

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Regional Water Supply Commission**

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**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

**1:30 PM**

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

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**PRESENT:**

G. Baird (Chair), K. Harper (Vice Chair), J. Caradonna, N. Chambers, C. Coleman, S. Duncan (EP), C. Graham, S. Donaldson (on behalf of S. Gray), C. Green, K. Guiry (1:34 pm), S. Hammond (EP), S. Kim (EP), T. Morrison, K. Pearson (EP), T. Phelps Bondaroff (EP), J. Rogers (EP), C. Stock, M. Wagner, A. Wickheim (EP)

Staff: A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services; A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; Z. Gray, Manager, Website and Public Engagement; J. Kelly, Manager, IWS Capital Projects; J. Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk; M. MacDonald, Legislative Services Coordinator (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioners Z. de Vries, S. Gray, K. Jordison, M. Westhaver

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

#### **1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Baird provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED by Commissioner Stock, SECONDED by Commissioner Wagner,  
That the agenda for the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of May 21,  
2025 be approved.  
CARRIED**

#### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 3.1.**     [25-0511](#)     Minutes of the Regional Water Supply Commission Meeting of April 16, 2025

**MOVED by Commissioner Coleman, SECONDED by Commissioner Stock,  
That the minutes of the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of April 16,  
2025 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

Commissioner Guiry joined the meeting at 1:34 pm.

#### 4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Baird congratulated Infrastructure and Water Services staff on recently receiving an award for the best tasting water in the province.

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, SECONDED by Commissioner Green,  
That consent agenda item 6.1. be approved.  
CARRIED**

6.1. [25-0508](#) Water Watch Report

This report was received for information.

#### 7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. [25-0453](#) General Manager's Verbal Update - May

A. Fraser presented Item 7.1. and provided information related to the BC Water and Wastewater Conference, where the CRD received an award for the best tasting water in BC and a first place finish in the Operator Challenge.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- regulations related to fluoride in drinking water
- seasonal water restrictions and peak flow demands

7.2. [25-0509](#) Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan - Public Engagement Summary

A. Fraser presented item 7.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- cost implications of implementing the Regional Water Supply Master Plan
- geographic location and demographics of survey respondents
- challenges and opportunities to obtain more diverse responses

**Commissioner Chambers left the meeting at 2:13 pm.**

7.3. [25-0510](#) Main No. 4 Upgrade and Bear Hill Trunk Extension - Tariffs Update

A. Fraser presented item 7.3. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty of projecting financial impacts with the ongoing uncertainty of tariffs.

**7.4.     [25-0523](#)     Greater Victoria Drinking Water Quality - 2024 Annual Report**

G. Harris presented item 7.4. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- hazard level assessment of cross control systems
- higher capacity for data collection with implementation of paperless reporting
- innovation award recently presented to cross control program staff
- reduced effects of turbidity due to filtration plant upgrades
- regulations and reporting requirements

**MOVED by Commissioner Coleman, SECONDED by Commissioner Wagner,  
The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital Regional  
District Board:**

**That the Greater Victoria Drinking Water Quality 2024 Annual Report be  
approved.**

**CARRIED**

**8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

There were no notice(s) of motion.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED by Commissioner Wickheim, SECONDED by Commissioner Baird,  
That the rules of the Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw be  
suspended to allow the addition of Item 9.1. Potential Power Generation.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Commissioner Graham**

**9.1.     25-0734     Potential Power Generation**

Commissioner Wickheim inquired about the potential for incorporating an inline turbine in the main water transmission line from the Sooke Lake Reservoir to provide power generation and revenue.

The Chair noted that this has been discussed by the Commission previously and requested staff provide a brief overview of the discussion at a future meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Commissioner Harper, SECONDED by Commissioner Graham,  
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of May 21, 2025 be  
adjourned at 2:29 pm.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder