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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission, held Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 9:30 am, Sidney Community Safety Building, 2245 Oakville Ave., Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: D. Kelbert (Chair); M. Doehnel (Vice Chair); S. Duncan; D. Halldorson; P. Jones; Z. King; C. McNeil-Smith; C. Pinches; 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, Wastewater Infrastructure Operations; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Integrated Water Services (Recorder)

REGRETS: S. Shrivastava;

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Halldorson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner King,
That the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made the following remarks:

- This Commission oversees important and critical infrastructure and reminded everyone to remain respectful of that fact as we conduct our business.
- The Chair challenged members to consider bringing forward notices of motion for consideration – putting forward concepts and ideas you're passionate about or seeking positions of support. Providing the new business through a notice of motion gives everyone the opportunity to prepare and spend some time thinking about it.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1. Presentations

- 5.1.1.** Presentation – Sarah Cook; Representing: SeaChange Marine Conservation Society RE: Proposal to Update the Saanich Inlet and Peninsula Atlas of Shorelines (SIPAS)

Sarah Cook (Executive Director, SeaChange Marine Conservation Society) was joined by Bob Peart and Peter Wainwright. She made a presentation to the Commission and spoke regarding SeaChange Marine Conservation Society's desire to update the Shoreline Mapping for the Saanich Peninsula.

SeaChange Marine Conservation Society are seeking funding of up to \$50,000 to update the Saanich Inlet and Peninsula Atlas of Shorelines (SIPAS) Mapping.

The presenters responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Previous funding partners
- Whether they would be seeking funding from other sources such as municipalities
- Connection of this project with the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission
- How the information relates to the Capital Regional District's (CRD) Shoreline Atlas
- Ownership of the data (GIS layers)
- Baseline creation and monitoring and how the Commission would be informed of any stormwater impacts
- Natural Asset Management

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, That, subject to receiving a formal written proposal from SeaChange Marine Conservation Society, staff be directed to review the Saanich Inlet and Peninsula Atlas of Shorelines data and provide information and options to the Commission for the October budget.

CARRIED

5.2. Delegations

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I. Jesney provided the following information:

- This will be his last meeting with this Commission and with the CRD. He will be continuing to work with the CRD in a consulting capacity.
- He expressed his appreciation for working with this Commission.
- He advised that the new General Manager starts Monday, July 24, 2023.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Service Mid-Year Update

Staff presented a summary of the staff report and responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Odour control upgrade
- Long term plan for the Beneficial Biosolids Reuse

- Residuals Treatment Facility functionality and timeline to receive Other Municipal Solid Waste
- Gasification and pyrolysis pilot project and testing timeline and process

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Duncan,
That staff provide regular formal updates on core area biosolids planning and management, including the advanced thermal pilot study, and Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge management.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the July 20, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 10:30 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY