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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, held Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Conference Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Logan (Chair); J. Rogers (V. Chair) (EP); G. Baird; M. Hicks (EP); K. Kahakauwila; E. Logins (EP); L. Szpak; R. Wade (EP)
Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Water Operations; J. Van Neikerk, Senior Manager, Customer and Technical Services; L. Westinghouse, Senior Financial Advisor; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS: None

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **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 July 5, 2022 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair stated that it is with mixed feelings he would not be running for another term on council and that this would be his last meeting with the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission. He thanked all the Commissioners he has worked with over his 23 years on the Commission for always operating in the best interest of the ratepayers and providing good quality water. He expressed his appreciation for how well the Commission operated as a collective in that each Commissioner was respectful of decisions made no matter which municipality or Electoral Area was affected. He also thanked staff for their incredible support over the years through many tough and courageous decisions that were made, and he stated that he is proud to have been part of that team.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. Water Supply Outlook [Verbal]

T. Robbins provided a verbal update on the water supply outlook going into the fall season. He noted that coming into summer there was some concern with demand related to the cool wet spring, however with the hot dry summer demand has not been impacted as initially thought.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service 2023 Capital and Operating Budget

T. Robbins provided a reminder of the budget process, noting that the process has been pushed ahead this year due to the municipal elections. He provided a summary of the staff report.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission:

- Water rate methodology and rate options study delayed until 2023 to allow the First Nations water rate model to be priority for 2022.
- Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) contributions are in response to vehicle replacement costs, adjusting for the purchase of higher-priced electric vehicles.
- There are no staffing concerns regarding projects being staffed in-house rather than contracted.
- Actions being taken by staff to avoid a budget amendment.
- Wholesale rate comparisons from elsewhere would be helpful in showing what the norm is.

MOVED by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila,
The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Capital Regional District Board:

1. Approve the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget and the Five Year Capital Plan;
2. Approve the 2023 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service retail water rate of \$2.5466 per cubic metre, adjusted if necessary, by any change in the Regional Water Supply wholesale water rate;
3. Direct staff to balance the 2022 actual operating deficit or surplus on the 2022 capital fund transfer; and
4. Direct staff to amend the Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw accordingly.

CARRIED

7.2. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

There is no recommendation, the item is for information only.

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7.3. Water Watch Report

There is no recommendation, the item is for information only.

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8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hicks noted that he will also not be putting himself forward for re-election this year and he expressed his thanks stating that it has been great working with everyone on the Commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the September 6, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 12:58 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY