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

PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS: M. Williams, M. Lougher-Goodey, C. Graham, R. Windsor, M. Doehnel, M. Thompson, R. Barnhart, M. Weisenberger, C. Stock

STAFF: M. McCrank, G. Harris, C. Lowe, H. Gibson, T. Smyth, S. Orr, M. Montague (recorder)

GUEST: K. Brown

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Windsor, That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission approve the agenda and supplementary agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart, That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair had no remarks.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. REGIONAL SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM – 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

H. Gibson introduced the report. T. Smyth continued by noting that on October 12, 2016, the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee received the staff report *Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan - 2015 Annual Programs Report*, which included the RSCP 2015 Annual Report. The Annual Programs Report was approved by the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board on the same day. The RSCP 2015 Annual Report will now be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment and posted on the CRD website.

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey, that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission request that an initial report with costing and opportunities to access the regional funds be explored by staff.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

6. SEA LEVEL RISE REPORT

M. McCrank spoke to the report, noting that this report was forwarded to the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission from the Environmental Services Committee. Staff last updated the Environmental Services Committee on the sea level rise planning projects at the March 25, 2015 meeting.

The Climate Action Program led the development of two sea level rise planning background reports. Results indicate that: (i) the region is susceptible to sea level rise inundation; (ii) a coordinated approach to sea level rise planning is ideal; and (iii) future study and consultation activities will be required. Furthermore, the Province will likely release final amendments to the *Flood Hazard Area Land Use Management Guidelines*, which describes a local government regulatory approach to coastal flood hazard planning, which has implications for sea level rise planning. The Climate Action Program will continue to work with CRD, municipal and electoral area staff and elected officials to support sea level rise analysis, planning and programming.

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Windsor,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

7. BCWWA ISSUE ANALYSIS PAPER AND POSITION STATEMENT – LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS, OCTOBER 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Stock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Windsor,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the report for information.

CARRIED

8. ORGANIC MATTER RECYCLING REGULATION REVIEW – SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESPONSE TO BC MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

M. McCrank spoke to the report. He noted that the BC MOE is considering amendments to the OMRR and seeking review comments by December 2, 2016. If the CRD Board policy banning land application of biosolids was to be reconsidered by the Board, or if the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission decides to pursue a sub-regional approach to the treatment and end-product uses of green wastes, the OMRR sets out the regulatory framework that would be followed. By resolution, the Commission passed specific feedback for MOE's consideration in preparing the proposed revisions to the regulation and is seeking the CRD Board's approval of the submission.

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission direct staff to send the letter to the Ministry of Environment – OMRR Regulation Review from the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission.

CARRIED

Commissioner Doehnel OPPOSED

**9. INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT -
ADVANCED INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT – REQUEST
FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Graham,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission recommends that the CRD Board
direct staff to include in the IRM project RFEOI the following:

1. A statement outlining the Board's current policy on land application and the concerns which drove its establishment.
2. A request for proponents to outline technologies that will deal with the Board's concerns; how the technology will mitigate the Board's concerns; applicability to the Core Area, Peninsula and other community sludge/biosolids management problem as a central and/or sub-regional solution; costs, history and effectiveness.

and that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

Commissioner Windsor left the meeting.

10. SAANICH PENINSULA STORMWATER PROGRAMS

G. Harris spoke to the report. He noted that the Commission has endorsed enhancements to the Saanich Peninsula Stormwater Programs that result in the funding request totaling \$45,000. To accommodate this increase, the Stormwater Programs service establishment bylaws require amendment to raise their respective maximum allowable requisition.

The Commission recommends that the bylaw amendments proposed be submitted to the CRD Board at its December 14, 2016 meeting in order to accommodate the budget increases the Commission endorses for the 2017 Stormwater Programs requisitions.

MOVED by Commissioner Lougher-Goodey and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receives this report and recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

- 1 (a) That Bylaw No. 4140, "Saanich Peninsula Stormwater Source Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2016" be introduced and read a first and second time, and read a third time; and
- (b) That Bylaw No. 4141, "Saanich Peninsula Stormwater Quality Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2009, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2016" be introduced and read a first and second time, and read a third time.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

Potential Biosolids Survey- M. Doehnel proposed that a survey be conducted of farmers on the Peninsula to see if they would apply biosolids to their properties.

MOVED by Commissioner Graham and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission direct staff to investigate options for conducting a survey of potential biosolids recipients and report back to the Commission.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Graham and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Doehnel,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission direct staff to notify the Peninsula
Agricultural Commission that biosolids land application is a topic that the Saanich
Peninsula Wastewater Commission has been considering, and that an information
package be sent to them from the Commission.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Graham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart,
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:45 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR