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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 9 am in the Goldstream Conference Room,
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: N. Banera, D. Blundon, M. Demeulenaere, A. Gibson, B. June, R. Mersereau,
R. Neuman, G. Orr, M. Williams, T. Wood
Staff: T. Robbins, T. Urquhart, M. Montague (Recorder)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by A. Gibson and **SECONDED** by G. Orr,
that the Water Advisory Committee approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2017

MOVED by M. Williams and **SECONDED** by A. Gibson,
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 1, 2017.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- She attended the meeting of the Regional Water Supply Commission held in April and reported on the Water Advisory Committee working groups and the intent and purpose for those groups.
- She attended the BCWWA conference in Victoria recently.
- She noted that she will be running in the municipal by election in Saanich.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations/delegations.

5. HOTSHEETS FROM THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

MOVED by M. Williams and **SECONDED** by A. Gibson,
that the Water Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

6. DRAFT 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

T. Robbins introduced T. Urquhart, the Communications Coordinator for Integrated Water Services. He thanked the members for scheduling a business meeting today to review the strategic plan.

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He noted that the summarized draft 2017 Strategic Plan for the Greater Victoria Water Supply System content has been prepared. The vision for the plan is to produce a concise, strategic plan that serves the Regional Water Supply Commission, that serves as a guiding document for service delivery, and that is a document suitable for public consumption. The planning horizon used for the development of the plan is to the year

2050. The key content centers around the Plan Commitments, Strategic Priorities, and Actions. A key part of the development of the Strategic Plan is to engage with the stakeholders including the Regional Water Supply Commission, the Water Advisory Committee, the municipal and First Nations water purveyors and the public, to share the plan and gather feedback prior to finalizing. The next steps in advancing the Plan include presenting the draft information to the Regional Water Supply Commission, incorporating feedback from the Water Advisory Committee, then proceeding with stakeholder engagement.

A number of comments were made by Committee members on the draft Strategic Plan. These comments will be considered when putting together a more complete document for review by the Regional Water Supply Commission.

MOVED by M. Williams and **SECONDED** by R. Neuman,
that the Water Advisory Committee recommends to the Regional Water Supply Commission, the Committee's endorsement of the draft 2017 Strategic Plan for the Greater Victoria Water Supply System information presented in this report.

MOVED by G. Orr and **SECONDED** by M. Williams,
That the motion be amended by replacing "the Committee's endorsement of the draft 2017 Strategic Plan for the Greater Victoria Water Supply System information presented in this report" with "advancing the work associated with concepts, direction, commitments, strategic priorities, engagement, and implementation plan outlined in the staff report."

CARRIED

That the Water Advisory Committee recommends to the Regional Water Supply Commission advancing the work associated with concepts, direction, commitments, strategic priorities, engagement, and implementation plan outlined in the staff report.

CARRIED

7. **POST DISASTER – EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION**

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He reported that, in 2016, the Regional Water Supply Commission (RWSC) approved the Post Disaster – Emergency Water Supply and Distribution Planning initiative, which included two phases, an initial assessment and plan development phase, followed by an implementation phase that would include emergency water supply and distribution equipment purchase, training and deployment plan. Work on this initiative is progressing. A Post Disaster – Emergency Water Supply and Distribution Plan is now being developed and next steps have been identified, which include seeking input on the plan from regional stakeholders.

M. Williams advised that this item was forwarded from the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission at his request. It was noted that this item will also be forwarded to the Regional Water Supply Commission on June 21.

MOVED by M. Williams and **SECONDED** by A. Gibson,
That the Water Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) Disaster Planning

The working group had nothing to report today.

b) Water for Food and Water Value and Conservation

It was noted that the members on this working group are B. June, G. Orr, T. Wood, D. Blundon; and R. Mersereau.

9. WATER WATCH

T. Robbins spoke to the report and noted that there are no water quality issues to report.

MOVED by A. Gibson and **SECONDED** by B. June,
That the Water Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the next business meeting of the Water Advisory Committee will be held in October.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Williams and **SECONDED** by R. Neuman,
that the meeting of the Water Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED