

**ADOPTED**  
**MINUTES of the SALT SPRING ISLAND**  
**WATERSHED PROTECTION AUTHORITY**  
**Friday, March 21, 2014 – 10:30 AM**  
**CRD PARC Meeting Room, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road**

**Members Present:**

Shannon Cowan, Coordinator  
George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee  
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  
Justine Starke, Islands Trust Island Planner  
John Stewart, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Jeff Thompson, North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) Trustee  
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

**Present Via Video Conferencing and Telephone:**

Dale Green, Capital Regional District, Integrated Watershed Management Program  
Erwin Dyck, Vancouver Island Health Authority Supervisor of Health Protection

**Others Present:**

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Islands Trust  
Kristin Aasen, Islands Trust Planner  
Donald Hodgins, TAC  
Gulf Islands Driftwood Reporter  
3 members of the public

**Regrets:**

Deb Epps, Ministry of Environment, Section Head, Environmental Quality  
Michelle Kehler, Ministry of Environment, Impact Assessment Biologist

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**

**By general consent**, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. **CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

At 10:33 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) (i) for receipt of legal advice and (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and that staff be invited to remain.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. **OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION**

At 11:30 a.m., it was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority re-opens this meeting to the public subject to section 89 of the Community Charter.

#### 5. **RISE AND REPORT**

Chair Grams reported the following two items:

1. SSIWPA approved the Technical Advisory Committee proposal for Data Collection St. Mary Lake 2014, subject to funding; and
2. SSIWPA approved the Coordination Plan Fiscal 2014 and 2015, as per Islands Trust Tax Requisition and Islands Trust will be issuing an RFP for Contract Coordination for 2014/2015 fiscal.

#### 6. **MINUTES**

##### 6.1 Draft Minutes of the February 28, 2014 SSI Watershed Protection Authority Meeting

**By general consent**, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority minutes of February 28, 2014 were adopted, as presented.

#### 7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

##### 7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams reported he attended the Islands Trust Council meeting on Hornby Island and the SSI Special Tax Requisition received unanimous support. He also attended the TAC meetings.

##### 7.2 Structured Decision-Making (SDM) – Linda Adams, CAO Islands Trust

Linda Adams provided a presentation regarding Structured Decision Making.

##### 7.3 Current Condition of St. Mary Lake – Meghan McKee

Meghan McKee reported on the latest test results of St. Mary Lake. She noted St. Mary Lake is currently experiencing a bloom that is dominated by diatoms. The bloom is not toxic. She noted a significant decrease in water clarity and an increase in turbidity.

##### 7.4 Technical Advisory Committee Chair's Report

John Stewart provided a report on TAC progress regarding working on an understanding of the St. Mary Lake nutrient budget (especially phosphorus inflow, lake stock and outflows). The report elaborated on phosphorus input to St. Mary Lake from sewage, phosphorus input from runoff, phosphorus fluxes within the lake and use of aerators. TAC has completed a draft proposal for collecting empirical evidence of phosphorus and nitrate inputs and outflows to provide a better understanding of the phosphorus budget in St. Mary Lake.

##### 7.5 Technical Advisory Committee St Mary Lake Research Proposal – Don Hodgins

There was no report at this time.

7.6 Coordinator's Report: Community Engagement and Earth Day Update

Shannon Cowan reviewed the Coordinator's Report dated March 2014. She presented three draft examples of a SSIWPA logo. She noted Earth Day activities to include a public information display.

7.7 Other Business

There were no items at this time.

7.8 Questions / Comments from Public

There was one comment regarding review of new legislation for the Water Sustainability Act.

7.9 Announcement: SSIWPA Member Dale Green (CRD) to participate on SSIWPA and CRD behalf in "Partnerships for Water Sustainability in BC – Inter-Regional Educational Initiative" ([watersustainabilitybc.blogspot.ca](http://watersustainabilitybc.blogspot.ca)) ([www.waterbucket.ca](http://www.waterbucket.ca)) March 28, 2014 in Victoria

The correspondence was received for information.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the SSI Watershed Protection Authority is scheduled for April 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent**, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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George Grams, Chair

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Sarah Shugar, Recorder