

## Meeting Minutes

### Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission

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Tuesday, October 28, 2025

9:30 AM

Goldstream Conference Room  
479 Island Hwy  
Victoria BC V9B 1H7

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**PRESENT:**

D. Pepino (Chair), P. Twamley (Vice Chair), A. Wickheim (EA Director), J. Wilson

**STAFF:** S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; I. Lawrence; Senior Manager, Juan de Fuca Administration; L. Xu, Manager, Local Services and Corporate Grants; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (EP); M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Pepino provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by J. Wilson, SECONDED by A. Wickheim,  
That the agenda for the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission  
meeting of October 28, 2025 be approved.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-1149](#) Minutes of the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting of June 24, 2025

**MOVED by J. Wilson, SECONDED by A. Wickheim,  
That the minutes of the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting  
of June 24, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Pepino noted this will be his last meeting as a member of the commission, and expressed appreciation for staff and commission members.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Motion to Close the Meeting

### 6.1. [25-1155](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by A. Wickheim, SECONDED by P. Twamley,**

**1. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition/Disposition in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter. [1 item]**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by J. Wilson, SECONDED by A. Wickheim,**

**2. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District. [1 Item]**

**CARRIED**

The Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission moved to the Closed Session at 9:36 am.

The meeting reconvened at 9:41 am.

## 7. Commission Business

### 7.1. [25-1139](#) Senior Manager's Verbal Update

S. Irg introduced the Electoral Areas Services staff, who will be the contact point for the commission going forward. It was also noted that the current boil water advisory is typical for this time of year.

Discussion ensued the impacts of the current algae bloom, which is plugging water filters and causing turbidity

### 7.2. [25-1043](#) Wilderness Mountain Water Service 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

S. Irg presented Item 7.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- future debt estimates to fund system repairs and replacements
- cost sharing requirements to obtain a grant for repairs
- upgrades required to ensure compliance with Island Health guidelines

**MOVED by A. Wickheim, SECONDED by P. Twamley,**

**That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission recommends that the Electoral Areas Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget and the Five-Year Financial Plan for the Wilderness Mountain Water Service be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## 8. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion

## 9. New Business

### 9.1. Correspondence from Community Members

Commission members requested clarification of the proper procedure for community members to send correspondence related to the water service.

M. MacDonald advised that all commission related correspondence may be sent to CRD Legislative Services. The email address for correspondence is LegServ@crd.bc.ca. Staff will determine if a response is required by staff and ensure proper distribution and consideration by the commission.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by J. Wilson, **SECONDED** by A. Wickheim,  
**That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting of October 28, 2025 be adjourned at 10:14 am.**  
**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder