

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

11:30 AM

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

MEMBERS:

G. Baird (Chair); J. Caradonna; N. Chambers; C. Coleman; Z. de Vries;
S. Duncan (EP); C. Graham; C. Green; S. Hammond (EP); K. Harper (EP);
T. Morrison; K. Pearson for D. Lajeunesse; J. Rogers; M. Westhaver (EP); A. Wickheim

STAFF:

I. Jesney, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services;
A. Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; G. Harris, Senior Manager,
Environmental Protection; J. Marr, Acting Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering;
S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; J. van Niekerk, Senior Manager,
Customer and Technical Services; T. Duthie, Manager, Administration Services;
D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator; J. Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator;
M. Risvold, Committee and Administrative Clerk

REGRETS: S. Gray; K. Guiry; K. Jordison; S. Kim; T. Phelps Bondaroff;
C. Stock (Vice Chair); M. Wagner

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner
Coleman,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1. [23-099](#) Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Regional Water Supply Commission meeting

Attachments: [Draft Minutes - January 18, 2023](#)

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Morrison,
That the Minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair had no remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 7.1. [23-106](#) 2023-2027 Regional Water Supply Service Capital Plan Update

Attachments: [Staff Report: 2023-2027 Regional Water Supply Service Capital Plan Update](#)
[Appendix A: Updated 2023-2027 RWS Service Capital Plan](#)

I. Jesney spoke to item 7.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Revenue stream
- Project expansion

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,

That The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the 2023 Regional Water Supply Service Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Plan be updated to include \$365,000 for Project 20-27 GVWSA Forest Resilience, for ecological restoration thinning trials development and implementation costs and \$365,000 in revenue from the project.

CARRIED

7.2. [23-107](#) 2022 Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Wildfire Management

Attachments: [Staff Report: 2022 GVWSA Wildfire Management](#)
[Appendix A: 2022 Wildfire Management Activity Photos](#)
[Appendix B: Wildfire Management Map](#)

A. Constabel spoke to item 7.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Fire prevention strategies that CRD Parks have in place in comparison to those of Watershed Protection
- Motorcycles being ridden in the watershed

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

7.3. [23-102](#) Water Conservation Initiative - Once-Through Cooling Project Reduced Rebates Program - Environmental Benefits

Attachments: [Staff Report: Once-Through Cooling Project Reduced Rebates Program](#)

G. Harris spoke to item 7.3.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Implications regarding energy use
- Cooling system efficiency

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

7.4. [23-091](#) Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System - July to December 2022

Attachments: [Staff Report: Water Quality Summary Report for GVDWS - July to December 2022](#)
[Appendix A: Water Quality Summary Report - GVDWS - July-December 2022](#)

G. Harris spoke to item 7.4.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Analysis for contaminants in the watershed
- Risks associated with pesticide spraying
- Water temperature concern
- Aesthetic aspects of water
- Snow pack and long-term temperature factors for fire prevention

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

7.5. [23-110](#) Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

Attachments: [Summary Of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions](#)

Staff responded to a question regarding the stormwater program.

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

7.6. [23-111](#) Water Watch Report

Attachments: [Water Watch Report](#)

I. Jesney spoke to item 7.6.

Staff responded to a question regarding issues and responsibilities.

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

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

10.1 [23-112](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Caradonna,

That the meeting be closed for appointments in accordance with Section 90 (1) (a) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The Regional Water Supply Commission moved into closed session at 12:03 pm.

11. RISE AND REPORT

The commison rose from its closed session at 12:18 pm without report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner de Vries and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Green,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:19 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY