

Meeting Minutes

Saanich Peninsula Water Commission

Thursday, April 2, 2026

9:30 AM

Town of Sidney Municipal Hall - Arbutus Room
2440 Sidney Ave., Sidney, BC

PRESENT

R. Novek (Chair), D. Halldorson (Vice Chair), E. Diller, M. Doehnel, J. Martin (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (EP)

STAFF: A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection (EP); R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; P. Enright, Manager, Climate Action; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations; C. Lowe, Supervisor, Environmental Monitoring; K. Hardy, Corporate Energy Specialist; D. Pagani, Administrative Coordinator, Infrastructure and Water Services (EP); M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioners Graham, Jones, Shrivastava and Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Novek provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Commissioner Diller, SECONDED by Commissioner Doehnel,
That the agenda for the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of April 2,
2026 be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0384](#) Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission Meeting of February 5, 2026

**MOVED by Commissioner Doehnel, SECONDED by Commissioner Diller,
That the minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of
February 5, 2026 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. [26-0383](#) General Manager's Verbal Update - April

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

The Saanich Peninsula Amalgamation Study is in progress but on pause pending budget approval. The process is also awaiting completion of the Saanich Peninsula Asset Management Plan, which will inform key financial components of the Study.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- cost estimates and timelines for the Saanich Peninsula Amalgamation Study
- a further informational report will be provided at the Study's midpoint
- engagement with the municipalities will impact the timeline for a decision

6.2. [26-0241](#) Monthly Drinking Water Quality Dashboard

A. Fraser presented Item 6.2. for information.

6.3. [26-0379](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

A. Fraser presented Item 6.3. for information.

6.4. [26-0376](#) Water Watch Report

A. Fraser presented Item 6.4. for information.

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

8. New Business

8.1. **26-0648** Update from the Peninsula & Area Agricultural Commission

Commissioner Doehnel advised that the Peninsula and Area Agriculture Commission recently participated in a BC-wide agriculture meeting, where a key topic of concern was dumping on farmland.

Discussion ensued regarding the disposal of excavation materials from the construction of the new transmission water main along East Saanich Road.

8.2. 26-0649 Update on Goose Management in the Region

Commissioner Doehnel noted the CRD Board and Environmental Services Committee continue to advocate for goose management in the region. Recent discussion topics have included potential or required legislative changes at other levels of government and goose management strategies and restrictions near bodies of water.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Commissioner Halldorson, SECONDED by Commissioner Diller,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of April 2, 2026 be
adjourned at 9:45 am.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder