

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); C. Graham; J. Rogers; C. Stock; L. Szpak; N. Taylor;
G. Young

BY WebEx:

Z. de Vries; S. Duncan; K. Harper; M. Hicks; B. Isitt; K. Kahakauwila (11:44 am); G. Logan; J. Loveday;
T. Morrison; T. St-Pierre; R. Wade; E. Wood Zhelka;

REGRETS:

N. Chambers

STAFF:

T. Robbins, General Manager; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; T. Duthie,
Manager, Administrative Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr, Recorder

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission agenda be approved.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. [20-351](#) Minutes of the May 20, 2020 Regional Water Supply Commission Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Regional Water Supply Commission
meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair recommended the book "Bringing Water to Victoria, an Illustrated History, 1843-1915" by Charles W Tolman.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no Presentations or Delegations. The Chair provided a reminder regarding public participation procedures.

5.1. Presentations

5.2. Delegations

6. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair stated there is no report from Water Advisory Committee as they have not met since February and their next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2020.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7.1. Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Grant - Update (Verbal)

T. Robbins provided a verbal update regarding the application for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Grant made in 2018 to replace 11 kilometers of #4 Transmission Main. He stated that the project has been targeted for a detailed application submission and expects an announcement from the Province.

7.2. Water Supply Outlook (Verbal)

T. Robbins provided a verbal update stating the average daily demand for June is lower than usual. He stated that there has been an odour and taste in the water due to algae bloom earlier in the month. There is no health concern related to the algae bloom.

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

8.1. [20-325](#) Greater Victoria Drinking Water Quality - 2019 Annual Report

G. Harris provided a summary of the report as presented.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Filtration deferral from Island Health
- Tap Sampling program
- Peacock Place water towers
- Remuneration model
- Water quality monitoring program reporting
- Balancing storage reservoirs

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the Capital
Regional District Board:

That the Greater Victoria Drinking Water Quality 2019 Annual Report be
approved.

CARRIED

8.2. [20-344](#) Water Conservation Bylaw No. 4099 - Amendment

G. Harris provided a summary of the report as presented.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Bulk purchasing
- Public education regarding climate change
- Rebates or incentives
- Demand management program

Discussion took place about rebate programs, conservation and agricultural
usage bulk rates.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4261, "Capital Regional District Water Conservation
Bylaw No. 1, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2020" be introduced and
read a first, second, and third time, and;
2. That Bylaw No. 4261 be adopted.
3. That Bylaw No. 4358, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information
Authorization Bylaw 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 68, 2020", be
introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
4. That Bylaw No. 4358 be adopted.

CARRIED

8.3. [20-346](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

CARRIED

8.4. [20-347](#) Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
That the June 8, 2020 Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner St-Pierre introduced the following Notice of Motion to be
considered at the next meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Regional District Electoral Area Services
Committee be requested to review and update their building bylaw 3780 with
respect to onsite water collection to align with the CSA B805-18 Canadian
National Rainwater Harvesting Standard.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Szpak requested that the 6th floor stairwell door be unlocked on
meeting days.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stock,
The meeting be adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

CARRIED