

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

July 12, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:	Chair	S. Thurber
	Vice-Chair	D. McCreath
		D. Marteinson
		A. Skelley
		M. Hennessy
ALSO PRESENT:		
	Director, Area F	M. Hiltz
	Director Area D	A. Tize
	Town of Gibsons	B. Beamish
(Non-voting)	GM, Infrastructure Services	R. Rosenboom
	Manager, Strategic Initiatives	M. Edbrooke
	Water Sustainability Coordinator	J. Callaghan
	Water Sustainability Technician	G. Starsage
	Administrative Assistant/Recorder	T. Ohlson
	Public	5
REGRETS:		B. Fielding
		T. Beck
		T. Silvey

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 3:40 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *Water Supply Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of
June 7, 2021*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the Water Supply Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 7, 2021 be received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESSPublication of Water Data

The Committee discussed various opportunities and benefits of sharing water leak and water usage data with Sunshine Coast residents.

Discussion included the following:

- Providing the community with leak data, including the number of leaks detected and the quantity of water saved by fixing leak
- Use of local newspaper to share leak data (SCRD Weekly Bulletin)
- Increasing transparency on total SCRDR drinking water used on the Sunshine Coast
- Providing the community with the amount of water produced and supplied to residents based on water distribution through water treatment plants

REPORTS

The Manager, Strategic Initiatives provided the Committee with the results and next steps of the Alternative Approval Process for Phase 3 of the water meter installations project.

The Manager, Strategic Initiatives provided the Committee with an update on Water Public Participation.

Discussion included the following:

- Let's Talk Water pages finalized – promoted widely
- Phase 1 of Communication Plan complete
- Phase 2 of Communications plan will involve initiating an update to Bylaw 422 and various SCRDR Policy proposals to be brought forward to SCRDR Board in fall 2021
- Policy proposals to be brought forward to public early next year
- Initiate the update and consider the incorporation of water conservation in Water Supply Plans
- Publicizing percentage of leaks fixed as a result of leak letters
- Discussion of behavioural changes that occur when water use data is shared
- Work underway to make all water use data available to all SCRDR water customers
- Potential for usage based billing
- Let's Talk SCRDR tool for providing information about public participation
- Clarification on calculation for average water use in BC (provided by Statistics Canada)

The General Manager, Infrastructure Services provided the Committee with an update on Water Supply projects which included the Langdale Well Field development and the Church Road Well Field.

Discussion included the following:

- Collaboration with Squamish Nation, Town of Gibsons and Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development on the Church Road Well Field project
- Update to Regional Water Supply Plan and analysis to determine future options for additional water supply

The Manager, Strategic Initiatives discussed Water Supply Advisory Committee (WASAC) membership with the Committee.

Discussion included the following:

- Recruitment of new members
- Use of the 'Let's Talk' platform for recruitment
- Application process, representation and Board appointment of members

NEW BUSINESS

BC Timber Sales (BTS) and Sunshine Coast Community Forest 5-Year Operating Plans

Committee members discussed WASAC involvement in opposition to the 5-year plans due to the impact on SCRD drinking water.

Discussion included the following:

- Impacts of proposed cut blocks on water quantity and quality
- Proposed cut blocks in Chapman Creek, Gray Creek and Gibsons
- Water source protection
- New standing WASAC agenda item – Long-term integrity of water sources

NEXT MEETING September 13, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 4:54 p.m.