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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission, held Monday, November 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commission Members: L. Cutler (Vice Chair); A. Wickheim (Electoral Area Director); M. Lechowicz

Staff: S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; C. Moch, Manager, Water Quality Operations; J. Kelly, Manager, Capital Projects; L. Xu, Manager, Finance Services; M. Risvold, Committee and Administrative Clerk (Recorder)

REGRETS: D. Pepino (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was am to move Item 7, Correspondence to immediately follow Item 6.1.

MOVED by M. Lechowicz, **SECONDED** by L. Cutler,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by M. Lechowicz, **SECONDED** by L. Cutler,
That the minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The following documents are on file and are available upon request by contacting IWSAdministration@crd.bc.ca:

- Chair's written remarks
- Critiques prepared by the commission

MOVED by M. Lechowicz, **SECONDED** by L. Cutler,

1. That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission directs CRD staff to direct Associated Engineering to formally retract their October 4, 2022 letter to Vancouver Island Health Authority pending further analysis of the CRD monitoring and SCADA data on which it is based;
2. That the two critiques prepared by the commission and presented to Vancouver Island Health Authority on November 17, 2022 be transmitted to Associated Engineering; and
3. That the two critiques be included with the minutes of this meeting as a public record.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

SENIOR MANAGER'S REPORT

S. Irg informed the Commission of expiring member's terms and advised the Electoral Area Director has made a recommendation for members to the board.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.1. Project and Operations Update

S. Irg presented the project and operations update.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns with manganese and turbidity. The Commission thanked staff for providing data, and expressed concerns that the letter from Associated Engineering to Island Health, dated October 4, 2022, was based on incorrect data and analysis. Staff advised that the water needs additional treatment, and boil water advisory's (BWA's) are taken very seriously. A stable trend is required prior to removing a BWA. Staff advised that SCADA is used for operational surveillance, and there are operators at the treatment plant monitoring the data 24/7. Island Health is unable to make an exemption regarding the filtration exemption request. Staff advised that once the Associated Engineering report is complete, the Commission can recommend to complete further analysis if they would like. Staff will seek advice regarding the motion to have Associated Engineering rescind their letter to Island Health. Staff will confirm the Water License Agency is aware the watershed is bound by a covenant placed by CRD.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Vulnerability study
- Hot, dry summers
- Risk of algal blooms
- SCADA system
- Utilizing expertise within the commission
- Water License

5.2. Correspondence – WMWSC – June 28 Meeting Follow-up

Staff responded to a question regarding liability insurance advising that they received advice from CRD Manager of Risk, who advised that CRD carries Commercial General Liability Insurance for third party property damage or injury resulting from all CRD assets. Staff noted this is a CRD policy that would not specifically impact Wilderness Mountain if there was a claim within the Wilderness Mountain area.

Staff responded to a question regarding the piped water study, adding the study is complete. Staff advised details of the piped water study will be provided to the Commission in 2023 after it has been provided to the Juan de Fuca Water Service Commission.

5.3. 2023 Operating and Capital Budget

This Item was not considered at the November 21, 2022 meeting. The Commission agreed to defer this item to November 28, 2022.

Staff recommended proceeding with the presentation of the 2023 Operating and Capital budget, as there is a deadline for the Fee and Charges Bylaw. Staff advised amendments can be made to the budget at a later date.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. WMWSC – June 28 Meeting Follow-up

This item was moved to item 6.2 on the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Lechowicz, **SECONDED** by L. Cutler,
That the November 21, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 10:59 AM.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY