

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Water Management Advisory Committee held on April 10, 2019 in the Comox Valley Regional District boardroom located at 550B Comox Road, Courtenay, BC, commencing at 1:35 pm

<b>PRESENT:</b>	T. Kushner, Director of Public Works Services	City of Courtenay
	R. O'Grady, Director of Engineering	City of Courtenay
	C. Davidson, Manager of Engineering Projects	City of Courtenay
	C. Perry, Public Works Superintendent	Town of Comox
	S. Ashfield, Municipal Engineer	Town of Comox
	M. Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services	CVRD
	K. La Rose, Manager of Water/Wastewater Services	CVRD
	M. Herschmiller, Manager of Water Services	CVRD
	C. Gore, Manager of Capital Projects	CVRD
	Z. Berkey, Engineering Analyst	CVRD
	L. Fraser, External Relations Consultant	CVRD
	L. Dennis, Legislative Services Assistant & Recording Secretary	CVRD

## **ITEMS:**

### **Management report**

The committee reviewed the April 2019 Comox Valley Water Management Advisory Committee management report.

### **Verbal Update - Water Treatment Project**

C Gore, provided a verbal update on the water treatment project. Staff met with all three proponents last week and continue to refine the scope of the project. The final addendum will be issued in two weeks with proposals to come forward mid-May. The proposals will go through a financial and technical compliance review, then through the evaluation process. The proponent will be selected in June with the contract awarded in July. The project should be ready to start immediately as the timing of the contract award is important for permits, tree clearing, etc. The facility is scheduled to be in operation by 2021.

### **Verbal Update - Stage 4 Water Restrictions**

M. Herschmiller provided an update. Stage 4 water restrictions set to begin on Friday, April 12, 2019. Knappett will make the first cuts to the main on Saturday. The valves are en-route from Illinois and will arrive in Courtenay imminently. The welding team will begin its work on Sunday. The CVRD communications team is posting notices and are responding online and on a dedicated phone line.

### **Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Water Management Advisory Committee and no errors or omissions were noted.

### **Draft staff report: Management Plan for Comox Lake Acquisition**

K. La Rose provided an overview of the above-noted staff report regarding an update on the management of a 113-acre parcel of land at the east end of Comox Lake purchased by the CVRD for watershed protection purposes. The site is challenging due to its history of coal mine operations and has since become a popular area for unauthorized campers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorized vehicles. The CVRD will retain, through direct contract, Catherine Berris of Urban Systems Ltd to

guide the process of developing a management plan in order to have a plan in place by 2020. Engineering staff are consulting with parks staff to develop some signage that can be installed this year. The committee suggested that the signage include a contact number for reporting violations.

While the intention of the management plan is to impose restrictions on the site, particularly regarding motorized vehicles, fires and camping, the committee debated whether the goal of the plan should be to develop a completely restricted site or if there could be some limited public use. Ms. Berris will meet with the advisory committee and Water Committee to gather input and to start building the constraints of the plan.

**Comox Valley water supply system consumption report**

The committee reviewed the water supply consumption report to February 28, 2019.

**DCC report to December 31, 2018**

The committee reviewed the DCC report to December 31, 2018.

**GENERAL:**

The next Water Management Advisory Committee meeting will be held on May 2, 2019 commencing at 9:00 am in the Comox Valley Regional District boardroom.

**TERMINATION:**

The meeting terminated at 2:20 pm.

Recorded by:

Certified correct:

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L. Dennis  
Legislative Services Assistant

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M. Rutten, P. Eng.  
General Manager of Engineering Services