

Meeting Minutes

Saanich Peninsula Water Commission

Thursday, June 4, 2026

9:30 AM

Meeting Rm. 2, Sidney Community Safety Bldg.
2245 Oakville Ave., Sidney, BC

PRESENT

R. Novek (Chair), D. Halldorson (Vice Chair), E. Diller, M. Doehnel, J. Martin (EP), C. McNeil-Smith

Staff: A. Fraser, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services; J. Dales, Senior Manager, Wastewater Infrastructure Operations; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning and Engineering; R. Tooke, Senior Manager, Environmental Innovation; L. Ferris, Manager, Resource Recovery and Innovation (EP); J. Kelly, Senior Manager, Regional Water Strategic Program; P. Kickham, Manager, Environmental Regulations (EP); M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; J. Ives, Committee Clerk (recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioners Graham, Jones, Shrivastava, Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Novek provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by C. McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by E. Diller,
That the agenda of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of June 4,
2026 be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

[26-0667](#)

Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission Meeting of April 2, 2026

**MOVED by C. McNeil Smith, SECONDED by D. Halldorson,
That the minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of April 2,
2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Consent Agenda

**MOVED by C. McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by E. Diller,
That consent agenda Items 6.1. through 6.3. be approved.
CARRIED**

6.1. [26-0641](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

6.2. [26-0640](#) Water Watch Report - May 2026

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

6.3. [26-0628](#) Monthly Drinking Water Quality Dashboard - April 2026

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

7. Commission Business

This report was received for information.

7.1. [26-0646](#) General Manager's Verbal Update - June 2026

A. Fraser spoke to Item 7.1. and provided the following information:

- Metro Vancouver's water supply is reliant on snowpack, while the Capital Region's is rain-based, accounting for differences in watering restrictions
- the Capital Region has not moved beyond Stage 1 watering restrictions since 2002 due to capacity in Sooke Lake reservoir
- water capacity is currently trending slightly below the five-year minimum, and staff will continue to monitor

Discussion ensued regarding water consumption patterns and managing peak demand.

7.2. [26-0644](#) Saanich Peninsula Water Service 2026 Mid-Year Capital Projects and Operations Update

A. Fraser presented Item 7.2. for information.

8. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

**MOVED by C. McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by E. Diller,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting of June 4, 2026 be
adjourned at 9:45 am.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder