

Meeting Minutes

Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission

Thursday, March 12, 2026

9:30 AM

Goldstream Conference Room
479 Island Hwy
Victoria BC V9B 1H7

PRESENT:

P. Twamley, A. Wickheim (EA Director), J. Wilson

STAFF: I. Lawrence, Senior Manager, Juan de Fuca Administration; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations (EP); C. Moch, Manager, Water Quality Operation; L. Xu, Manager, Local Services and Corporate Grants; M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services (EP); M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

I. Lawrence provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

The Committee agreed by consensus to reorder, and consider the approval of agenda after election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

2. Election of Chair

I. Lawrence called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission for 2026.

J. Wilson nominated P. Twamley. P. Twamley accepted the nomination.

I. Lawrence called for nominations a second time.

I. Lawrence called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, I. Lawrence declared P. Twamley the Chair of the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission for 2026 by acclamation.

3. Election of Vice Chair

MOVED by P. Twamley, **SECONDED** by J. Wilson,
**That the Election of Vice Chair be postponed until the next meeting of the
Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission.**
CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by J. Wilson, **SECONDED** by A. Wickheim,
That the agenda for the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting of March 12, 2026 be approved, as amended, with the addition of Item 11.1. Commission Roundtable Discussion.
CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

- 5.1. [26-0254](#) Minutes of the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting of October 28, 2025

MOVED by J. Wilson, **SECONDED** by A. Wickheim,
That the minutes of the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting of October 28, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Twamley thanked members for electing her as Chair, and noted she is looking forward to working together.

7. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations

8. Motion to Close the Meeting

- 8.1. [26-0253](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by J. Wilson, **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 P. Twamley, **SECONDED** by J. Wilson,
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 9:38 am.

The meeting reconvened at 9:42 am.

9. Commission Business

9.1. [26-0248](#) Senior Manager's Verbal Update - March

- I. Lawrence spoke to Item 9.1. and noted the following:
- options analysis to bring service into compliance
 - 2026 budget approved, and work is moving forward now
 - this service has an updated operating permit

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Island Health is willing to work with staff if unforeseen circumstances arise
- staff anticipate the need for an annual update, options study reveals and next steps to be provided to Island Health
- ensuring progress/succession
- committee will receive updates as needed at meetings
- no operational challenges with the new dock
- safety requirements while testing water on the dock
- no evidence or indications of contamination

This verbal update was received for information.

9.2. [26-0256](#) Committee Orientation

I. Lawrence presented Item 9.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the number of connections to the system, some vacant lots
- budget review and approval process
- upcoming repairs needed for the system to ensure compliance

10. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

11. New Business

11.1. Commission Roundtable Discussion

Chair Twamley opened the floor for members to bring forward any additional items of interest.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- final meeting and resignation of James Wilson
- advertisement of vacant positions

12. Adjournment

**MOVED by J. Wilson, SECONDED by A. Wickheim,
That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission meeting of March 12,
2026 be adjourned at 11:11 am.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder