



Town of Qualicum Beach

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARROWSMITH WATER SERVICE (AWS) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010 9:30 AM
AT THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present:

Director Joe Stanhope, Chair	Regional District of Nanaimo
Director George Holme	Regional District of Nanaimo
Carol Mason	Regional District of Nanaimo
John Finnie	Regional District of Nanaimo
Wayne Moorman	Regional District of Nanaimo
Councillor Marc Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Fred Manson	City of Parksville
Mike Squire	City of Parksville
Councillor Barry Avis	Town of Qualicum Beach
Mayor Teunis Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Mark Brown	Town of Qualicum Beach
Bob Weir	Town of Qualicum Beach

Also in Attendance:

Matt O'Halloran	Regional District of Nanaimo
Nancy Avery	Regional District of Nanaimo
Bev Farkas	Recording Secretary
Tony Koers	Koers & Associates Ltd.
Rick Corbett	Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd.
Craig Wightman	BC Conservation Foundation
James Craig	BC Conservation Foundation
Michelle Kehler	BC Conservation Foundation

CALL TO ORDER

J. Stanhope called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and introductions were made.

DELEGATIONS

James Craig and Craig Wightman, BC Conservation Foundation, re Englishman River Flow, Fish Habitat and Water Storage

A presentation was given to the Committee (attached to minutes); the foundation is looking for a closer relationship with the AWS Committee, particularly with respect to developing and maintaining low level storage in the Englishman River Watershed. Shelton Lake has been identified

as a suitable location. Should AWS decide to consider a cooperative initiative with BCCF, staff can have a report prepared outlining the costs and responsibilities associated with operating and maintaining a dam at Shelton Lake.

Mr. Craig and Mr. Wightman will be invited to return to the next Committee meeting to continue the discussion in more detail.

MINUTES

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED B. Avis, that the minutes from the meeting of the Arrowsmith Water Services Management Committee held March 22, 2010, be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Ministry, AVICC and UBCM requesting more time for providing input to the review of the BC Water Act. J. Finnie added that ministry staff recently advised that the review is still moving forward.

REPORTS

M. Lefebvre suggested that an Emergency Preparedness Plan be undertaken in anticipation of potential future drought situations. J. Finnie indicated that this would fall to individual purveyors to prepare their own plans. The RDN has the ability to shut down outdoor watering in RDN water service areas but has no jurisdiction over private systems.

NEW BUSINESS

A recent Vancouver Sun article authored by the Auditor General (attached to minutes) was discussed regarding quality and quantity issues for BC water. J. Stanhope reiterated the importance of the Drinking Water Watershed Protection Committee for the participating municipalities and electoral areas. C.Mason advised the Committee that the RDN and member municipalities will be initiating a regional service review which will include the Drinking Water Watershed Protection function.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED J.Stanhope, SECONDED B.Avis, that pursuant to Section 90(1) (g) of the Community Charter the Board proceed to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider items related to land issues.

CARRIED

TIME 10:55 AM

J. Stanhope, Chairperson