

## Meeting Minutes

### Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission

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Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:35 AM

Sidney Community Safety Building  
2245 Oakville Ave., Sidney, BC

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#### PRESENT:

Commissioners: D. Kelbert (Chair), M. Doehnel (Vice Chair), E. Diller, D. Halldorson, Z. King (EP), R. Novek, S. Shrivastava, R. Windsor (EP)

STAFF: A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services (IWS); L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services (EP); J. Dales, Senior Manager, Wastewater Infrastructure Operations; R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation (EP); P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; A. Wardle, Project Engineer, IWS Capital Projects; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioners C. McNeil-Smith, P. Jones

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Commissioner Novek, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Diller,  
That the agenda for the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission meeting of  
May 15, 2025 be approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [25-0524](#) Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission Meeting of  
March 20, 2025

**MOVED** by Commissioner Novek, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Doehnel,  
That the minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission meeting of  
March 20, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Commission Business

### 6.1. [25-0453](#) General Manager's Verbal Update - May

A. Fraser presented Item 6.1. and spoke to the work on biosolids in the region.

### 6.2. [25-0503](#) Residual Treatment Facility Saanich Peninsula Solids Processing

P. Kickham presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- potential concerns related to forest application of biosolids
- proposed operation of Residual Treatment Facility
- First Nations involvement and consultation

### 6.3. [25-0504](#) Core Area Biosolids Beneficial Use Strategy

R. Tooke presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- concerns regarding land application, including forest and agricultural uses
- risk management guided by precautionary principles
- advanced thermal treatment to produce biochar and activated charcoal
- ongoing procurement efforts for alternative uses and disposal methods

## 7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

## 8. New Business

There was no new business.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Commissioner Novek, SECONDED by Commissioner Diller,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission meeting of May 15, 2025 be  
adjourned at 10:54 am.  
CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder