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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION**  
**Held Thursday, March 18, 2021 in Meeting Room #6 at Greenglade Community Centre,**  
**2151 Lannon Way, Sidney BC**

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

**Staff:** T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering (EP); S. Irg, Infrastructure Water Operations (EP); M. Cowley, Manager, Wastewater Engineering & Planning; D. Dionne (recorder)

**ALSO PRESENT:** B. Barnett, Director, Engineering and Public Works, District of Central Saanich

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

**1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Barnhart provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Correspondence was added to the agenda as Item 7, moving Items 8 and 9 to 9 and 10 respectively.

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

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Orr, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Duncan,  
That the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair made no remarks.

**5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

There were no presentations or delegations.

**6. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**6.1. Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant - Rotary Press Replacement – Installation Location Options**

M. Cowley introduced the report noting that, staff reviewed placement options on where best to locate the new press and this report provides a summary of the location options.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- The expected life span of the existing equipment and that of the new equipment, both being 25 years.
- What the plans are for the space that's left after the old equipment has been removed and decommissioned. Staff are reviewing the possibility of using it for storage, as well as other possible usage options for the space.
- The potential risk of having to manage the solids processing in the future – would need to look at additional space.
- The process of dewatering the solids at the Residuals Treatment Facility at Hartland Landfill.
- The plan for disposal of the removed equipment, the contractor would review whether resale or disposal are the appropriate options.

***R. Windsor left the meeting.***

**MOVED** by Commissioner Orr, **SECONDED** by Commissioner King,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission directs staff to proceed with the installation of the replacement rotary press in the Solids Handling room.

**CARRIED**

**6.2. Established Harbours Environmental Action Services in the Region**

G. Harris introduced the report that is in response to a request from the Commission, at its November 10, 2020 meeting, asking staff to prepare a summary of outcomes from similarly established services. He stated that the Harbours Service is part of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Peninsula Councils support for the service.
- Budget for the service is included in the 2021 budget.

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

**CARRIED**

**6.3. Long-Term Biosolids Management Planning Update**

G. Harris introduced the report that outlines the Request for Expressions of Interest submissions for the investigation of long-term Biosolids management options. He noted that an external consultant was retained to assist with the technical evaluation who recommended that the Capital Regional District (CRD) pursue pilot studies at existing facilities.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions with following additional information:

- Pilots could be initiated in the third and fourth quarters of this year and staff should be able to report back to the CRD Board by the second quarter of 2022.
- There is no liability to the Commission or the peninsula municipalities related to the transporting of the Biosolids to the Residuals Treatment Facility at Hartland landfill.
- The Province of BC wants the CRD to consider land application in its review of long-term options.
- CRD will consider industrial and recreational lands for land application of Biosolids prior to agricultural use.

**MOVED** by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission continue to receive regular updates from staff on the Long-Term Biosolids Management Planning process.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Orr, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive this report for information.

**CARRIED**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commission received email correspondence on March 15, 2021 from G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection, in response to a request for information from the Commission at its July 16, 2020 meeting. The correspondence is attached to the minutes for information.

**MOVED** by Commissioner King, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,  
That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive the correspondence for information.

**CARRIED**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**