

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Water Supply Commission

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Wednesday, December 17, 2025

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom  
625 Fisgard St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

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#### Special Meeting

#### PRESENT:

Commissioners: G. Baird (Chair), K. Harper (Vice Chair) (EP), J. Caradonna, C. Coleman, Z. de Vries, S. Duncan (EP), C. Graham (EP), S. Gray (EP), C. Green, K. Guiry, K. Loughton (EP) (on behalf of S. Hammond), K. Jordison (EP), S. Kim, T. Morrison (EP), T. Phelps Bondaroff (EP), C. Stock, M. Wagner, M. Westhaver (EP)

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning and Engineering; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioners N. Chambers, S. Hammond, K. Pearson, J. Rogers, A. Wickheim

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

#### 1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Baird provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOVED** by Commissioner Coleman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wagner,  
That the agenda for the Special Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of  
December 17, 2025 be approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

##### 3.1. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

##### 3.2. DELEGATIONS

- 3.2.1. [26-0008](#) Delegation - Mehdi Najari; Resident of Saanich: Re: Agenda Item 5.1.  
2025 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan - Final

M. Najari spoke to Item 5.1.

#### 4. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

- 4.1. [25-1345](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED** by Commissioner Green, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Guiry,  
That the meeting be closed for intergovernmental negotiations in accordance  
with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter. [1 item]  
**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 1:39 pm to convene the Closed Session of the Regional  
Water supply Commission.

The meeting reconvened at 2:59 pm.

#### 5. SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS

- 5.1. [25-1340](#) 2025 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan - Final

A. Fraser presented Item 5.1.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Caradonna,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission:  
1. Approve the 2025 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan as presented and  
direct staff to move forward with the actions identified; and  
2. Direct staff to forward the 2025 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan to the  
Capital Regional District Board for information and make the Plan available for  
public distribution.

Discussion ensued regarding the thorough consultation which has taken place.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loughton,  
The Motion be amended by adding the word "Provisionally" following "1." and  
before "Approve"; and by removing the words "and direct staff to move forward  
with the actions identified."

T. Robbins stated the amendment proposes a fundamental change to the motion.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Commissioner Caradonna challenged the Chair.

Chair Baird called for a vote on whether the Chair shall be sustained.  
**SUSTAINED**

Opposed: Caradonna, Gray, Loughton and Kim

The amendment was considered to be out of order and removed from the floor.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Loughton,  
That consideration of the 2025 Regional Water Strategic Plan be postponed until  
the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of April 1, 2026 to allow time for  
further engagement with First Nations.

Discussion:

- sufficient time is needed for meaningful engagement
- priorities and actions are on hold until the plan is approved
- the strategic plan is a living document

The question was called on the motion to postpone:

**That consideration of the 2025 Regional Water Strategic Plan be postponed until  
the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of April 1, 2026 to allow time for  
further engagement with First Nations.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed:** Baird, Coleman, de Vries, Duncan, Graham, Gray, Green, Guiry,  
Harper, Jordison, Kim, Phelps Bondaroff, Stock, Wagner, Westhaver

**MOVED** by Commissioner Jordison, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gray,  
That the main motion be amended to add the words ", which has been  
developed in consideration with a commitment to ongoing engagement and  
responsiveness to future input," after the words "2025 Regional Water Supply  
Strategic Plan" and before the words "as presented".

**CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

**That the Regional Water Supply Commission:**

**1. Approve the 2025 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan, which has been  
developed in consideration with a commitment to ongoing engagement and  
responsiveness to future input, as presented and direct staff to move forward with  
the actions identified; and**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Gray, Kim, Loughton

**2. Direct staff to forward the 2025 Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan to the  
Capital Regional District Board for information and make the Plan available for  
public distribution.**

**CARRIED**

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Commissioner Coleman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,  
That the Special Regional Water Supply Commission Meeting of December 17,  
2025 be adjourned at 3:37 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder