

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

11:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

R. Mersereau (Chair); G. Baird (Vice Chair); N. Chambers; C. Graham; M. Hicks; B. Isitt;
K. Kahakauwila; J. Loveday; T. Morrison; C. Stock; L. Szpak; N. Taylor; G. Young

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Z. de Vries; S. Duncan; K. Harper; G. Logan (12:38 pm); J. Rogers; T. St-Pierre; R. Wade (12:39 pm);
E. Wood Zhelka (11:55 am)

STAFF:

T. Robbins, General Manager; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection;
I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure
Operations; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Scott, Senior Geoscientist,
Watershed Protection; N. Burrows, Manager, Wildfire, Security & Emergency Response; T. Urquhart,
Communications Coordinator; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; S. Orr (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Kahakauwila provided the territorial acknowledgment.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1. [20-524](#) Adoption of the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regional Water Supply
Commission Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes: July 15, 2020](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Stock, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regional Water Supply Commission
meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Mersereau provided the following remarks:

- She extended her gratitude to Integrated Water Service's (IWS) staff for their management of the wildfire event in August.
- She advised that a bylaw regarding rain water harvesting standards, Commissioner St-Pierre's notice of motion, was approved by the Electoral Areas Committee and the Capital Regional District Board.
- She stated that staff are working on a strategic plan update for the Commission to be presented in October.
- She advised that she will be meeting with staff to discuss the appointment process for the Water Advisory Committee.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5.1. Water Supply Outlook

T. Robbins provided a verbal report of water supply demands and outlook.

Staff answered a question regarding the storage level.

5.2. October Meeting

T. Robbins advised that a progress report on the strategic plan for the Regional Water Supply service and draft 2021 budget will be presented to the Commission in October.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

7. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report.

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8.1. [20-527](#) Remediation of Leech Water Supply Area Gravel Pit - Consideration of Certificate of Compliance

Attachments: [Staff Report: Remediation of Leech Water Supply Area Gravel Pit - Consideration of Certificate of Compliance](#)

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

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Spzak,

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the report for information and that staff be directed not to pursue a Certificate of Compliance for the site.

CARRIED

8.2. [20-526](#) August 17, 2020 Lightning Strike Wildfires in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area

Attachments: [Staff Report: August 17, 2020 Lightning Strike Wildfires in the GVWSA](#)
[Appendix A: Details of Lightning Strike Wildfires in the GVWSA](#)
[Appendix B: Map 1 2020 Wildfire Locations - Horton Ridge](#)
[Appendix C: Map 2 Mount Healey Fire Perimeter](#)
[Appendix D: Map 3 Rithet Fire Perimeter](#)
[Appendix E: Map 4 GVWSA Risk Mitigation Features](#)

A. Constabel provided a summary of the report and a PowerPoint presentation illustrating fire fighting initiatives.

The Commission commended staff on a job well done.

Staff answered questions from the Commission regarding:

- Costs associated with wildfire fighting.
- Fuel treatment and rehabilitation plan.
- Debriefing of events.
- Collaborative planning with stakeholders.

The Commission requested that staff bring back a report outlining post-fire events and financial impacts.

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

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the report for information.

CARRIED

8.3. [20-528](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

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

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

That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received for information.

CARRIED

8.4. [20-529](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report September 8, 2020](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Spzak, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor,
That the September 8, 2020 Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Graham, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
The meeting be adjourned at 12:47 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY