

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, ON THURSDAY, 2008-MAY-01,
COMMENCING AT 11:45 A.M.

PRESENT: Councillor L. D. McNabb, Chair

Members: M. Macdonald, S.W. Extension

Council: Councillor J. Cameron
Councillor L. Sherry

Staff: T. Hickey
B. Sims
B. Clemens
A. Kenning
J. Berry
S. Perkins

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Water Supply Advisory Committee held on 2007-Nov-21 in the Board Room at 12:00 noon.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

2. REPORTS:

- (a) Water Supply Projects Update

Conceptual engineering work on the Water Treatment Plant is now complete. The next stages in this project include property acquisition, refinement of budgeting and project timelines, consultant selection to undertake preliminary design and pilot testing, and preparation of grant applications to senior government. Estimated costs for the Water Treatment Plant range up to \$67 million. The cost of new covered storage at Reservoir No. 1 is estimated at \$7.25 million.

Construction, testing and commissioning of the Labieux Booster Station is now complete, on time and budget. The station is ready for operation. The booster station will help increase flows to the north end of the City, during periods of high summer demand. In the near future, the Water Supply Advisory Committee will conduct an official start-up ceremony, involving the media and invited guests, including Mayor and Council.

Property acquisition of the ten acre site that will house the South Nanaimo Reservoirs is now complete. Island Timberlands (original owners) is proceeding to log the property. Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd. will proceed with site investigation and survey shortly. Construction is expected to begin late fall. The logging has prompted a number of calls from residents; staff will send out a letter to affected residents in Extension explaining the project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Water Supply Advisory Committee receive this report for information.

It was moved and seconded that this report be received. The motion carried unanimously.

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair directed staff to arrange a tour of the City's watershed later this spring for Snuneymuxw First Nations Chief and Council and City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council.

4. NEXT MEETING:

At the call of the Chair.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 11:55 a.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.


CHAIR