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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Water Advisory Committee, held Monday, September 23, 2024 at 12 pm in the Goldstream Meeting room at 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Members: K. Zimmerman (Vice Chair); M. Doehnel; A. Fernandes; K. Harper; T. Krawczyk (EP); C. Nowakowski (EP); T. Pedersen; J. Rogers; W. Scheuer; D. Timothy; M. Turner;

Staff: A. Fraser, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; Nigel Burrows, Manager, Wildfire Security & Emergency Response, Watershed Protection; Kirsti Wilson, Demand Management Coordinator, Environmental Protection; Danielle Buckle, Water Conservation Assistant, Environmental Protection; Jenn Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator, Corporate Services; D. Dionne, Manager, Business Support Services, Integrated Water Services (Recorder)

REGRETS: K. Oppen; C. Davis; A. McArdle; A. Pakvis

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by W. Scheuer, **SECONDED** by T. Pedersen,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by T. Pedersen, **SECONDED** by M. Turner,
That the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Water Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair noted that since the next scheduled meeting would be December 24, 2024 the meeting date has been moved to November 26, 2024 instead.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Strategic Plan Update**

A. Fraser provided an update highlighting some of the key feedback from the Regional Water Supply Commission that have been added since the plan was presented to this Committee:

- Updated the use of the term drinking water in both the commitments and the mission to drinkable water, to reflect the responsibility for providing water that meets the quality requirements for drinking water, but that's not how everybody uses that water.
- Added the development of a long-term resource strategy and succession planning program for the service that considers the strategic priority as well as the changing infrastructure landscape within the service.
- Added a requirement to develop a policy, parameters and requirements for the consideration of renewable energy or environmentally sustainable enterprises within the Greater Victoria watershed.
- Investigating the introduction of a framework that measures the investment in climate adaptation and mitigation versus the cost of inaction. We also incorporated more focus on how we align and how we support our climate change objectives.

The Regional Water Supply Commission will be receiving the updated draft Strategic Plan on September 25, 2024 and will be seeking approval to proceed with public consultation.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1. Presentation: Wildfire Management and 2024 Update

N. Burrows provided a presentation and staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding:

- Illegal access
- Oldman River fire
- Public reporting
- CRD fire response crew and what they respond to
- Road access
- Fire breaks
- Forest fuel removal
- Infrared camera success
- Wildfire management plan
- Post wildfire Riparian restoration

7.2. Presentation: Demand Management Program Update

K. Wilson and D. Buckle provided a presentation and staff responded to questions regarding:

- Increasing population

- Variable growth challenges
- Non-revenue and unaccounted for water loss (leaks, fire fighting, water main flushing, etc.)
- School outreach
- Smart water monitors
- ICI water use
- Water use incentives – pricing, equitable rate studies
- Include details on the outcomes of those programs.
- Peak demand water use outreach program
- Instantaneous peak demand – positive community response

Follow-up tasks:

- Agricultural Water Rates: Prepare a detailed presentation on the agricultural water rates study for the November meeting. (Water Management Team)

1:40 T. Krawczyk left the meeting

7.3. Water Advisory Committee Proposal – Agricultural Water Rates

MOVED by D. Timothy, **SECONDED** by Commissioner M. Turner,
That item 7.3 be postponed to the next Water Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

7.4. Summary of Recommendations from Regional Water Supply Commission

Received for information.

7.5. Water Watch Report

Received for information.

8. NOTICE OF EXPIRING TERMS – DECEMBER 31, 2024

The following Committee members terms are expiring on December 31, 2024. The Chair thanked those members reaching their third term for their time and commitment to the Committee. Staff advised that for those members still in their first or second term they are able to put their names forward for another term. For those ending, they would need to wait a year before reapplying.

- Kathleen Zimmerman, Agricultural [Term 1]
- Alex McCardle, Agricultural [Term 1]
- Adam Pakvis, Commercial & Industrial Water User [Term 1]
- Katie Oppen, Scientific [Term 1]
- Tayler Krawczyk, Agricultural [Term 3]
- Wilf Scheuer, Commercial / Industrial [Term 2]
- David Timothy, Fish Habitats [Term 3]

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by T. Pedersen, **SECONDED** by A. Fernandes,
That the September 23, 2024 Water Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:05 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY