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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission, held Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., Sidney Community Safety Building, 2245 Oakville Ave., Sidney BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: D. Kelbert (Chair); M. Doehnel (Vice Chair); S. Duncan; D. Halldorson; C. Stock for P. Jones; Z. King (EP); C. McNeil-Smith; C. Pinches; S. Shrivastava (EP); S. Riddell for R. Windsor

Staff: I. Jesney, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Marr, Acting Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; J. Dales, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Wastewater Operations; D. Robson, Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Operations, Infrastructure Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Integrated Water Services (Recorder)

Also in attendance: W. Helgason

REGRETS:

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 10:28 am.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Acting General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Commissioner King nominated Commissioner Kelbert. Commissioner Kelbert accepted the nomination.

The Acting General Manager called for nominations a second time.

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

Hearing no further nominations, the Acting General Manager declared Commissioner Kelbert Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023 by acclamation.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Kelbert called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Chair Kelbert nominated Commissioner Doehnel. Commissioner Doehnel accepted the nomination.

Chair Kelbert called for nominations a second time.

Chair Kelbert called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Kelbert declared Commissioner Doehnel Vice Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023 by acclamation.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Duncan,
That the minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

6. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked on his beliefs for inclusivity of everyone on the Commission, good governance between the Commission and staff and how important and critical the infrastructure is.

7. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

9. COMMISSION BUSINESS

9.1. Presentation – Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission Orientation

Staff provided the presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding biosolids:

- Landfilling as controlled waste instead of being put through the Residuals Treatment Facility (RTF)
- Continued issues with Lafarge unable to receive materials from the RTF
- Unable to accept other municipal solid waste until the RTF receives functional completion
- Short-term options for beneficial use of Class A biosolids
- Storage and application of Class A biosolids issues
- The need for other alternatives and long-term planning
- Technologies and pilot projects

Commissioner Shrivastava left the meeting.

There was a discussion regarding Development Costs Charges.

Staff noted an error on Slide 15, Service Budget, the Total Wastewater Capital is \$2.77 million not \$282,000 as indicated on the slide. Staff will provide links to budget reports from September.

There is no recommendation, the presentation is for information only.

10. SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular meetings of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission shall be held on the third Thursday bi-monthly, commencing immediately following the Saanich Peninsula Water Commission, unless otherwise determined.

There are two dates that deviate from this schedule as follows:

- September 28 (instead of September 22) – Due to Union of BC Municipalities
- October 19 (special additional meeting for provisional budget review)

11. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding septic disposal from Saanich Peninsula residents.

MOVED by Commissioner Doehnel, **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Stock,
The Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission directs staff to investigate the feasibility of delivering septic pumpout from Saanich Peninsula residents directly to the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Stock,
That same day consideration of the motion be approved.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith,
That the January 19, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 11:22 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY