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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAANICH PENINSULA WATER COMMISSION
Held Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 9:30 am in Meeting Room #6 at Greenglade Community Centre, 2151 Lannon Way, Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: R. Barnhart (Chair); M. Doehnel (V. Chair); S. Duncan (EP); D. Kelbert (EP); B. Fallot for C. McNeil-Smith; G. Orr (EP); M. Weisenberger; M. Williams; R. Windsor (EP)

Staff: R. Lapham, CAO; T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; G. Harris (EP), Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Water Operations; K. Vincent, Senior Financial Advisor; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder); M. Risvold, Committee Clerk

REGRETS: Z. King; M. Underwood

EP = Electronic Participation

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

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Barnhart provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Williams, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Doehnel,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Fallot, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,
That the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Saanich Peninsula Water Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Barnhart noted that today is the annual BC ShakeOut Drill at 10:21 am for earthquake preparedness awareness.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1. Water Supply Outlook [Verbal]

T. Robbins spoke to Item 6.1 noting that the record rainfall in September came earlier and heavier than anticipated and at this time there are no concerns with water supply.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. 2022 Service Planning - Water

T. Robbins spoke to Item 7.1 noting that this report will be presented to all the water commissions and to the Committee of the Whole for approval.

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams, The Saanich Peninsula Water Commission recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Community Need Summary – Water be approved as presented and form the basis of the 2022-2026 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

7.2. Saanich Peninsula Water Service – 2022 Operating and Capital Budget

T. Robbins spoke to Item 7.2. He advised that the Regional Bulk Water Rate and the agricultural water rate were approved at the Regional Water Supply Commission yesterday and that staff will undergo an agricultural water rate review early in the New Year.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- A consultant has been engaged to review the Cloak Hill reservoir capacity. The consultant and staff will consult with the District of North Saanich to work through the technical details of what is driving the demand and the potential need for additional storage.
- Demand related to poor ground preparation for landscaping irrigation. The Capital Regional District conducted workshops targeting drought tolerant landscaping and conservation irrigation in the past.

MOVED by Commissioner Doehnel, **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Fallot, The Saanich Peninsula Water Commission recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board to:

1. Approve the 2022 operating and capital budget;
2. Approve the 2022 Saanich Peninsula bulk water rate of \$1.0886 per cubic metre, and the Agricultural Research Station water rate of \$1.1238 per cubic metre, adjusted if necessary by any changes in the CRD Regional Water Supply wholesale water rate;
3. Direct staff to balance the 2021 actual revenue and expense on the transfer to capital reserve fund; and,
4. Direct staff to amend the Bulk Water Rates Bylaw accordingly.

CARRIED

7.3. Summary of Long-Term Capital Improvements and Operating Programs

I. Jesney spoke to Item 7.3.

Staff responded to a question from the Commission regarding the inclusion of evaluation of natural assets in the asset management program. The CRD Board has previously looked at the potential to review natural assets and determined that the work around natural assets is still evolving and did not proceed with valuing them at that time.

MOVED by Commissioner Williams, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water commission receives the report for information.

CARRIED

7.4. Post Disaster Water Supply Update, October 2021

S. Irg spoke to Item 7.4.

Staff will present a report in 2022 with the longer term plan which will help municipalities with planning. Staff continue to update the other water commissions and will share any further information with them as well.

Discussion ensued regarding First Nations participation on the Post Disaster Water Supply Technical Working Group.

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission direct staff to refer the Post Disaster Water Supply Technical Working Group information to the four Saanich Peninsula First Nations, being the Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tsawout and Tseycum Nations, and invite them to send a representative to participate in future meetings.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission receive the report for information.

CARRIED

7.5. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

MOVED by Commissioner Doehnel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,
That the Summary of Recommendations from other water commissions be received for information.

CARRIED

7.6. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Fallot, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,
That the October 11, 2021 Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

T. Robbins noted that municipalities have been advised by CRD Legislative Services of the terms expiring.

9. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,
That the October 21, 2021 meeting be adjourned at 10:27 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY