

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES FROM THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE DRINKING WATER AND WATERSHED PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 AT 12:30 PM
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Present:	Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
	Joe Burnett	Director Electoral Area A
	Gisele Rudischer	Director Electoral Area B
	Dave Bartram	Director Electoral Area H
	John Finnie	GM, Regional and Community Utilities, RDN
	Mike Donnelly	Manager of Water Services, RDN
	Christina Metherall	Drinking Water/Watershed Protection Coordinator, RDN
	Sara Ellis	Special Projects Assistant, RDN
	Lynne Magee	Vancouver Island Health Authority
	Pat Lapcevic	Ministry of Environment
	Faye Smith	Environment Community Representative
	Domenico Iannidinardo	Forest Industry Representative
	Ken Epps (Alternate)	Forest Industry Representative
	Bonaventure Thorburn	Water Purveyors' Representative
	Shelley Bayne	Hydrogeology Representative
	Oliver Brandes	Academic Community Representative
	Alan Gilchrist	Academic Community Representative (VIU)
	Bev Farkas	Recording Secretary
	Lindsay Dalton	Observer
Regrets:	Gordon Buckingham	General Public Representative (North)
	Gilles Wendling	General Public Representative (South)
	Makenzie Leine	Forest Industry Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 and introductions were made. The Chair gave an overview of the committee and voiced appreciation for the participation of all committee members.

REPORTS

Action for Water Video

M. Donnelly presented the Action for Water video prepared by Lanarc Consultants which outlines the purpose of the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan.

DWWP Program Overview and 2009 Program Accomplishments

M. Donnelly gave a PowerPoint presentation on the DWWP Program Overview and informed the committee of the 2009 program accomplishments.

The following points were discussed:

- Looking to increase knowledge of groundwater resources and use that information in land use planning.
- Ministry of Environment is working with the RDN to expand groundwater well observation monitoring network.
- Ministry of Environment is monitoring surface water in sample areas to gather information on how surface water is changing over time.
- Vancouver Island University is working with the RDN on groundwater vulnerability mapping for the region.
- Need municipalities to come on board for full partnership.
- Need to support volunteers.

M. Donnelly noted there will be a need for an ad-hoc committee from time to time to assist in a more detailed manner on planned activities within the DWWP program.

C. Metherall introduced the 2010 programs under the Action Plan.

F. Smith stated that the Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society is using data loggers to keep track of pumping and recharge for several wells that have been volunteered.

J. Stanhope informed the committee that DWWPAC's information and recommendations will be forwarded to the RDN Board and it will be beneficial to discuss issues at the committee level prior to going to the Board.

B. Thorburn informed the committee that there is a British Columbia Water and Wastewater Association workshop in Vancouver in January 2010 highlighting water conservation and land management planning.

J. Finnie told the committee that the RDN developed a Storm Water Management Plan several years ago but it was not implemented due to resource issues and other priorities. An extensive watershed prioritization exercise was done at that time. It may be helpful to review this plan.

The next meeting TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Chairperson