

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

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

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
12:30 P.M.**

**Board Chambers (Webstreamed)**

In Attendance:	E. Tian	Chair
	S. Blackburn	Public Representative (South)
	H. Cao	City of Parksville
	A. Gilchrist	Academic Community Representative (Vancouver Island University)
	J. Doyle	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
	P. Jorgenson	Forest Industry Representative
	P. Law	General Public Representative
	W. Luedke	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
	G. Morphy	District of Lantzville
	M. Ryn	Agricultural Community Representative
	W. Shulba	Islands Trust Representative
	M. Squire	Municipal Representative (City of Nanaimo)
Regrets:	R. Barlak	Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy Representative
	A. Barroso	Hydrogeologist Representative
	L. Brooymans	Environment Community Representative
	N. Goeller	Hydrologist Representative
	S. Sowa	Island Health
	B. Weir	Municipal Representative (Town of Qualicum Beach)
	L. Cake	Water Purveyors
	N. Schneider	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Also in Attendance:	M. Walters	Regional District of Nanaimo
	J. Beaubier	Regional District of Nanaimo
	L. Fegan	Regional District of Nanaimo
	K. Fowler	Regional District of Nanaimo
	J. Pisani	Regional District of Nanaimo
	H. Tassell	Regional District of Nanaimo
	M. Tomlinson	Regional District of Nanaimo
	R. Graves	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

## **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair 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**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee meeting held May 24, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

Farewell and thank you to Julie Pisani who will be resigning from the Regional District of Nanaimo. She will be moving to a new role with the Ministry of Water Land and Resource Stewardship in January 2024.

Committee members provided updates on current issues and projects from their perspectives / organizations.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Anna Lawrance and Ariel Verhoeks, Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute, Vancouver Island University re Ecological Accounting Protocol – Project Update**

Anna Lawrence and Ariel Verhoeks, Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute, Vancouver Island University provided a presentation.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **Climate-Informed Water Supply Resilience Report**

J. Beaubier provided an updated on the Climate-Informed Water Supply Resilience Report. This was an initiative of the Regional District of Nanaimo's Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee, presented to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board on December 12, 2023. Drinking Water and Watershed Protection will lead the next steps around public communication on the report findings in 2024.

### **Regional Climate Projections Downscaling**

J. Beaubier provided an update on the Regional Climate Projections Downscaling. This work is nearing completion, led by the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium, and will be available in early 2024.

### **Rebate Program Update**

M. Tomlinson provided an update on the Rebate Program, including 2023 uptake statistics, overall rebate statistics to-date by Electoral Area and Municipality. Discussion followed on suggestions for enhanced rebate program promotion and considerations for refinements to rebate offerings.

### **Regional Rainwater Initiatives Summary from Rainwater Working Group**

J. Pisani provided an update on regional rainwater initiatives and a summary from the November 29, 2023 Rainwater Working Group meeting.

### **Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Year-In-Review / Performance Indicators**

J. Pisani provided an update on the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Year-In-Review / Performance Indicators, also presented to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board on December 12, 2023.

### **Workplan Highlights for 2024**

J. Pisani presented on the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Workplan Highlights for 2024.

### **Proposed Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2024**

J. Pisani shared the 2024 meeting dates for the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee.

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 12:30 - 3:30 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

J. Pisani wished the Committee well and thanked them, as this was her last time coordinating a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 3:24 P.M.

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CHAIR