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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Water Advisory Committee, held Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Members: K. Oppen (Chair); K. Zimmerman (Vice Chair)(EP); M. Doehnel; A. Fernandes (EP); K. Harper; T. Krawczyk (EP); A. McArdle; A. Pakvis (EP); T. Pedersen; J. Rogers; W. Scheuer; M. Turner;
Staff: A. Fraser, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; S Irg, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Water Operations; Annette Constabel, Senior Manager, Watershed Protection; Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; Jason Dales, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Wastewater Operations; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; Shayne Irg, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Water Operations; D. Dionne, Integrated Water Services (Recorder); Mikayla Risvold, Committee & Administrative Clerk
Also in attendance: Gord Baird, Chair, Regional Water Supply Commission; Joanna Winter, Strategic Plan Review Workshop Facilitator

REGRETS: C. Davis; C. Nowakowski; D. Timothy

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by M. Doehnel, **SECONDED** by A. McArdel,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by T. Pedersen, **SECONDED** by W. Scheuer,
That the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Water Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair referred to her email for the structure of today's meeting. There will be a presentation and a high-level discussion and feedback session today with more detailed feedback to be gathered further on in the process.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

6. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

A. Fraser introduced staff in the room who are present to support the strategic planning process.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1. Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan [Presentation]

A. Fraser introduced Joanne Winter, who facilitated the workshop portion of the meeting.

Throughout the presentation feedback was gathered from the Committee and is attached to the minutes as Appendix A.

Next steps, staff will incorporate the Water Advisory Committee's feedback and refine the Strategic Plan Actions. There will be a similar workshop seeking feedback from the Regional Water Supply Commission on July 17, 2024. Once guidance from the Commission has been received, the Strategic Plan will go out for public engagement. Once engagement has completed the Plan will be brought back for final approval.

MOVED by A. McArdle, **SECONDED** by W. Scheuer,
The Water Advisory Committee recommends to the Regional Water Supply Commission the endorsement of the draft 2025 Strategic Plan for the Greater Victoria Water Supply System, as amended by the feedback received during the Water Advisory Committee meeting of May 28, 2024.

CARRIED

7.2. Water Advisory Committee Proposal – Agricultural Water Rates

Water Advisory Committee members prepared a summary of comments related to the Agricultural Water Rate Study which contains several recommendations, including not proceeding with a change to the agricultural water rate. Staff noted that the Committee could request that the Regional Water Supply Commission put the study on hold until further review by the Committee.

MOVED by W. Scheuer, **SECONDED** by T. Pedersen,
The Water Advisory Committee recommends to the Regional Water Supply Commission that the Agricultural Water Rate Study be paused until further review by the Water Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

7.3. Summary of Recommendations from Regional Water Supply Commission

Received for information.

7.4. Water Watch Report

Received for information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Turner, **SECONDED** by J. Rogers,
That the May 28, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 2:27 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY