

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

March 6, 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM AND STREAMED IN THE CEDAR ROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC.

PRESENT:	Chair	V. Macfarlane
	Vice-Chair	J. Bell
	Members	B. Fielding S. Fitchell K. Freemantle M. Hennessy S. Leech G. Moore B. Thicke L. Chivers

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-voting)	Manager, Strategic Initiatives	M. Edbrooke
	Strategic Planning Coordinator/Recorder	S. Rempel
	Project Assistant	G. Lawrie
	Director, Area A	L. Lee
	Director, Area D	K. Backs
	Director, Area E	D. McMahon
	Director, Area F	K. Stamford
	Director, Sechelt	J. Henderson (in part)
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CALL TO ORDER 3:36 p.m.

AGENDA An additional item to determine the location of the next WASAC meeting was added to the agenda. The agenda was adopted as amended.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *Water Supply Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023.*

The Water Supply Advisory Committee recommended that the Water Supply Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 9, 2023, be received.

REPORTS

Manager, Strategic Initiatives, presented the report titled “Draft SCRD Water Strategy” for information and discussion.

Discussion included the following:

- Request for clarification on topics such as “Water Service Areas”, “Water Systems”
- Overall framework and layout of the Water Strategy and subsequent Action Plans
- How the Water Strategy considers ongoing projects and feasibility studies
 - WASAC was interested in receiving a presentation regarding the Water System Modelling work at future meeting
- Request for more quantifiable actions, listing actions in order of priority, target start dates for projects where possible. Some members saw all actions as a priority and thought this increased detail belonged in the subsequent Action Plans.
- WASAC saw the plan as a useful tool for the Board, SCRD Staff, and for interested members of the Public as it shows the complex and integrated approach to water management being taken.
- WASAC did not think another large engagement period is necessary, as the feedback from the public will likely be aligned to what staff heard in 2022. Staff suggested combining multiple SCRD projects and initiatives into a small number of open houses to provide opportunity for engagement, while being aware of staff capacity.
- WASAC suggested involving community groups or attending community group events, putting posters and information up at BC Ferries terminals and on BC Ferries.
- Staff will integrate feedback received from WASAC into the draft Water Strategy, and requested any written feedback be received by March 31st. Staff will continue to consider feedback until the Board makes a decision on the Water Strategy.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed whether to continue alternating WASAC meetings in person, then on zoom. Members agreed to meet in person. The next meeting will be held in person.

Committee members also discussed the province’s announcement of a \$100 million investment in healthy watersheds and noted the British Columbia Watershed Security Strategy has opened a survey for public input on watershed planning in the province, WASAC encouraged to participate.

NEXT MEETING

May 1, 2023, 3:30 p.m. in person at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt

ADJOURNMENT

5:20 p.m.