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## WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice of Meeting on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 @ 1 pm**  
Goldstream Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

D. Spinner (Chair)  
M. Doehnel  
M. Gingras  
D. Murdock  
F. Schultz

R. Mersereau  
E. Dyck  
S. Johnson  
R. Neuman  
B. Wilkes

M. Thompson  
P. Elworthy  
B. June  
J. Rogers  
M. Williams

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### AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes of May 7, 2014
3. Presentations
  - No one has registered to speak.
4. Chair's Remarks
5. Review of Task/Action Items
6. Introduction of Hailey Dale, IWS Communications Coordinator
7. Update on Leech Watershed Access (Verbal Staff Report)
  - First Nations Discussions
  - 2015 Public Open House Planning
8. 2014/2015 Regional Water Supply Budget Update (Verbal Staff Report)
  - Communications Planning
9. New Discussion on Developing a Climate Change Related "Disaster Plan" for the Watersheds
10. Ground Water Potential in the CRD (M. Thompson)
11. Questions from Committee Members
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

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*To ensure a quorum is present, please call Margaret at 250.474.9606 if you or your alternate cannot attend.*



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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Held Tuesday, May 7, 2014 at 9 am in the Goldstream Conference Room,**  
**479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC**

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**PRESENT:** M. Doehnel, E. Dyck, P. Elworthy, Y. Pratt (for M. Gingras), B. June, R. Mersereau,  
D. Murdock, J. Rogers, D. Spinner, M. Thompson, B. Wilkes  
**Staff:** M. Montague (Recorder)

**ABSENT:** F. Schultz, R. Neuman, M. Williams

The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the following change:

- The order of agenda items 7 and 8 were switched.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2014**

**MOVED** by Y. Pratt and **SECONDED** by B. Wilkes,  
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 4, 2014.

CARRIED

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

- There were no presentations.

**4. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair remarked as follows:

- He thanked everyone for participating in the planning workshop and noted that he appreciated the time that everyone put into it. The notes from the workshop are included in the agenda package.

**5. REVIEW OF TASK/ACTION ITEMS**

An updated task/action list is attached.

**6. NOTES FROM THE CRD WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANNING WORKSHOP  
MARCH 22, 2014**

The notes from the planning workshop were reviewed. It was decided to forward a copy of the notes to the Regional Water Supply Commission for information.

**7. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

T. Robbins spoke to the report.

**MOVED** by Y. Pratt and **SECONDED** by R. Mersereau,  
That the Water Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Water Supply Commission that the following amendments to Water Advisory Committee Terms of reference be adopted:

a. Under GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, add: *The General Manager of Integrated Water Services will be the staff liaison for the Committee. Other staff and/or persons may be invited to participate in making presentations to the Committee in order to benefit from additional expertise pertaining to issues being considered.*

- b. Under GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, add: *Issues requiring consideration by the Committee will be identified by the Commission, staff or the Committee. Issues and recommendations for the Committee's consideration will be submitted to the Committee in the form of a staff report containing identification of the issue, background information on the issue, alternative solutions to the issue, implications of the alternatives, and a recommendation.*
- c. Under GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, Section 4, add: *Approved Committee minutes will be provided to the Commission.*
- d. Under GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, Section 6, revise to: *Reports and recommendations from the Committee will be forwarded to the Commission through the Committee Chair. Alternatively, where the Committee makes a recommendation to staff, the Committee's recommendation will be incorporated in a report by staff to the Commission.*
- e. Under GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, Section 3, revise to: *Regular meetings of the Committee will be set based on the need for consideration of issues identified by the Commission or staff, or at the call of the Committee Chair. At a minimum there will be two meetings per year.*
- f. Housekeeping items – Under COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, change Vancouver Island Health Authority to *Island Health* and, under GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, Section 4, change Water Department to *Integrated Water Services*.

CARRIED

## 8. RECREATION IN THE LEECH WATER SUPPLY AREA

T. Robbins spoke to the report. Discussion on the report included the following:

- Access under the Trespass Act
- Communication regarding the timeline for use of the Leech as a water supply
- Consultation with interest groups
- Risks of wildfire
- Paralleling private land owner criteria for access
- Weeks Lake
- Work with CRD Parks and Timberwest
- Security and patrols
- Stakeholder concerns and media coverage

D. Murdock left the meeting.

Further discussion will take place on this item before a recommendation is made to the Regional Water Supply Commission.

## 9. QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no further questions from committee members.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

2014 Public Tours - T. Robbins reported on the 2014 public tours of the watershed. He noted that all of the tours were completely full this year. A media tour was conducted on May 1 and CTV and the Times Colonist attended.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – T. Robbins reported that CRD applied for a grant to assist with the planning of the celebration and the grant was denied. It was decided that the Water Advisory Committee could promote this event.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TASK LIST**

	<b>TASK</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1.	Food sustainability and water. Write a letter to PAC groups in the region requesting information on what they are doing with respect to the relationship between water and food sustainability.	M. Doehnel/B. Wilkes	Look at the food sustainability section of the RSS
2.	Presentation on disaster planning – staff report with technical report	T. Robbins	Spring 2014
3.	Presentation on jurisdictional issues including perspectives from both DND and First Nations	M. Gingras	TBD
4.	Multiple uses in the watershed	M. Thompson	A follow up meeting to be scheduled with S. Hallatt