

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Water Management Advisory Committee held on May 2, 2019 in the Comox Valley Regional District boardroom located at 550B Comox Road, Courtenay, BC, commencing at 10:09 am

PRESENT:	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
	R. Kanigan, Chief Administrative Officer	Town of Comox
	C. Perry, Public Works Superintendent	Town of Comox
	S. Ashfield, Municipal Engineer	Town of Comox
	R. Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer	CVRD
	M. Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services	CVRD
	K. La Rose, Manager of Water/Wastewater Services	CVRD
	M. Herschmiller, Manager of Water Services	CVRD
	M. Imrie, Manager of Wastewater Services	CVRD
	C. Gore, Manager of Capital Projects	CVRD
	Z. Berkey, Engineering Analyst	CVRD
	Z. Norcross Nu’u, Engineering Analyst	CVRD
	J. Warren, General Manager of Corporate Services	CVRD
	C. Wile, Manager of External Relations	CVRD
	A. Baldwin, Legislative Services Assistant & Recording Secretary	CVRD

ITEMS:

Management report

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

Puntledge River Water Main Repair Update

M. Herschmiller provided an update on the water main repair. Following the initial repair, leak testing revealed that 5 liters of water per second was still leaking from the pipe. Five pin holes were found by CanWest divers in the river section of the pipe and were repaired. A subsequent pressure test revealed no loss of pressure. Valves are now in place to isolate the river section and infrastructure has been added to accommodate future leak monitoring.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the April 10, 2019 Water Management Advisory Committee meeting and no errors or omissions were noted.

Draft staff Report: Referral of Development Permit Applications for Lands Adjacent to Comox Lake

Z. Norcross Nu’u provided an overview of the above-noted draft staff report. No questions or concerns were raised. The staff report will go forward to the May 14th Water Committee with the recommendation to request the Village of Cumberland to consider referring temporary use permit, official community plan amendment and rezoning applications within the Comox Lake watershed to the Comox Valley Water Advisory Committee, Comox Valley Water Committee and the Watershed Advisory Group.

Letter dated March 18th, 2019 from Cumberland Community Forest Society (CCFS) For Discussion purposes.

M. Rutten provided background information regarding the above-noted letter. CCFS is planning to present this letter to the Water Committee at their May 14th meeting (Note – follow up with CCFS after the advisory meeting revealed that they would instead present at the June Water Committee meeting). It was confirmed that, although CCFS is focused on conservation/ecology, they plan to make the land available for low impact recreational activities. The committee discussed whether, or not, it would be prudent to commit funds towards the purchase of the land in question at this stage. Other options may arise through the MNAI process or the Proper Functioning Condition assessment currently underway. Also, the possible impact, financial or otherwise, of current projects, including the water treatment plant, should be determined prior to committing funds.

As the land is currently for sale and since a significant portion of the funds has been raised by CCFS, it was suggested that it may be beneficial to contribute towards the purchase of the land, considering that Perseverance Creek was identified as a priority in terms of water quality through the MNAI process. There is also a strong likelihood that portions of the land will be logged, which would increase soil erosion adjacent to Perseverance Creek.

R. Dyson left the meeting at 10:42 am.

Water Consumption Report

The committee reviewed the water consumption report. CVRD staff will provide an analysis on the impact of stage 4 water restrictions.

Comox Valley Water Treatment Project Update Newsletter

C. Wiles provided an overview on the water treatment project newsletter which will be posted to the CVRD website, shared on social media and distributed via direct email to other stakeholders.

Utilities Governance Update

Further to the earlier discussion at the Sewage Management Advisory Committee, it was noted that the staff report will include an attachment to describe the MBA section relating to KFN's future decision making role in the management of regional water resources.

GENERAL:

The next Water Management Advisory Committee meeting will be held on May 30, 2019 commencing at 9:00 am in the Comox Valley Regional District boardroom.

TERMINATION:

The meeting terminated at 10:46 am

Recorded by:

Certified correct:

A. Baldwin
Legislative Services Assistant

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