

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

11:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT:

Directors: R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; L. Collins; Z. de Vries; S. Duncan; C. Graham; K. Harper; M. Hicks; B. Isitt; K. Kahakauwila; G. Logan; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; T. St. Pierre (for B. Parkinson); J. Rogers; C. Stock; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; R. Wade; E. Wood Zhelka (11:35 a.m.); G. Young

STAFF: R. Lapham, CAO; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Service (IWS); M. McCrank, Infrastructure Operations; I. Jesney, Infrastructure Engineering, A. Constabel, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Environmental Protection; T. Urquhart, Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk; S. Orr (recorder)

NOT PRESENT: G. Logan

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

Chair Mersereau provided a Territorial Acknowledgement to open the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the May 15, 2019 Regional Water Supply Commission agenda be
approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. March 20, 2019 Minutes

Attachments: [March 20, 2019 Minutes](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Harper, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the March 20, 2019 Regional Water Supply Commission meeting minutes
be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Commissioner Zhelka joined the meeting.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported on the following:

- the meeting time has been adjusted to allow for two hour meetings and also advised that this is the first webcasted meeting of the Commission.
- Commissioners were invited to participate in a tour of the Japan Gulch disinfection facility on the afternoon of June 14, 2019. She noted that more extensive public tours of the water supply area are being held throughout June and July.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

4.1 Presentations

4.11. General Manager's Report: May 2019

1. Regional Water Supply Commission Webcasting and Use of Granicus
2. Disinfection Plant Tour, June 14, 2019
3. Water Advisory Committee Meeting, May 23, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the General Manager's report for information.

CARRIED

4.2 Delegations

There were none.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.1. Fisheries Water Release Program

Attachments: [Staff Report: Fisheries Water Release Program](#)

[Appendix 1: 2002 Agreement](#)

[Appendix 2: Tables](#)

[Appendix 3: Map](#)

T. Robbins introduced the report providing background on releasing water from storage reservoirs to enhance fish habitat. He stated that the report proposes to consolidate and formalize the Fisheries Water Release Program, with stakeholder engagement, and to obtain the necessary approvals and amend the Goldstream water licence accordingly.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

MOVED by Commissioner Hicks, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission:

1. Endorse the proposed Fisheries Water Release Plan as set out in Table 2 of Appendix 2;
2. Direct staff to engage with the T'Sou-ke Nation regarding the proposed Fisheries Water Release Plan and the (expired) 2002 Agreement;
3. Direct staff to seek approval of the proposed Fisheries Water Release Plan from the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Provincial Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy and Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations & Rural Development, as required; and
4. Direct staff to pursue amending the CRD's Provincial Conditional Water Licence for Goldstream River/Waugh Creek to include an authorization to store and release water for the purpose of conserving fish and fish habitat, in accordance with the release schedule in Table 2 (Appendix 2).

CARRIED

6.2. Watershed Hydrology Monitoring Plan - Leech Water Supply Area

Attachments: [Staff Report Leech Hydrology Monitoring Plan](#)
[Appendix A Map 1, Existing Hydrology & Meteorology Stations in the Leech WSA](#)
[Appendix B Leech Hydrology Monitoring Plan](#)

A. Constabel introduced the report as presented and provided an overview of watershed hydrology in the Leech Water Supply Area. She stated that a plan has been developed to install hydrology and meteorology monitoring stations to collect the data and that implementation is scheduled over a four-year period with data collection beginning in 2019.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Isitt requested historical reports regarding contaminants found in the Leech Water Supply Area for the commission's information.

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the staff report, Watershed Hydrology Monitoring Plan - Leech Water Supply Area, for information.

CARRIED

6.3. Weekly Water Watch Report May 5, 2019 and Conservation Key Messages

Attachments: [Weekly Water Watch Report May 5, 2019](#)
[Conservation Key Messages](#)

T. Robbins stated that as of May 1, Stage 1 of the Water Conservation Bylaw is in effect until the end September. He stated that conservation key messages was included in the agenda package for information.

A discussion took place about conservation messaging and T. Robbins advised that he would invite input from the Water Advisory Committee regarding key conservation messaging.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

MOVED by Commissioner Isitt, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner St. Pierre, That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the Water Watch report for information.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Chambers brought forward new business regarding Island Health's ability to conduct bi-weekly beach sampling.

The Chair stated that the issue is outside of the Commission's purview.

9. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

10. RISE AND REPORT

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Morrison,
That the May 15, 2019 meeting of the Regional Water Supply Commission be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY