

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 5, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM.

PRESENT:

(Voting Members)	Chair	S. Thurber
	Vice-Chair	D. McCreath
		D. Marteinson
		T. Beck
		M. Hennessy
		T. Adams
		J. Bowen

ALSO PRESENT:

	Director, Area D	A. Tize
	Director, Area F	M. Hiltz
	Director, Area A	L. Lee
(Non-voting)	GM, Infrastructure Services	R. Rosenboom
	Water Sustainability Coordinator	R. Shay
	Manager, Capital Projects	S. Misiurak (part)
	Administrative Assistant/Recorder	T. Ohlson
	Public	5

Directors, staff, and other attendees present for the meeting participated by means of electronic or other communication facilities in accordance with Sunshine Coast Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw 717.

CALL TO ORDER 3:31 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as amended to include the following item of New Business:

- Update on Groundwater Investigation

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Soren Poschmann and Sarah Barbosa of ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. addressed the Committee regarding Eastbourne Water System Upgrades – Feasibility Study.

Discussion included the following:

- *Importance of increased supply as well as water conservation efforts*
- *Calculation of average daily water demand and the impact of seasonal residents on statistics*
- *Supply being limiting factor of the Eastbourne Water System*
- *Importance of redundancy and backup well*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Committee Chair, Shanti Thurber initiated the conversation with the Water Supply Advisory Committee on the following:

Public Input

Discussion included the following:

- *Purpose of public engagement*
- *Roles and responsibilities regarding public engagement*
- *Belief that there is a need for public input now*

Recommendation No. 1 *Public Input*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the WASAC be permitted to gather information from the people of the Sunshine Coast and then decide which platform to use to solicit this information.

Public Education

Discussion included the following:

- *Education needs to include the importance of conservation alongside increasing supply*

Groundwater Exploration Working Group

Discussion included the following:

- *Determination that separate working group not necessary*
- *New Standing Item for future WASAC Agendas:*
 - *Update on current water supply projects*

Recommendation No. 2 *Aquifers and Groundwater Sources*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that staff invite Consultants to provide a technical presentation in summary form to WASAC on the background and update on aquifers and groundwater sources on the Sunshine Coast.

Meters and Leaks

The Water Supply Advisory Committee moved this item to the next meeting.

REPORTS

Recommendation No. 3 *List of Water Resources*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled List of Water Resources be received.

COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation No. 4 *Correspondence Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the correspondence from the Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce dated August 14, 2020 regarding the leak detection in SCRD watermains be received.

Discussion included the following:

- *Cost benefit analysis*
- *Update on field testing of leak detection equipment*
- *Staff advised a response letter would be prepared*

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Groundwater Investigation

The General Manager, Infrastructure Services provided the Committee with an update on the Groundwater Investigation which included:

- *Drilling in Maryanne Park completed and water found*
- *Drilling in Langdale, Gray Creek area, and DL 1312 area have yet to occur and includes negotiations with landowners*

Topics for Next Meeting Discussion

- Meters and leaks, public education and groundwater investigation

NEXT MEETING November 2, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 5:34 p.m.