

# **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

## MINUTES OF THE DRINKING WATER AND WATERSHED PROTECTION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:30 P.M. Board Chambers

In Attendance:	R. Alexander V. Craig S. McLean B. Geselbracht R. Barlak L. Cake A. Fiddick P. Jorgenson P. Lapcevic N. Leone L. Magee J. Moore H. Rueggeberg W. Shulba M. Squire	Chair Director, Area B Director, Area H Director, City of Nanaimo BC Ministry of Environment Water Purveyors (Coastal Water Suppliers Association) Environment Community Representative Forest Industry Representative BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Department of Fisheries and Oceans Island Health Cowichan Valley Regional District General Public Representative (South) Islands Trust Representative City of Nanaimo
Regrets:	O. Brandes K. Epps A. Gilchrist K. Miller B. Silenieks F. Spears B. Weir G. Wendling K. Fagervik C. Cole	Academic Community Representative (POLIS) Forest Industry Representative Academic Community Representative (VIU) Cowichan Valley Regional District City of Parksville District of Lantzville Town of Qualicum Beach Hydrogeologist Representative Ministry of Transport & Infrastructure General Public Representative (North)
Also in Attendance:	N. Clements S. De Pol L. Fegan S. Gourlay E. McCulloch J. Pisani C. Simpson M. Walters R. Graves	Island Health Regional District of Nanaimo Regional District of Nanaimo

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# CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# ADOPTION OF MINUTES

# Summary Report from Action Plan Update Structured Decision - Making Workshops July 9, 2019

It was moved and seconded that the summary report of the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee workshops held May 16 and June 20, 2019, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee Meeting - April 25, 3019

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee held April 25, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## PRESENTATIONS

## Update on Area F Official Community Plan Water Study

J. Pisani presented to the Committee. The draft report for this study is expected in December 2019, in time for consideration with the OCP engagement proposed to take place in the first few months of 2020.

#### Update on Area E Phase Three Water Budget

J. Pisani presented to the Committee. This project scope has expanded due to funds allocated from the Province to assist with aquifer mapping and characterization in Area E.

#### Update on Vancouver Island University Wetland Research

J. Pisani presented to the Committee. This research partnership is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and includes mapping, field data collection, and most recently, a proposal for long-term monitoring of key priority wetland sites in partnership with VIU as well as a wetland policy review study still underway.

## Update on Monitoring Programs

L. Fegan presented to the Committee. This included an update on the Community Watershed Monitoring Network surface water quality program, the Volunteer Observation Well Network Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory & Board Steering Committee Minutes -September 10, 2019

groundwater monitoring program and hydrometric monitoring partnerships with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

## Update on Rebates

J. Pisani presented to the Committee. Current year rebate program allocations per area were shared.

## **Update on Team WaterSmart Activities**

S. Gourlay presented to the Committee. Social media campaigns, events, irrigation checkups and workshops were reported on.

## REPORTS

# Ministry of Health's Drinking Water Officers Guide 2019: Rainwater Harvesting for Potable Use in BC

J. Pisani presented to the Committee and a roundtable discussion occurred.

## **Draft Drinking Water Watershed Protection Action Plan 2.0**

J. Pisani presented the key actions as captured in the Draft Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan to the Committee and a roundtable discussion occurred on the actions and implementation priorities.

Committee feedback will be incorporated into a revised draft Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan intended to go to the Committee of the Whole in November.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4:32 P.M.

CHAIR