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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Saanich Peninsula Water Commission, held Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9:30 am, Meeting Room #6 Greenglade Community Centre, 2151 Lannon Way, Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: M. Doehnel; S. Duncan (EP); D. Halldorson (EP); W. Helgason (EP); D. Kelbert (EP); Z. King (EP); T. Lomas (EP); B. Fallot for C. McNeil-Smith; G. Orr (EP); M. Weisenberger (EP); R. Windsor (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; S. Irg (EP), Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; G. Harris (EP), Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; I. Jesney (EP), Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; M. Cowley, Manager, Wastewater Engineering & Planning; P. Kickham (EP), Manager, Environmental Regulations; J. Rilkoff (EP), Senior Financial Advisor; T. Duthie, Manager, Administration Services; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: R. Windsor

EP = Electronic Participation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The General Manager called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. He introduced and welcomed the two new Commission members, Dwayne Halldorson and Wayne Helgason and thanked outgoing Chair Ron Barnhart and Vice Chair Mike Doehnel for serving in these roles for 2021.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The General Manager provided the Acknowledgement.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission for 2022.

Commissioner Orr nominated Commissioner Kelbert. Commissioner Kelbert accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for nominations a second time.

The General Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the General Manager declared Commissioner Kelbert Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission for 2022 by acclamation.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission for 2022.

Commissioner Orr nominated Commissioner Doehnel. Commissioner Doehnel accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for nominations a second time.
The General Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the General Manager declared Commissioner Doehnel Vice Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission for 2022 by acclamation.

Commissioner Orr made the following comments:

- Thanked Commissioners Kelbert and Doehnel for stepping up to the Chair and Vice Chair roles. Noting the roles are important in the operation of these Commissions.
- There are staff and fellow Commissioner available to provide support in your roles.

D. Kelbert assumed the role of Chair.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Orr,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made the following remarks:

- He sees this Commission as a vehicle to accomplish amazing things in the community.
- He welcomed the new Commissioners stating that it is great to see new people and expertise participating.
- He would like to see the Commission go in different directions with stronger ties to the First Nations communities.
- Work on long-term infrastructure.
- Work on systems in a coordinated fashion.

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1. Weather Event Impacts [Verbal]

T. Robbins provided the following updates:

- No significant impacts to infrastructure due to heavy rains and freezing temperature.
- No damage to drainage structure in the Water Supply Area.
- Minor undermining at Main No. 4.
- Overflow at the Sidney pumpstation.

9.2. COVID-19 Update [Verbal]

T. Robbins provided the following updates:

- COVID operation measures that were in place in the first phase of COVID have been reinstated in accordance with Provincial Health Orders.
- The Capital Regional District is accommodating COVID-related circumstances.
- There has been no impact on services related to staffing levels.

9.3. Saanich Peninsula Water Commission Orientation [Presentation]

T. Robbins provided a short overview of the orientation presentation that was included in the agenda package. The material outlines the Commission's role and key initiatives:

- Infrastructure improvements
- Design work for Bear Hill interconnect
- Construction of Hamsterly pumpstation backup power generator

He advised the Commission of the 2022 meeting schedule:

- March 17
- May 19
- July 21
- September 22 budget meeting
- No meetings after September due to the 2022 local government elections.

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Fallot, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Orr,
That the verbal reports be received for information.

CARRIED

10. COMMISSION BUSINESS

10.1. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

Staff noted that this is for the Commission's information as to what decisions are being made at other water commissions.

MOVED by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the Summary of Recommendations from other Water Commissions be received for information.

CARRIED

10.2. Water Watch Report

MOVED by Commissioner Orr, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,
That the January 10, 2022 Water Watch Report be received for information.

CARRIED

10.3. Appointment of Saanich Peninsula Water Commission representative to the Water Advisory Committee

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lomas,
That the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission appoint its Vice Chair of the
Commission to the Water Advisory Committee for a one year term ending December
31, 2022.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place regarding Water Advisory Committee membership.

Staff responded to a question from Commissioner Doehnel regarding the Agriculture Water Rate Review Request for Proposals (RFP). Staff advised that it is in progress and the RFP should be released in the next couple of weeks.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the January 20, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 10:11 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY