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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, held Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: G. Baird; S. Donaldson; D. Grove; C. Harder; J. Rogers (12:30 pm) (EP); M. Wagner

Staff: I. Jesney, Acting General Manager; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; J. Marr, Acting Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; N. Tokgoz, Acting Manager, Water Distribution & Planning; D. Dionne (Recorder)

ABSENT: K. Pearson; A. Wickheim

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Donaldson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Grove, That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Harder, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wagner, That the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Updated the Commission on the recruitment of the General Manager for Integrated Water Services.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Advised that a response to an information request submitted by Commissioner Rogers regarding post disaster hydrant locations and educational coordination with schools will be sent out to the Commission next week.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service Capital Projects Update

J. Marr provided a summary of the report and staff responded to questions from the Commission.

Goldstream Project:

- Interruptions and access concerns of businesses
- Staff provided information on how a gas leak that occurred on Goldstream Avenue was handled by staff and the procedures used.
- Staff provided a status of project progress.

South Skirt Mountain Project:

- Communication and coordination with City of Langford staff began early in the project, regarding paving of Bear Mountain Parkway alternate roadway and coordination with regards to electrical service.
- There are no immediate development drivers that would require the diesel generator to be turned on early, the diesel generator is for emergency purposes.

Commissioner Rogers joined the meeting.

Sun River Project: No questions.

Coppermine Pump Station Upgrade:

- Reasons for upgrade are aging infrastructure and increasing capacity.
- Juan de Fuca service expansions are done for system resiliency and redundancy for the benefit of existing users. Any expansions related to development are paid for by the developer through DCCs.

Development Cost Charge (DCC) Bylaw Update:

- Discussions with the member municipalities include population projections and growth anticipation.
- Vacancy revenue lag and system maintenance. New system maintenance is typically less than on older systems, so the revenue lag isn't as bad as initially thought.
- Discussion about new industrial and commercial construction impacts.
- Discussion about population projection lag over the municipal Official Community Plans.

Asbestos Cement (AC) Watermain Replacement Program:

- Proactive coordination with member municipalities of project works for possible cost savings and minimizing disruptions.
- Installation of hardened hydrants (for post disaster resiliency) on watermain replacements where feasible.
- Replacement prioritization is considered based on risk assessment due to system reliability, leaks, age, as well as municipal concerns also considered.

East Sooke Interconnect:

- Discussion on Anderson Cove unsuccessful grant application.
- Discussion on system resiliency/redundancy.

There is no recommendation. The presentation is for information only.

7.2. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

There is no recommendation. The presentation is for information only.

7.3. Water Watch Report

I. Jesney summarized the water watch report and responded to questions from the Commission related to:

- Ability to project (predict) capacity
- Water use restrictions
- Balancing storage for peak flows and fire flows
- Process for utilizing deep water intake from the North Basin

There is no recommendation. The presentation is for information only.

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Harder, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Donaldson,
That the March 7, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 1:10 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY