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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
Held September 21, 2017 in the Saanich Peninsula Treatment Plant Meeting Room,  
9055 Mainwaring Road, North Saanich, BC**

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**PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:** M. Williams (Chair), P. Wainwright (Vice-Chair), R. Barnhart, M. Doehnel, Z. King, S. Price, C. Stock, M. Thompson, M. Underwood, M. Weisenberger

**STAFF:** T. Robbins, M. McCrank, I. Jesney, C. Lowe, S. Orr (recorder)

**ABSENT:** R. Windsor, M. Lougher-Goodey

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 am.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Doehnel stated that the minutes from May 18, 2017 should be amended to indicate that Commissioner Windsor was opposed to Item 7 Motion of Notice.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wainwright,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission adopt the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED

**3. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair stated that a Budget meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2017, at 8:30 am.

The Chair stated that Commissioners that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission only have authority to deal with the management of wastewater and residuals, and that the Commissioners should consider the options that are available when IRM is discussed.

**4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

There were no presentations/delegations.

**5. BAZAN BAY OUTFALL – JULY 2017 PARTIAL PIPE BREACH EVENT**

M. McCrank spoke to the report. He stated that in July 2017 a hole was discovered in the Bazan Bay wastewater outfall pipe, resulting in a beach closure advisory due to elevated bacterial levels above the recreational limit. The pipe has since been repaired and the beach closure has been lifted. The elevated bacterial levels are still being investigated by CRD, North Saanich and Island Health Authority. CRD staff are recommending that a condition assessment be completed for the entire length of the outfall pipe as a 2018 capital project.

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

CARRIED

**6. BIOSOLIDS SURVEY**

C. Lowe spoke to the report and stated the findings of the informal survey, which was distributed to farmers, landscapers, nursery suppliers and foresters on the Saanich Peninsula regarding their willingness to accept bio-solids for land application. It was noted most respondents viewed public perception as the most significant concern; the perception of contamination, odour and pathogens are all associated with the application of bio-solids. A meeting with Peninsula and Area Agricultural Commission could be an option to move the issue forward within the region.

**MOVED** by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wainwright,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the report for information.

CARRIED

**7. INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

T. Robbins introduced the material stating that the CRD Board made a motion to forward the information from the Integrated Resource Management Advisory Committee to the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for information.

A discussion took place about IRM and that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission open a discussion between the three local municipalities about integrating IRM.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Wainwright, **SECONDED** Commissioner Doehnel

That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission direct staff to write a letter to three municipal councils, Town of Sidney, District of North Saanich and District of Central Saanich, recommending that the Commission be given a mandate to explore Integrated Resource Management solutions at a sub-regional level.

CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED** by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission forward its position on Integrated Resource Management to the CRD Board and the Integrated Resource Management Advisory Committee for information.

CARRIED

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Price and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock  
That the SPWWC be adjourned at 10:38 am.

CARRIED

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CHAIR