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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Saanich Peninsula Water Commission, held Thursday, July 20, 2023 immediately following the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission, Sidney Community Safety Building, 2245 Oakville Ave., Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: D. Kelbert (Chair); M. Doehnel (Vice Chair); S. Duncan; D. Halldorson; W. Helgason; 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; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; J. Dales, Senior Manager, Wastewater Infrastructure Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Integrated Water Services (Recorder)

REGRETS: S. Shrivastava;

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Duncan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson, That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no remarks.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Grant Application – Update

Staff introduced the staff report and responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Unanimous support of the recommendation at the Regional Water supply Commission meeting on July 19, 2023.
- Timeline for receiving notification of outcome of the grant application.
- Timeframe the CRD has to spend the grant funds.

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff be instructed to apply for, negotiate, and if successful, enter into an agreement, and do all such things necessary for accepting Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation grant funds and overseeing grant management for the proposed project.

CARRIED

7.2. Saanich Peninsula Water Service Mid-Year Update

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

- Meter reading and bulk water servicing for First Nations.
- Progress update on agreement with Central Saanich for First Nations bulk water servicing.
- Cloak hill reservoir storage.

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

7.3. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

There was no discussion.

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

7.4. Water Watch Report

I. Jesney provided some information on the CRD's drought management as he has had to respond to the media on this since the Province issued Level 5 drought management. He noted that CRD manages drought based on water availability and usage patterns. CRD's water daily water usage is consistent year over year. Water levels drop 30 to 40 millimeters at night. When it gets hotter, people don't use more water, people's irrigation habits are pretty established with the annual watering restrictions. CRD's water levels are in the normal range.

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

1. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

2. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the July 20, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY