



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DRINKING WATER AND WATERSHED PROTECTION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 23 2015 AT 12:30 PM**

Present:

Mike Donnelly, CHAIR	Manager, Water & Utility Services, RDN
Neil Goeller	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Faye Smith	Environment Community Representative
Chris Cole	Forest Industry Representative, TimberWest
Kate Miller	Manager, Environmental Initiatives, CVRD
Leon Cake	Water Purveyors' Representative
Bob Weir	Director of Engineering, Town of Qualicum Beach
Ken Epps.....	Forest Industry Representative, Island Timberlands
Fred Spears.....	Director of Public Works, District of Lantzville
Peter Law	General Public Representative (North)
Heather Florence	Island Health
Mike Squire	City of Parksville / Program Manager, Arrowsmith Water Service

Regrets:

Pat Lapcevic.....	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Bill Sims.....	Manager, Water Resources, City of Nanaimo
Gilles Wendling	General Public Representative (South)
Kirsten Fagervik	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
David Vincent	Hydrologist Representative (Northwest Hydraulic Consultants)
Deb Epps	Registered Professional Biologist Representative
Oliver Brandes.....	Academic Community Representative
Lynne Magee.....	Island Health
Aleksandra Brzozowski.....	Planner, Islands Trust

Also In attendance:

Julie Pisani	Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Coordinator, RDN
Lauren Fegan.....	Special Projects Assistant, RDN
Deanna McGillivray	Special Projects Assistant, RDN
Randy Alexander	General Manager, Regional & Community Utilities, RDN

CALL TO ORDER

M. Donnelly called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

MINUTES

MOVED Ken Epps, SECONDED Fred Spears, that the minutes from the regular meeting of the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Advisory Committee held April 14, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Stanhope welcomed the committee and offered thanks for the dedication and efforts of all members, who serve to guide the implementation of the important work under the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program Action Plan.

The committee received, for information, an email correspondence of July 22, 2015 intended for the committee from Mr. Laurie Gourlay of the Vancouver Island and Coast Conservation Society, re: Water & Watershed Initiatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Updates were given from City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, District of Lantzville and Regional District of Nanaimo on drought response and watering restrictions.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

N. Goeller provided a brief verbal update from the Province on drought response measures including agricultural water conservation and drought monitoring in streams of interest.

H. Florence indicated that there is a recent survey for water purveyors put together by Island Health re: water supply security and supporting neighbouring communities.

P. Law brought comments forward regarding the drought response on behalf of residents of RDN area north. Good support for the Level 4 Restrictions, concern with some land development and potential impacts.

PRESENTATIONS

J. Pisani provided a visual walk-thru of the new DWWP web interface that is map-based and structured by water region, which is currently under development. Launch is targeted for September and committee members will be sent the link of the website for review and comment, prior.

L. Fegan gave a brief presentation on the State of our Streams publication, which will be mailed out in September as a user-friendly report on the Community Watershed Monitoring Network, profiling creeks and streams of interest, based on the past three years of water quality sampling.

J. Pisani presented a brief update on Nanoose Water Monitoring in the Parker Road area.

VERBAL REPORTS

J. Pisani gave an update on the Regional Hydrometric & Climate Monitoring Scoping Study – actions taken to date to implement priority monitoring sites at Mt. Arrowsmith and in Nanoose.

D. McGillivray updated the committee on the BC Water Use Reporting Centre and the latest implementation of this tool with smaller water purveyors in our region, the improvement districts and Epcor.

L. Fegan spoke briefly about the continuing work of the Community Watershed Monitoring Network, whose sampling of water quality commences for 2015 on August 4th.

FEEDBACK ACTIVITY

Committee members were given sticky notes to provide ideas on two topics: 1) VIU Student Research Partnerships and 2) New projects for 2016. The results of this exercise will be compiled to assist DWWP staff in work planning.

ADDENDUM

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Mike Donnelly, Chair