

Meeting Minutes

Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee

Thursday, June 26, 2025

2:00 PM

Goldstream Conference Room
479 Island Hwy
Victoria BC V9B 1H7

PRESENT:

L. Vallee (Chair), K. Wall (Vice Chair), P. Brent (EA Director) (EP), W. Mulvin

STAFF: S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Areas (EP); J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; C. Moch, Manager, Water Quality; J. Starke, Manager, Real Estate and SGI Administration (EP); D. Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula Gulf Island Operations; L. Xu, Manager, Local Services and Corporate Grants (EP); M. Lagoa, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Corporate Officer (EP); Megan MacDonald, Legislative Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Vallee provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by K. Wall, SECONDED by P. Brent,
That the agenda for the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee meeting of June 26, 2025 be approved as amended with the addition of Item 8.1. Public Outreach.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [25-0725](#) Minutes of the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee meeting of March 6, 2025

MOVED by P. Brent, SECONDED by K. Wall,
That the minutes of the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee meeting of March 6, 2025 be amended by replacing "C. Moch" with "D. Robson" under Items 10.3, 10.4, and 10.5, and that the minutes be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Vallee emphasized the significance of the agenda topics, highlighting the need to educate and engage community members so that the urgency of the proposed repairs is fully understood by all.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Commission Business

6.1. [25-0650](#) Senior Manager's Verbal Update

D. Robson presented Item 6.1. for information introduced the new Electoral Area Services General Manager. The following information was also provided:

- regular attendance of new Electoral Area Services staff members
- upcoming installation of water conservation signage
- First Nations consultation for signage is underway

6.2. [25-0679](#) Capital Projects Requiring Funding - Potential Funding Options and Cost Implications

J. Marr presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- cost and lifecycle expectations of polyethylene tanks
- more refined cost estimates will be available during the design phase
- analysis of the location will ensure long term suitability
- proof of secured borrowing will improve chances of obtaining a grant
- information about the petition process and next steps
- importance of understanding that a tank failure would be catastrophic
- ongoing issues with leaks and high risk of failure of the current storage tanks

MOVED by W. Mulvin, SECONDED by K. Wall,

1. That the petition process be initiated to borrow up to \$2,000,000 over 25 years debt term to complete the capital improvement projects.
2. If the petition process is successful, that a loan authorization bylaw be advanced to the Electoral Areas Committee and Capital Regional District Board for readings and adoption; and
3. That staff complete the remaining steps required to secure the funds and begin the projects.

CARRIED

6.3. [25-0718](#) Surfside Park Estates Water Service 2025-2029 Capital Plan Amendment

J. Marr presented Item 6.3. for information.

MOVED by W. Mulvin, SECONDED by K. Wall,

That the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee recommends that the Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Surfside Park Estates Water 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan be amended to:

1. Increase the 2025 project budget for the Replacement of Ultraviolet (UV) Equipment at the Surfside Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (25-02) by \$7,500 from \$7,500 to \$15,000, funded from Capital Reserve Fund.
2. Defer \$7,500 of project budget for the Source Water Surveillance project (24-02), funded from Capital Reserve Fund, from 2025 to 2026.

CARRIED

6.4. [25-0676](#) 2024 Annual Report

D. Robson presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- baseline levels of arsenic in the groundwater are creeping up slowly
- effects of manganese and iron on the flavor of treated water
- potential for accumulation of heavy metals in areas that do not flow

6.5. [25-0672](#) Capital Projects and Operational Update - June 2025

D. Robson presented Item 6.5. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- variation of arsenic concentration in groundwater throughout the area
- difficulty determining source of arsenic

6.6. [25-0713](#) Arsenic Health Guidelines

C. Moch presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- frequent need for filter replacement
- actions required to meet new Provincial guidelines
- potential 2026 budget item to hire a consultant
- difficulties in predicting arsenic levels

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

8.1. Public Outreach

Chair Vallee noted that the general public is not fully informed about the water system or committee meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- option to subscribe for updates on the water system webpage
- petition letter will contain a short link to the water system page
- options to encourage residents to be more engaged

9. Adjournment

MOVED by W. Mulvin, **SECONDED** by K. Wall,
That the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee meeting of June 26,
2025 be adjourned at 3:16 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder