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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee
Held Wednesday, September 11, 2013, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St.,
Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: D. Blackwell (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice-Chair), M. Alto, S. Brice, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, D. Fortin, C. Hamilton, J. Herbert (for N. Jensen), B. Isitt, V. Sanders (for F. Leonard), L. Seaton, D. Screech (for G. Hill), L. Wergeland, G. Young
Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; J. Hull, Interim Program Director, Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program (CAWTP); L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; A. Sweetnam, Program Director, CAWTP; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate Services; R. Hodder, Finance Manager, CAWTP; H. Raines, Executive Assistant, CAWTP; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Sanders,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the supplementary agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,
That item 10 of the minutes of the July 24, 2013, meeting be revised to show that Director Brownoff had already left the meeting before the vote on the final motion regarding item 8, and the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

4. Delegations

- 1) Dr. Shaun Peck re: agenda item 7: objected to statements in the staff report, expressed that the current system is effective, asked why the Marine Monitoring Advisory Group had not reviewed the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) report by WorleyParsons, spoke of copper and other chemicals of concern, stormwater discharges, the need for maintenance and repair of the Macaulay and Clover points outfalls, and the effectiveness of source control. The delegation made a written submission on file at Legislative Services.
- 2) David Langley re: agenda item 8: suggested that the Committee request that drafts of the required project implementation, management and public consultation plans be brought forward to the Committee and the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board for

early review prior to approvals by the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Commission. The delegation made a written submission on file at Legislative Services

- 3) Richard Atwell re: agenda item 5: spoke of water reclamation, membrane bioreactors, the Dockside Green development, a Canadian company with a product for water reclamation, the definition of proven technology, examples of systems used in other jurisdictions, and the December 31, 2020, federal deadline. He submitted a PowerPoint presentation on file at Legislative Services.
- 4) Beth Burton-Krahn re: agenda item 5: spoke of a distributed model, goals of the CRD Integrated Water Services to look at waste as a commodity, the 2012 CRD Strategic plan recommendations, the value of water reclamation, and expressed that water reclamation should be included in the current plan even though the regulators did not require it.
- 5) John Newcomb re: agenda item 7: objected to the limited scope of the EIS, spoke of public health impacts, shellfish closure and stormwater discharge, felt the current system is not high risk, sludge plants are dangerous, a distributed system would be more equitable and the triple bottom line process should integrate safety, hazard and danger concerns and could be addressed in an independent environmental impact assessment.
- 6) Carole Witter re: agenda item 5: spoke of a distributed system, showed pictures of the Dockside Green development with people at coffee shops and walking on pathways, and expressed that the type of system used there could make a sewage treatment facility an amenable destination. She felt the current plan meets today's regulatory requirements only, which could limit options for future generations.

5. Presentations

a) Technical and Financial Implications of a Regional Distributed Treatment System

The Committee discussed that a copy of the presentation slides had not been distributed to them nor made available to the public prior to the meeting and directed staff to develop procedures to manage presentations.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Derman,
That the presentation be postponed until the next meeting when the material of the presentation can be provided to the public agenda.

CARRIED

6. Biosolids Energy Centre Siting Process Public Consultation Final Summary Report

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Public Consultation Summary report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program – Effluent Discharge Monitoring and Modelling Stage 2 EIS Results

L. Hutcheson spoke to the report. There are some adjustments to the Marine Monitoring program as a result of the study. The Committee discussed the report and comments received from delegations. G. Harris provided clarification. The discussion included the following topics:

- A regional source control program is in place
- The EIS was written to meet provincial requirements for the proposed outfall under the BC Municipal Wastewater Regulation of the *Environmental Management Act*
- Toxicology, dilution zone, and provincial regulations
- Scientific language in the staff report and wording related to risk reduction
- Management plan under development with First Nations in response to predicted effects on shellfish harvesting under conditions exceeding ordinary flows
- Long term projections for freshwater demand and supply in the Capital Regional District
- Potential for obtaining First Nations viewpoint at Committee meetings
- The defined scope of the EIS completed by WorleyParsons and its conclusions of reduced risk

The Committee requested that in future, staff provide some definitions when presenting to the Committee very technical reports to the regulators

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That it be recommended to the Board:

- 1) That the McLoughlin Point Stage 2 Environmental Impact Study results be received for information; and
- 2) That staff be directed to forward the *CRD Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Stage 2 Environmental Impact Study* by WorleyParsons to the Ministry of Environment.

CARRIED

8. Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program and Budget Update

Chair Blackwell introduced to the Committee the new Project Director for the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program, A. Sweetnam.

D. Lokken spoke to the report and addressed items in the budget portion. The Committee discussed the following topics:

- Commitments to consultants shown on Schedule A2
- Under the guidance of the new Project Director, the CAWTP project implementation, management and public consultation plans will be brought forward to the Committee

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. New Business: There was no new business.

10. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4,
Division 3, Section 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or
improvements, if the regional district considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected
to harm the interests of the municipality; and (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is
such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 11:00 am
The Committee rose from the closed session at 12:30 pm without report.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 pm

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER