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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, held Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 12 pm, Goldstream Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Logan (Chair); J. Rogers (EP) (V. Chair); G. Baird; M. Hicks (EP); K. Kahakauwila (EP); E. Logins (EP); L. Szpak; R. Wade (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Operations; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Marr, Manager Water Distribution Engineering and Planning; K. Vincent, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS:

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair stated that he was incredibly proud of the resilient infrastructure and systems in place that were able to meet and keep up with the extreme rainfall in recent weeks. He acknowledged the work of staff for their monitoring of the downstream effects of the heavy rainfall which has caused the Sooke Lake Dam to spill over. Huge round of thanks to all involved.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no General Manager's report.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. 2022 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service Capital Plan Amendment

I. Jesney spoke to Item 7.1 summarizing the requested Capital Plan amendments.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Project overruns and potential for impacts to the Development Cost Charge (DCC) reserves. Staff advised that there is sufficient funds in the DCC reserves to account for current project commitments over the next two years.
- Sunriver Estates developer contributions to the project. Staff advised that there is no legal obligation for the developer to pay any funds toward the project, however, they agreed to contribute to the project by providing funds up to \$200,000 and by providing land for future works.
- Anticipated project disruptions related to contractors and materials being directed elsewhere in the province to repair essential infrastructure. Staff don't expect that the Province would be taking materials from the Island. There is pressure related to construction boom on the Southern Island and material availability could be a concern.
- Budget contingency for any other potential increase in project costs. Staff are confident that the budgeted amounts will be sufficient, but fixed costs will be unknown until the tenders are closed.
- Financial review of upcoming projects over the next year. Staff advised that once tenders start to close costs will be set. With the Capital Budget cycle being earlier in 2022, due to the local government elections, staff will be reviewing the budget in May and June and will review some of the smaller projects where the work can be completed with internal crews, to mitigate labour issues.

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board, that the 2022 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Plan be amended as shown in Appendix A.

CARRIED

7.2. Regional pH and Corrosion Study Update – Report from Regional Water Supply Commission

G. Harris introduced the report that was presented to the Regional Water Supply Commission in November. He noted that the second round of tap sampling is being completed data being analyzed. The details will be reported to the Regional Water Supply Commission in early 2022.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Applicability of the report and information to the Juan de Fuca water distribution area and public awareness information. Staff advised that the data indicates there is no risk across Juan de Fuca related to stagnant dead end pipes. Any public awareness is being done in consultation with Island Health. The CRD has posted the available Federal information as to what homeowners can do to be

aware and help mitigate lead concentrations at the tap. There has been no further direction in terms of a public campaign.

- Standard annual flushing program for dead end strata properties. Staff advised that the CRD endeavours to flush the entire system on annual basis. Strata properties, being private properties, are outside the CRD's jurisdiction and it is up to the building owners/operators to operate and maintain their systems. Island Health would advise as to what those operating and maintenance requirements would be.
- Other potential requirements or programs related to the Federal changes in 2019 that should be accounted for in upcoming programming. Staff advised the Province allowed distributors to decide how to manage their systems and that there were no changes to operating permits in terms of tap sampling. Staff anticipate a regulatory change at some point.

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

7.3. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila,
That the Summary of Recommendations be received for information.

CARRIED

7.4. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the November 29, 2021 Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

The Commission moved into closed session at 12:36 pm.

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3,
Intergovernmental Relations under Section 90 (2)(b)

CARRIED

11. RISE AND REPORT

The Commission rose from its closed session at 1:16 pm without report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the December 7, 2021 meeting be adjourned at 1:16 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY