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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Held Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 at 9 a.m. in the Goldstream Conference Room,**  
**479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC**

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**PRESENT:** P. Elworthy (Chair), B. Moody (Chair), B. June, J. Rogers, M. Williams,  
M. Demeulenaere, C. Nowakowski, F. Schultz, T. Wood, A. Gibson, G. Orr  
**Staff:** T. Robbins, A. Constabel, J. Ussery, R. Walker, L. Hougham (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The following item was added to the agenda under Water Watch:

- Update on the water supply

**MOVED** by T. Wood and **SECONDED** by B. Moody,  
that the Water Advisory Committee approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2016**

**MOVED** by M. Williams and **SECONDED** by A. Gibson,  
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held April 6, 2016.

CARRIED

**3. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chairs remarks are as follows:

- He thanked IWS for organizing the Sooke Watershed Tour with First Nations on May 9, 2016, where P. Elworthy, A. Gibson, and B. June were in attendance
- He proposed to hold a Water Advisory working group meeting on July 6, 2016 and will send confirmation to members.

**4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No one has registered to speak

**5. WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT (Report #WAC 2016-03)**

J. Ussery and R. Walker made a presentation to the Committee on Wildfire Risk Assessment. The presentation outlined processes and results, as well as the status of recommendations for risk management and mitigation.

**6. REPORTS TO THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION**

- a) 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 (Report #RWSC 2016-26)

T. Robbins gave an overview of Bylaw No. 2804. CRD staff are recommending that minor adjustments be made to the previously proposed bylaw amendments and that 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 be established.

- b) Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw – Amendment Bylaw No. 4094 (For Cross Connection Control Offences) (Report #RWSC 2016-22)

T. Robbins provided a brief summary of Bylaw No. 4094, explaining that it would increase effectiveness and efficiency of enforcement actions under the CCC Bylaw. With the Commission having approved, the TIA Bylaw will be brought forward to the Board in June.

- c) Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw – Amendment Bylaw No. 4098 (for Water Conservation Offences) (Report #RWSC 2016-23)

T. Robbins spoke to the amendments made to Bylaw No. 4098, which include fine levels remaining consistent at \$400 under Stage 3, and new offenses under Stages 1 through 3. Amendments to Bylaw No. 4098 will be brought forward to the Board in June.

## **7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Emergency Management BC Infrastructural Analysis – T. Robbins noted that the group intends to have a complete report in the fall. They are currently working to develop terms of reference for two projects.

Water Value Conservation – The Chair provided an update. The group is currently assessing consumption and rate structures. They plan to develop an op ed on the rationale for the Conservation Bylaw by June or July.

Water for Food – G. Orr noted that the group had nothing to report at this time. T. Robbins would like to implement a study in 2017 focusing on a cost-benefit analysis of providing an Agricultural Rate, if the budget will allow.

Disaster Planning – T. Wood had nothing to report on behalf of the working group.

## **8. QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

F. Schultz requested that R. Mersereau's comments be forwarded to T. Robbins.

## **9. WATER WATCH**

T. Robbins reported that the Sooke Lake Reservoir's storage capacity is currently at 91.2% in comparison to 94% in 2015. It is anticipated that with similar weather patterns as last year, approximately 35% of full storage capacity will be used by October. Overall demand in May was 25%.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

R. Machin will no longer be attending WAC meetings. M. Demeulenaere will be attending in his absence.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by B. Moody and **SECONDED** by F. Schultz,  
that the meeting of the Water Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED