

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

May 3, 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
		T. Beck
		T. Adams
ALSO PRESENT:		
	Director, Area F	M. Hiltz
	Director Area D	A. Tize
	Sechelt Indian Government District	A. Paul (part)
	Town of Gibsons	B. Beamish (part)
(Non-voting)	GM, Infrastructure Services	R. Rosenboom
	Manager, Strategic Initiatives	M. Edbrooke
	Water Sustainability Coordinator	J. Callaghan
	Administrative Assistant/Recorder	T. Ohlson
	Public	2
REGRETS:		J. Bowen
		T. Silvey
		B. Fielding

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 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *Water Supply Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the Water Supply Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 12, 2021 be received for information.

REPORTS

Recommendation No. 2 *WASAC's Water Supply Planning Questions - Update*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled WASAC's Water Supply Planning Questions - Update be received for information.

Discussion included the following:

- Total water demand of Chapman Creek Water System

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

Discussion included the following:

- Lease land for Langdale well field development
- Gray Creek water licence amendment for additional infrastructure

Water Metering

- Data that water meters provide is valuable
- What is the value of a million m³ saved through the water meter program per year? How much money is needed to replace that water with wells or additional sources?
- Meters are essential part of long-term water planning
- Importance of public education on water metering prior to Alternative Approval Process
- 9% of residential customers using 38% of metered water supply
- Focus on high users in an effort to reduce excessive water use and fix water leaks is biggest and cheapest water source solution
- Pay-per-use water rate structure

Recommendation No. 3 *Water Metering*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that staff prepare a report as soon as possible and in support of the Alternative Approval Process on Water Metering that provides a best estimate of the costs of anticipated excessive use and water leakage of the entire SCR D water system;

AND THAT the report include the additional costs for supply, treatment and distribution of increasing the water supply vs water management and water conservation through the water metering program;

AND FURTHER THAT the intent of the staff report is to support the Alternative Approval Process on Water Metering through public education.

Recommendation No. 4 *Water Meter Data*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the SCR D Board initiate the discussion now on their approach to how to use water metering data to reduce water leakage and excessive water use.

The Manager, Strategic Initiatives discussed Water Public Participation Activities which included the April 26, 2021 Let's Talk Water event, the Let's Talk SCRD website and the format for the proposed May 26 Let's Talk Water event on the water metering program.

- Analysis report focus for May event
- Presentation with Q & A style
- 7:00 pm time
- Value of facilitated breakout rooms with themes discussed
- Advertising in Coast Reporter and online ads

The Manager, Strategic Initiatives discussed recording of WASAC meetings for members with the Committee.

Discussion included the following:

- Recordings would be public record and posted online
- Concerns raised about limiting open discussion if meetings are recorded
- Recording were initially requested for the use of Committee members, for example if they missed a meeting, not for the public record
- At this point, the Committee has decided not to request that meetings be recorded

Future Meeting Topics

- Analysis Report
- Leak Detection Program

NEXT MEETING June 7, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 5:28 p.m.