

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Water Management Advisory Committee held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 via Zoom conference commencing at 9:03 am

PRESENT:

G. Garbutt, Chief Administrative Officer	City of Courtenay
C. Davidson, Director of Engineering Services	City of Courtenay
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations	Town of Comox
C. Perry, Public Works Superintendent	Town of Comox
K. La Rose, Senior Manager of Water/Wastewater Services	CVRD
C. Gore, Manager of Capital Projects	CVRD
M. Herschmiller, Manager of Water Services	CVRD
J. Boguski, Branch Assistant – Engineering Services/Recording Secretary	CVRD

ITEMS:

Management Report

The committee reviewed the May 2021 Comox Valley Water Management Advisory Committee management report and staff provided updates. The water service south extension project will be added to the report.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2021 Water Management Advisory Committee and no errors or omissions were noted.

Draft Staff Report: Comox Valley Water System Water Efficiency Plan – 2021

Kris La Rose provided an overview of the staff report.

Advisory comments:

There were no comments or questions from the advisory committee.

Draft Staff Report: Water Metering in the Comox Valley Water System

Kris La Rose provided an overview of the staff report which was requested by the Water Committee to be developed for information purposes.

Advisory comments:

There were no comments or questions from the advisory committee.

Draft Staff Report: Lower Perseverance Creek Memorandum of Understanding

Kris La Rose provided an overview of the staff report. Which outlines the MOU between stakeholders of the Perseverance Creek watershed area to support acquisition negotiations with the owner of lands in the lower reaches of Perseverance Creek.

Advisory comments:

Why was this not flagged in July of last year when looking at the land that was already negotiated?

There was an effort to balance the need and cost at the time and it was not anticipated that the land owner would proceed with logging the area (approximately 20ha).

How much land did we purchase and contribute to last year?

About 90ha for which the CVRD contributed \$750,000 towards the total cost of 2.1 million. The new parcel being considered for acquisition is approximately 18ha.

Draft Staff Report: Comox Valley Water System Hyprescon Watermain Leak Repair Close-out

Mike Herschmiller provided an overview of the staff report. This report is more comprehensive than other updates now that the final invoicing has been received. Part of the project was to secure equipment, supplies and infrastructure to have on hand for future leaks. It is likely that there will be a standing budget item on future financial plans for watermain leak repairs.

Advisory comments:

There were no comments or questions from the advisory committee.

Discussion Item: Comox Valley Water Treatment Project Update

Charlie Gore provided an update on the Comox Valley Water Treatment Project which will have a staff report and presentation developed for the Water Committee meeting. June 23rd we will flow water from the new intake through to the distribution system which may result in cooler water temperatures reaching homes and businesses. A media release will be developed for this work schedule. Filtering the water will begin in mid-July and the plant should be fully commissioned by mid-August.

Geoff Garbutt entered the meeting at 9:32am

Advisory comments:

The media release should note that it may be several days after June 23rd for residents to notice any effects from using the new intake as the water moves through the distribution system

Comox Valley Water Supply System Consumption Report

The committee reviewed the March and April 2021 water supply consumption report. Water meter at Dingwall Pump Station was replaced May 1st, which will get us back on track for metering. April consumption has gone up a little which likely is caused by flushing being done in Comox and Courtenay. The existing chlorination station will have new mag meters put in place. There were no comments or questions from the advisory committee.

Development Cost Charges and Capital Improvement Cost Charges Revenue at April 22, 2021

The committee reviewed the Development Cost Charges and Capital Improvement Cost Charges Revenue at April 22, 2021. The high DCC contributions for this year will allow for less borrowing towards the Comox Valley Sewer Conveyance Project.

Municipal Service/Project Updates

Comox is finishing flushing their water mains this week. No updates from Courtenay.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

GENERAL:

The next Water Management Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 commencing at 9:00 am via Zoom Conference.

TERMINATION:

The meeting terminated at 9:41 am.

Recorded by:

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