

## Meeting Minutes

### Saanich Peninsula Water Commission

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:30 AM

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

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#### PRESENT

Commissioners: M. Doehnel (Vice Chair), E. Diller (EP), D. Halldorson, C. McNeil-Smith, R. Novek, S. Riddel (for R. Windsor) (EP), S. Shrivastava (EP)

Staff: A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services (IWS); J. Dales, Senior Manager, Wastewater Infrastructure Operations; D. Dionne, Manager, IWS Business Support Services; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; D. Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula Gulf Island Operations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioner(s) P. Jones, D. Kelbert (Chair), Z. King, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Doehnel provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Commissioner Halldorson,  
That the agenda of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of March  
20, 2025 be approved as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [25-0303](#) Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission Meetings of October 17, 2024 and January 16, 2025

**MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Commissioner Novek,  
That the minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meetings of  
October 17, 2024 and January 16, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

The Vice Chair noted the importance of providing a personalized Territorial Acknowledgement rather than reading a script at the beginning of each meeting.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Commission Business

### 6.1. [25-0338](#) General Manager's Verbal Update

A. Fraser presented Item 6.1. for information and provided the following updates:

- the Kapoor Lumber Company Lands purchase is progressing
- public engagement for the Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan is open
- the recent earthquake activity has not impacted water infrastructure
- the Sooke Lake Reservoir reached capacity in late February, later than in previous years

### 6.2. [25-0304](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

A. Fraser presented Item 6.2. for information and noted one correction to the Summary of Recommendations for Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, that Commissioner Wagner was elected Vice Chair.

### 6.3. [25-0300](#) Water Watch Report

A. Fraser presented Item 6.3. for information.

**There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.**

## 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 McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Commissioner Novek,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of March 20, 2025 be  
adjourned at 9:43 am.  
CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER