

**ADOPTED MINUTES OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND
WATERSHED PROTECTION AUTHORITY
Friday, September 20, 2013 – 10:30 AM
CRD Parks and Recreation Commission – 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI**

Present:

George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee
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
Deb Epps, Ministry of Environment, Environmental Impact Assessment Biologist
Michelle Kehler, Ministry of Environment
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:

Geneen Russo, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Drinking Water Resource Specialist
Wayne McIntyre, Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Director
Peter Lake, Alternate Capital Regional District Director

Others Present:

Don Hodgins, TAC Nominee
Ron Hawkins, Delegate
Maxine Leichter, Delegate

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 circulated.

3. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority closes this meeting to the public subject to Community Charter Section 90(1)(a) for the receipt of personal information about identifiable individuals who are being considered for positions appointed by the Authority.

4. OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION

The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA) re-opens this meeting to the public subject to Section 89 of the Community Charter.

5. RISE AND REPORT

By General Consent, Chris Laughlin of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, Dale Green, Capital Regional District (or his alternate, Barri Rudolf, CRD toxicologist), John Sprague, Don Hodgins, and Michelle Kehler were appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Nominations and appointments remain active and are on-going.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Draft Minutes of the August 29, 2013 SSI Watershed Protection Authority Meeting

By General Consent the minutes of the August 29, 2013 SSIWPA Meeting were adopted as circulated.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams reported on his attendance at the recent Trust Council Meeting held on Lasqueti Island, and also on the receipt of applications and volunteers for the TAC.

7.2 Delegations

7.2.1 Ron Hawkins spoke on the issue of surface water quantity. His concern was the need for water supply capacity to be prioritized by SSIWPA. He made a request to amend the Terms of Reference (TOR) to include water quantity. Members noted that "supply" was seen as synonymous with "quantity" in the TOR.

7.2.2 Maxine Leichter - Water Preservation Society – Land Use Bylaw 355, RW1 Zone
She noted this was an issue for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee but that there was a need for research into the background historical information, and also help in locating documents as needed. She also requested that all persons at the SSIWPA meetings be introduced at the beginning of each meeting.

Don Hodgins introduced himself. Chair Grams congratulated Don Hodgins on being appointed to the TAC.

7.3 Current Condition of St. Mary Lake

Meghan McKee reported on the condition of St. Mary Lake. She advised that the aerators have been shut off for the remainder of the year and that water clarity has increased significantly.

7.4 Technical Advisory Committee Nominations

Chair Grams will confirm appointments in writing and invite the new members to attend the next SSIWPA meeting.

7.5 Contract Coordinator–Description of Duties

Planner Starke circulated and reviewed the proposed description of the contract for the Coordinator’s role and responsibilities.

By General Consent the Coordinator description submitted by Planner Starke was endorsed as circulated. An ad will be placed in the Driftwood and on the Salt Spring Island Exchange.

7.6 Other Business

Planner Starke advised that the SSIWPA public consultation meeting can be combined with Local Trust Committee public consultation on watershed management.

7.7 Questions/comments from Public

A resident asked about levels at lakes other than St. Mary Lake.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SSI Watershed Protection Authority is scheduled for October 18, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the CRD Parks and Recreation Commission office at 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

George Grams, Chair

Neva Hohn, Recorder