



Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority

Adopted Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, October 10, 2014
Location: School District 64 Boardroom
112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island

Members Present: George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee
Shannon Cowan, Coordinator
Lorrie Hunt, Fernwood Water District Commissioner
Wayne McIntyre, Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District (CRD) Director
Meghan McKee, North Salt Spring Waterworks District Water Quality Specialist
Jeff Thompson, North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) Trustee

Members Regrets: Deb Epps, Ministry of Environment, Section Head, Environmental Quality
Erwin Dyck, Vancouver Island Health Authority Supervisor of Health Protection
Dale Green, Capital Regional District, Integrated Watershed Management Program

Technical Advisory Committee Liaison: Don Hodgins (TAC Chair)

Staff Present: Leah Hartley, Regional Planning Manager (RPM) (via Skype)
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

Media and Others Present: Gulf Islands Driftwood Reporter
John Borst, member of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
Maxine Leichter, member of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
5 members of the public

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:
addition of Item 8.1 PAC Orientation Package and
addition of Item 8.2 Workplan Revision.

By general consent the agenda was approved, as amended.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes of the September 19, 2014 SSI Watershed Protection Authority Regular Meeting

By general consent the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority minutes of September 19, 2014 were adopted.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams reported he has been working with staff and the coordinator regarding the Structured Decision Making Process and a topic that will be reported in the Rise and Report section of the meeting.

4.2 St. Mary Lake Water Quality Update

Meghan McKee reported on the latest test results of St. Mary Lake. The thermocline depth is approximately ten metres. Fish activity was very low during the summer due to low levels of oxygen and conditions remain stressful for cold-water species such as trout. The most recent secchi depth reading has increased to 7.87 metres and turbidity is less than 1 NTU. There has been a recent algae bloom (not toxin producing) in some parts of the lake and the amount of surface algae at the South East end of the lake is decreasing. Submerged benthic algae remain throughout most of the lake at shallower depths. Water levels are critically low and are currently 5 cm above the lowest recorded year of 2009.

4.3 Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Cowan reviewed the Coordinator's Report for September 22 – October 10, 2014.

4.4 Technical Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Don Hodgins, TAC Chair, provided the following report on TAC progress:

- In-lake bi-weekly sampling continues and will be monitoring for the mixing of nutrients as the lake destratifies;
- the sampling includes testing for total Phosphorus and Phosphite;
- the septic wells have been inspected and they are starting to fill with water.

4.4.1 Terms of Service Update for TAC Members

Coordinator Cowan reviewed the Terms of Service. She highlighted the terms of service are staggered to prevent a full turn over at any one time. John Stewart's term ends November 2014 and it was noted that he would be available for consultation.

4.5 Structured Decision-Making

RPM Hartley advised that Compass Resource Management has been hired as the consultant for the SDM process. Planner Cermak will be working with agencies over the next few weeks to assist in the collaborative process.

4.6 SDM Decision Charter

The Draft Decision Charter was provided for review and comment. Please forward comments to Coordinator Cowan by October 15, 2014. The target date for completion of the Decision Charter is October 17, 2014. Coordinator Cowan will discuss moving the target date to the following week.

4.7 SSIWPA 2015-2016 Budget

Coordinator Cowan reviewed the Draft Budget for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

By general consent the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to approve in principle the draft 2015-2016 budget and requests a budget of \$107,000 for coordination services.

4.8 Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Coordinator Cowan reviewed the Public Advisory Committee Draft Terms of Reference. Please forward comments to Coordinator Cowan by October 17, 2014. The target date for completion of the Terms of Reference is October 21, 2014.

4.9 Public Open House Agenda

The Public Open House is scheduled on November 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Lion's Hall. Coordinator Cowan will circulate an outline with the Decision Charter for comment.

4.10 Meeting Schedule

The SDM Kick off Meeting with Compass Resource Management is scheduled on November 3, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Inaugural Public Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on November 4, 2014.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled on November 28, 2014, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. followed by the Annual Public Open House at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

5. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

At 11:24 a.m., it was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority closes this meeting to the public subject to Community Charter Section 90(1) k for discussions respecting a municipal service that is at its preliminary stage. **CARRIED**

6. OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION

At 12:17 p.m., it was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority re-opens this meeting to the public subject to Section 89 of the Community Charter. **CARRIED**

7. RISE AND REPORT

7.1 By general consent the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to expand it's mandate to include water quantity and support in principle the development of a Water Quantity Committee that will include multi agency stakeholders including an invitation to be extended to the Southern Gulf Islands CRD Director.

7.2 By general consent the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed that the following persons be appointed to the Public Advisory Committee: Judy Smith on behalf of the SSI Rowing Club and Herb Otto.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 PAC Orientation Package

It was noted to include Potable Water in the PAC Orientation Package.

8.1 Workplan Revision

Coordinator Cowan will circulate the workplan revision for comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

George Grams, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder