycle and adjust as required to reflect market values;
 - b. Explore ways to reduce the DES operating expenses as much as possible;
 - c. Consider non-repayment of the funds that were borrowed from the CRF which supplemented the capital cost construction of the DES; and
 - d. Re-evaluate the financial situation when major equipment fails or when the 10-year operating condition commitment has been met, and present the Commission with an evaluation report on the viability of continuing with DES operation.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSED BIOSOLIDS LAND APPLICATION IMPACT STUDY

G. Harris spoke to the report. He noted that biosolids contaminant assessments will not fully determine environmental and human health risk levels due to the relative lack of toxicity thresholds for emerging substances. In addition, contaminant analyses costs can be expensive especially if a comprehensive emerging, nonemerging and legacy contaminant assessment is desired by the SPWWC. Finally, any assessments undertaken on historic SPWWTP land application locations would be significantly confounded by any more recent farming or other activities. CRD Board direction on regional biosolids management has not yet been determined. Without knowing the ultimate environmental destination of SPWWTP sludge/biosolids, a biosolids project or research study is not recommended at this time.

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission refer the item back to staff to provide a budget estimate for a highly focused study looking at emerging contaminants at a site where biosolids have been previously applied vs typical farmland on the peninsula.

CARRIED
3 OPPOSED

MOVED by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wainwright, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

7. CORE AREA WASTEWATER/SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER SERVICES – JOINT INITIATIVES UPDATE

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wainwright, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission appoint Mayor Ryan Windsor as a ‘voting’ member from the Peninsula Wastewater Commission to the select committee.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission supports the idea of Integrated
Resource Management.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wainwright,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission advise the Select Committee they
are open to the idea of an Integrated Resource Management (IRM) pilot on the Saanich
Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant site, and other alternative sites on the Peninsula,
based on information from staff.

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Windsor,
That the motion be amended to include “that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater
Commission would also like consideration given to an IRM pilot at Hartland Landfill”.

CARRIED

The main motion

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lougher-
Goodey, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission appoint Mike Williams as
a ‘non-voting liaison’ from the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission to the select
committee.

CARRIED

**8. REQUEST TO WAIVE SAANICH PENINSULA WATER AND WASTEWATER
DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES**

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lougher-
Goodey, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission direct staff to prepare draft
amendments to the Saanich Peninsula Water and Wastewater Development Cost
Charge Bylaw No. 3208 for the Commissions’ review, that would allow for the
Commissions to waive the development cost charges payable under the Bylaw for the
following eligible development types: ‘not-for-profit rental housing, including supportive
living housing’ and ‘for-profit affordable rental housing’.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Doehnel,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission meeting be adjourned at 10:42 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR