

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

11:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; S. Duncan; K. Harper; M. Hicks;
B. Isitt; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; J. Rogers; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; N. Stewart for R. Wade; G. Young

REGRETS:

Z. de Vries; C. Graham; K. Kahakauwila; G. Logan; T. St-Pierre; C. Stock; E. Wood Zhelka

STAFF:

T. Robbins, General Manager; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr (Recorder)

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the territorial acknowledgment.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Harper, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the March 18, 2020 agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. [20-216](#) February 19, 2020 Minutes

Attachments: [February 19, 2020 Draft Minutes](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Morrison,

That the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Mersereau thanked staff and commissioners for being in attendance. She stated that staff are reviewing and updating procedures to address precautions associated with COVID-19. She stated that Capital Regional District (CRD) standing committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice, and that the CRD Board is considering changes to the procedural bylaw that will allow electronic participation at future meetings.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

5. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

5.1. [20-217](#) Water Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 23, 2020 Minutes](#)
[February 27, 2020 Draft Minutes](#)

Vice Chair Baird advised that due to the COVID-19 health advisory the Chair of the Water Advisory Committee is not in attendance today. He provided an update outlining discussions from the last Water Advisory Committee meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That the January 23, 2020 and the draft February 27, 2020 Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes be received for information.
CARRIED

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. COVID-19 Essential Service Preparations

T. Robbins provided an overview of the CRD's preparations, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to respond to essential service requirements for water supply in the region. He advised that the Emergency Operations Centre is activated and that emergency procedures are being implemented. He provided a summary of key operational procedures to ensure safe and reliable water service delivery.

Staff answered questions from the Commission about lead testing and potential budget implications.

The Commission asked staff to provide a briefing report outlining the key points to share with municipalities.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. [20-215](#) RWSC 20-02 Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Mining Access Request

Attachments: [Staff Report: RWSC 20-02 GVWSA Mining Access Requests](#)
[Appendix A: Location Map of Placer Mining Tenure No. 977172](#)
[Appendix B: Access Agreement](#)

A. Constabel provided a summary of the report as presented.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harper,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission authorize access and special use to Shane Creamer and his agents (where agency is confirmed) and workers (that hold valid free mining certificates) that meet Capital Regional District insurance requirements, subject to the conditions of the signed Access Agreement.

CARRIED

7.2. [20-236](#) Disposition of a Portion of Capital Regional District Owned Property to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for widening of Sooke Road

Attachments: [Staff Report: Disposition of a Portion of CRD-Owned Property to MOTI for Widening of Sooke Road](#)
[Appendix A - Subject Property Map](#)
[Appendix B: Disposition Notice](#)
[Appendix C: MOTI Appraisal August 30, 2019](#)

S. Henderson introduced the report.

Staff answered questions from the Commission about the project.

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,

The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends that the CRD dispose of the 0.083 hectare portion of Lot 3, Section 65, Goldstream District, Plan 3351, Except that part shown coloured in red on Plan 109RW - PID 001-702-505, to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for a highway road dedication, for the appraised value of \$8,100 plus CRD administration costs.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: *Commissioners Chambers, Loveday and Isitt*

7.3. [20-213](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

Attachments: [Summary Of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Morrison,
That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received for information.
CARRIED

7.4. [20-214](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report 2020-03-09](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Stewart,
That the March 9, 2020 Water Watch Report be received for information.
CARRIED

8. MOTION WITH NOTICE

8.1. [20-052](#) Motion with Notice: Commissioner Loveday: First Nations Engagement

Attachments: [Motion with Notice: Commissioner Loveday: First Nations Engagement](#)
[February 12, 2020 Board Resolutions](#)
[Staff Report: First Nations Inclusion on CRD Board Standing Committees](#)
[Staff Report: Remuneration To Support Increased First Nations Participation](#)

Commissioner Loveday advised of an amendment to the Motion with Notice, as originally circulated, to reflect recent recommendations of the First Nations Relations Committee to the CRD Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Loveday, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers that:

1. That the Regional Water Supply Commission express support to the CRD Board for moving forward with representation from local first nation on the Regional Water Supply Commission;

and,

2. That the Regional Water Supply Commission endorse the proposed recommendations for remuneration to support increased first nations participation.

CARRIED

A discussion took place about remuneration.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**10.1. [20-009](#) Motion to Close the Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harper,
In accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(e) the
acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council
considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of
the municipality.
CARRIED

11. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its closed session at 1:25 p.m. without report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harper,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY