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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission
Held May 19, 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, S. Price (for M. Lougher-Goodey), M. Wiesenberger, R. Windsor

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Price and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Graham, that the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart, that the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AREA PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 2804 TO INCLUDE THE LEECH WATER SUPPLY AREA AND DRAFT WATER SUPPLY AREA ACCESS AND SPECIAL USE REQUEST AND APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He reported that the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 2804 requires amendment in order to include the Leech Water Supply Area (WSA), to allow enforcement against undesirable access and activities occurring in the WSA, to accommodate the Trans Canada Trail, to accommodate First Nations cultural access and activities and to update the Bylaw. The Ticket Authorization Bylaw also require amendment to reflect proposed changes to Bylaw No. 2804, to increase minimum fine amounts and to include an escalation of fines for repeat offences.

He noted that on May 18, 2016, the Regional Water Supply Commission considered the staff report recommending minor adjustments to the previously proposed bylaw amendments and the establishment of a *Water Supply Area Access and Special Use Request and Approval Policy* and *Water Supply Area Access and Special Use Request*

and Approval Procedure, along with an amended CRD External Applicant Access and Special Use Request - Greater Victoria Water Supply Area form. The Regional Water Supply Commission endorsed the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 2804, Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw and Bylaw No. 1857, Schedule 27 of the Ticket Authorization Bylaw; recommended that the CRD Board adopt Bylaw No. 4050 and Bylaw No. 4051; and approve the draft Water Supply Area Access and Special Use Request and Approval Policy and Water Supply Area Access and Special Use Request and Approval Procedure.

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart, That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission accepts the proposal as put forward to the Regional Water Supply Commission on May 18, 2016.

CARRIED
Commissioners Graham and Doehnel OPPOSED

6. BULK WATER CONNECTION POLICY

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He noted that the Regional Water Supply Commission recently approved a Bulk Water Connection policy for the Regional Water Supply Service to assist in the evaluation of requests from municipalities for new bulk water connections. It is proposed to apply the same policy when considering Saanich Peninsula Water System bulk water connection requests.

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wiesenberger, That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission approve the Bulk Water Connection Policy and its application to the Saanich Peninsula Water Service.

CARRIED

7. WATER WATCH

T. Robbins reported on a recent taste and odour event that occurred on May 10. He noted that an increased level of algae in the Sooke Lake Reservoir resulted in some taste and odour in the drinking water. Higher numbers of a golden-brown algae called Uroglena had been observed in the Sooke Lake Reservoir some distance north of the intake tower. This algae moved closer to the intake and entered the water system. This variety of algae can produce a fishy or metallic taste and odour, however, the Island Health Authority confirms taste and odour are aesthetic parameters only - the water remains safe to drink and the aesthetic taste and odour parameters are not a health concern. The duration of this event was only a few days and has now been resolved.

He also reported that the reservoir is currently 95% full. He noted that water demand exceeded the average 2015 consumption on 13 days in May. Staff continue to monitor the water supply outlook on a daily basis.

MOVED by Commissioner Wainwright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Price, That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission receive the report for information.

CARRIED

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Graham and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnhart,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:10 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR