

ADOPTED
MINUTES OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND
WATERSHED PROTECTION AUTHORITY
Friday, June 21, 2013 – 10:30 AM
CRD Parks and Recreation Commission – 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI

Present:

George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee
Wayne McIntyre, Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Director
Peter Lake, Alternate Capital Regional District Director
Jeff Thompson, Trustee, North Salt Spring Island Water District (NSSWD)
Lorrie Hunt, Fernwood Water District Commissioner
Meghan McKee, Water Quality Specialist, North Salt Spring Waterworks
Justine Starke, Islands Trust Island Planner
Neva Hohn, Recording Secretary

Present via Video Conferencing:

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

Regrets:

Deb Epps, Ministry of Environment, Environmental Impact Assessment Biologist
Geneen Russo, Ministry of Environment Drinking Water Resource Specialist

Others Present:

Seven members of the public

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He introduced Meghan McKee, Water Quality Specialist, from North Salt Spring Waterworks.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following change was introduced to the Agenda:

- Item 4.7 - Meghan McKee - Observations on Condition of St. Mary Lake

By General Consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes of the May 24, 2013 Meeting

The following changes were introduced to the Draft Minutes of May 24, 2013:

- Present: Jeff Thompson
- Regrets: Erwin Dyck, Geneen Russo

By General Consent the Draft Minutes of the May 24, 2013 Meeting of the St. Mary Lake Watershed Working Group (SMLWWG) were approved as amended.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams provided a report of his activities to date.

4.2 Current Condition of St. Mary Lake

J. Thompson gave his report of the recent changes to the Lake.

4.3 Updated Situation on Delegated powers

Chair Grams described the delegated powers.

4.4 Revisit the structure of the Watershed Working Group (WWG), including the Proposed Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

Chair Grams provided background on how the WWG was formed. Discussion ensued. Chair Grams asked staff to research possible First Nations involvement and to extend an invitation to those members.

By General Consensus it was agreed that Gary Holman, MLA, be asked to become a member of the group.

Discussion ensued regarding possible role and duties of a coordinator.

4.5 Draft Terms of Reference

Planner Starke asked for input as she reviewed the document. Chair Grams asked that the Terms of Reference be amended according to suggestions offered.

By General Consensus it was agreed that the name of The St Mary Lake Watershed Working Group be amended to The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority.

4.6 General Discussion on Protocol and Terms of Reference for both the TAC and PAC

Discussion ensued. Chair Grams asked members to bring forward suggestions to change the terms of reference before any nominations are made. Planner Starke will prepare a draft Terms of Reference for the TAC for the next meeting's agenda package.

Chair Grams suggested that the PAC be put on hold until the terms of reference are legally reviewed.

4.7 Meghan McKee - Observations on Condition of St. Mary Lake

M. McKee provided a review of current St. Mary Lake conditions. She recommended identifying sources of Phosphorus input before remediation begins.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments from the public included: public notice of agenda package information; water potability; bioremediation; and Committee terms of reference and deliverables.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Salt Spring Watershed Protection Authority scheduled for Friday July 19th is in the process of being rescheduled for August 2, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the CRD Parks and Recreation Commission office on Salt Spring Island.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Chair George Grams

Recorder Neva Hohn