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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Water Advisory Committee, held Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 1:30 pm, Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: E. Cote (Chair) (EP); J. Todd (V. Chair) (EP); G. Baird; J. Caradonna (EP); C. Davis (EP); M. Doehnel (EP); C. Noakowski (EP); J. Rogers (EP); K. Sander (EP); W. Scheuer (1.41pm) (EP); H. Thompson (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder); M. Risvold, Committee Clerk

REGRETS: T. Krawczyk; D. Timothy; M. Turner

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by G. Baird, **SECONDED** by C. Davis,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by J. Todd, **SECONDED** by C. Davis,
That the minutes of the September 2, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

- Long term water supply and demand management
J. Todd reported that she, M. Turner and the Chair met recently to start the discussion on the topic. She reported that there were lots of ideas and questions that needed to be flushed out. Questions can be directed to T. Robbins through email and then he can discuss with the group about how best to address them.
- Water Quality
There was no report.

- **Major Capital Projects**
G. Baird reported that the group hadn't met in a while and that W. Scheuer has submitted questions to staff that to help guide their discussions.

T. Robbins stated that staff are working on finalizing the Water Supply and Master Plan Update. The update is in the final draft state. Staff are setting out assumptions and level of service decisions to provide back to Stantec. Once a next draft is ready staff would like to bring that to the Water Advisory Committee for review and additional input before moving it through the Regional Water Supply Commission in 2022.

- **Agricultural Water Rates**
J. Carradona advised that there was nothing further to report since the discussions earlier this year. The group submitted their background notes via correspondence attached to the agenda for the Committee's information.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Presentation: Regional Water Supply 2022 Budget Overview

T. Robbins presented a summary of the Regional Water Supply 2022 budget and responded to questions from the Committee:

- How Municipalities use the Agricultural Water Rate to offset the difference between the Agricultural Water Rate and the municipal retail water rate.
- The Regional Water Supply Master Plan update, and taking into consideration the long term water supply and impacts of atmospheric rain and other extreme weather in terms of impacts of climate change.
- Water supply in good shape as the reservoir reached full storage capacity this past weekend.
- Staff reported that the Agricultural Water Rate report will be brought back to the Water Advisory Committee prior to engaging stakeholders.

7.2. Regional Water Supply System - Electricity Generation Initiative History

T. Robbins presented the report and responded to questions from the Committee:

- Corporately, all departments work together to look for opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The CRD's Climate Action group is reviewing CRD buildings and fleet vehicles.
- The CRD is open to exploring alternate power source opportunities.
- There is a small power generation installation (a turbine that generates power with the water flowing through the facility) at the Sooke River Road Disinfection Plant.
- In 2017 staff evaluated options to provide backup power to the Dam Control and Head Tank infrastructure. The study determined that power needs couldn't be supported without a diesel power generator.

K. Sanders left the meeting

MOVED by G. Baird, **SECONDED** by J. Caradonna,
That the Water Advisory Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED

7.3. Summary of Regional Water Supply Commission Recommendations

Commissioner Baird stated appreciation for the work that staff do, as the Water Quality Report presented at the Regional Water Supply Commission showed that there were no water quality issues during the extreme weather events of the past year.

C. Davis left the meeting

Commissioner Rogers stated that the Regional pH and Corrosion Study Update presented at the Regional Water Supply Commission would be good for the Committee to review for information.

MOVED by W. Scheuer, **SECONDED** by G. Baird,
That the Summary of Recommendations be received for information.

CARRIED

7.4. Water Watch Report

Higher 5 year average demands in November are affected somewhat by population growth. Staff are reviewing demand on a sector by sector basis and will report out through the water demand reports to the Regional Water Supply Commission in the New Year.

MOVED by G. Baird, **SECONDED** by W. Scheuer,
That the November 22, 2021 water watch report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. UPDATE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee thanked Karen Sander for her contributions to the Committee over the past two years. Staff noted that the vacancy would be advertised starting next week.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by G. Baird, **SECONDED** by H. Thompson,
That the December 2, 2021 meeting be adjourned at 3:08 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY