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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission, held Thursday, March 16, 2023 immediately following the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission, Sidney Community Safety Building, 2245 Oakville Ave., Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: D. Kelbert (Chair); M. Doehnel (Vice Chair); S. Duncan; D. Halldorson; C. Graham for Z. King (EP); C. McNeil-Smith; C. Pinches (EP); S. Shrivastava; R. Windsor (EP)

Staff: I. Jesney, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Marr, Acting Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; J. Dales, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Wastewater Operations; J. Kelly, Manger, Capital Projects, Infrastructure Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Integrated Water Services (Recorder)

Also in attendance: Dale Puskas, Director of Engineering, District of Central Saanich

REGRETS: P. Jones

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Duncan, That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Duncan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, That the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair stated that he would like Commission members to consider finding presenters or topics to bring forward for discussion and to educate. The Chair stated that he is looking into getting a presentation from a specialist in the field of bioaccumulation, to speak to the Commission on the topic of pollutants in the wastewater stream.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Review of Septic Tank Disposal Options for Saanich Peninsula Residents

G. Harris introduced the report and staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Sludge transportation
- What happens to the Residuals Solids from SPL when they arrive at the facility in Cowichan
- Pre-treatment process
- Quality differences between unregulated household septic and regulated biosolids
- Land application of Biosolids and Biosolids as fertilizer
- The feasibility of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment plant being fitted to receive the Residuals

G. Harris left the meeting 10:23 am

The Commission asked staff to investigate the possibility of having a presentation from SPL Wastewater Recovery to show how septic disposal is handled.

There is no recommendation, the report is for information only.

7.2. Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Service Projects and Initiatives Update

J. Marr presented the report.

A discussion took place regarding the road route for the Sewer Relining project. Commissioner McNeil-Smith noted that Lochside is a significant entry route to Sidney and requested that consideration be given to timing outside of the busy summer season.

Staff will see if the contractor can conduct the work related to contract 20-03 during the months of May or June rather than through peak summer season.

There is no recommendation, the report is for information only.

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding the Sidney Pump Station and a new condo project being built beside it. Commissioner Halldorson noted that there could be odour complaints once people move in. Staff are not aware of any odour control issues at that location.

Commissioner McNeil-Smith also noted that during the rain event in the fall of 2021 Sidney was requested to put out notices to reduce use. Staff advised that it was a capacity issue due to overrun with rainwater and it didn't trigger any additional investigation to that location as there were a variety of issues with that particular storm event.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the March 16, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 10:45 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY