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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION
held Thursday, May 19, 2022 at immediately following the Open Meeting, Meeting Room #6
Greenglade Community Centre, 2151 Lannon Way, Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: D. Kelbert (Chair); M. Doehnel (Vice Chair); S. Duncan (EP); D. Halldorson; T. Lomas (EP); B. Fallot for C. McNeil-Smith; G. Orr; M. Weisenberger
Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Recording Secretary
Also in attendance: Wayne Helgason, Saanich Peninsula Water Commission

REGRETS: Z. King; R. Windsor

EP = Electronic Participation

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

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Orr, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Weisenberger,
That the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair provided the following remarks:

- The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board has approved new best practices for meetings. One of these new best practices is to not vote on items that are for information only.
- The Chair thanked commissioners and staff for participating in the Commission. He noted that staff go above and beyond in providing information that can at times seem like a lot but urged everyone to read the information and to never feel like we are just moving through an agenda, never leave a meeting feeling like you have something that was unsaid. We want to ensure we hear from everyone.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Residuals Treatment Facility – Update [verbal]

G. Harris provided the following updates:

- The Residuals Treatment Facility (RTF) is up and working although it has not received its formal acceptance test so is still not in compliance but is producing Class A Biosolids.
- The facility receives between 1,400 and 1,500 cubic meters of effluent each day from the McLoughlin Point wastewater treatment plant.
- Approximately 2,000 cubic meters per day of centrate is then returned to McLoughlin for treatment.
- The RTF has been consistently producing Class A Biosolids since June of 2021, treating about 10 to 11 tonnes per day.
- There has been a challenge with LaFarge Canada, which has gone through some planned and unplanned shutdowns for maintenance leading to beneficial use of biosolids at the landfill or some landfilling.
- At this time the RTF is set up to receive other municipal solids (OMS), some trial runs have been completed successfully. There have been some minor modifications and repairs to the OMS receiving bay, which still need to be completed before there can be a seamless receipt of the OMS from other facilities. There is no timeline for that. The RTF has not achieved completion by not having a successful acceptance test and signoff. Under the Project Agreement, they are not obligated to receive any OMS. There will be a financial incentive down the road for them to receive OMS. Currently there is no opportunity to take the sludge from Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant up to the RTF.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- The continued landfilling of the sludge from the Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant which is supported under the wastewater annual budget for sludge disposal. Staff are optimistic that OMS sludge will be accepted at the RTF facility sooner.
- Staff anticipate that as the RTF gets closer to completion the Province will likely seek to have the Liquid Waste Management Plan amended and expect that beneficial use will begin.
- The likelihood of the RTF not accepting OMS is low. There will be a financial incentive through the Project Agreement to receive OMS.
- Depending on whether the repairs can be completed in the next few months, there is a good chance that they will be in a good position to accept the OMS by the end of the year.

Discussion ensued and staff were requested to provide the following updates:

- Replacement of the Rotary Press. Construction and installation was complete in February, there was a six week commissioning phase, which is now complete. The Old press has been removed. There is an odour issue and there are some modifications being done to the odour capture system.
- Impact on K'enes Trucking's transportation of biosolids to LaFarge. Staff noted that the K'enes contract was initially to deal with the biosolids from the Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant but was extended to include hauling of all the screenings from CRD wastewater pumpstations and treatment plants, so the screenings are hauled twice a week from the Saanich Peninsula wastewater treatment plant.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Weisenberger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Halldorson,
That the May 19, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 9:53 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY