

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting  
Monday, October 26, 2009, 8:40 p.m.  
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Adam Olsen, Chair  
Mayor Jack Mar  
Councillors: Bryson, Kubek, Mason, and Siklenka  
Gary C. Nason, Administrator  
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer  
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services

**ABSENT:** Councillor Garrison

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

728.09            **MOVED AND SECONDED**  
*That the Agenda for the Water & Waste Management Committee Meeting held on June 29, 2009, be approved as circulated.*  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1. Staff Memorandum**

- a) Staff Memorandum dated October 19, 2009, from the Administrator entitled "Piped Water Service to the 'North-west Quadrant'"

The Administrator overviewed the Staff Memorandum and responded to questions from the Committee.

729.09            **MOVED AND SECONDED**  
*That it be recommended to Council:*

*That the Staff Memorandum dated October 19, 2009, from the Administrator entitled "Piped Water Service to the 'North-west Quadrant'" be received, and Council authorize Staff to finalize a contract with Kerr Wood Leidal to undertake this additional scope of work within the financial parameters and timelines noted in the Memorandum.*

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, there was a lengthy discussion between Committee Members.

Councillor Bryson noted, for the record, that he has obtained legal advice through Staff that he would not be in conflict of interest in participating in the discussion related to this particular matter, as it is considered that the issue has a sufficiently broad community of interest.

Committee members then proceeded to direct questions to the Administrator and the Municipal Engineer in regards to the contents of the Memorandum.

It was noted that prior to Council giving final consideration to this Memorandum, that the comments from the Fire Chief should be obtained with respect to the provision of water to this particular area for the purposes of fire suppression. Staff were also questioned in regards to whether any specific criteria have been developed for proposed extensions of municipal services beyond the urban settlement area, namely for reasons of health, environmental, protection, agricultural irrigation and fire suppression.

730.09            **\*MOTION TO TABLE\***  
**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*That further consideration of the foregoing motion be tabled to permit members of the gallery an opportunity to address this item.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R Ruygrok, Resident, stated that he was one of the initiators of the petition that was received by Council in August 2009 requesting the provision of municipal water service to the northwest quadrant area. Mr. Ruygrok stated that he is a very strong supporter of extending water lines into this particular area primarily for the purposes of ensuring adequate fire suppression. Mr. Ruygrok stated that in just a few hours he was able to secure 50 signatures on a petition. Mr. Ruygrok also stated that he has not encountered any health concerns with respect to his water.

A Johnson, Resident, questioned whether she would be required to hook up to any waterline that would be extended into the area.

F Towler, Resident, stated that over 17 years ago the residents in the Senanus Drive area met under similar circumstances and commenced the process to request the extension of Municipal water service to the Senanus area. Mr. Towler questioned whether Council is prepared to move forward on the Senanus/Mount Newton Waterline Extension Project.

M Venn, Resident, stated that he wrote a letter to Council which was received in September 2009. Mr. Venn stated that he has good well water on his property with adequate flows and he has instigated a fire training exercise on his property. Mr. Venn stated that he is not supportive of extending Municipal water service into the northwest quadrant area and questioned what the agenda was for this particular request. Mr. Venn stated that the cost of extending water infrastructure into this area will be significant and beyond the financial resources of most people to pay. He stated that in his view firefighting concerns can be solved by education and requested that before proceeding with expending further funds on more engineering studies, that Council seriously consider the points contained in his letter.

C Paynter, Resident, stated that he is opposed to the provision of water or the extension of water services into the northwest quadrant as the area is outside the district's urban settlement area and would be contrary to the District's Regional Context Statement. Mr. Paynter also stated that there is no hard evidence to support the need for extensive water / piped water infrastructure into this area.

**\*MOTION TO LIFT FROM THE TABLE\***

731.09 MOVED AND SECONDED

*That further consideration of the foregoing motion be lifted from the table.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**\*MOTION TO POSTPONE\***

732.09 MOVED AND SECONDED

*That further consideration of the following motion be postponed to the Regular Council Meeting to be held on November 2, 2009, pending receipt of comments from the Fire Chief with respect to the request for piped water service to the northwest quadrant for fire suppression reasons:*

*That the Staff Memorandum dated October 19, 2009, from the Administrator entitled "Piped Water Service to the 'North-west Quadrant'" be received, and Council authorize Staff to finalize a contract with Kerr Wood Leidal to undertake this additional scope of work within the financial parameters and timelines noted in this Memorandum.*

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion, the Water & Waste Management Committee Meeting held on October 26, 2009, adjourned at 9:15 p.m.*

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Councillor Adam Olsen, Chair

Recorded By: Gary C. Nason  
Administrator