



Town of Qualicum Beach

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARROWSMITH WATER SERVICE (AWS) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009 1:30 PM
AT THE CITY OF PARKSVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:	Councillor Marc Lefebvre, Chair	City of Parksville
	Fred Manson	City of Parksville
	Mike Squire	City of Parksville
	Al Metcalf	City of Parksville
	Councillor Barry Avis	Town of Qualicum Beach
	Bob Weir	Town of Qualicum Beach
	Director Joe Stanhope	Regional District of Nanaimo
	Director George Holme	Regional District of Nanaimo
	Carol Mason	Regional District of Nanaimo
	John Finnie	Regional District of Nanaimo
	Amanda Haywood	Recording Secretary

Also in attendance:

Blaine Russell	City of Parksville
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CALL TO ORDER

M. Lefebvre called the meeting to order at 1:39 pm.

MOVED J. Stanhope, SECONDED B. Avis, that the June 30, 2009 Arrowsmith Water Services Management Committee agenda, be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED J. Stanhope, SECONDED B. Avis, that the minutes from the meeting of the Arrowsmith Water Services Management Committee held March 12, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED

B. Avis noted for the record, under Private Managed Forest Lands Council Information Bulletin, of the March 12, 2009 AWS Minutes; in the last paragraph he also stated concern about the Riparian Area Regulations and how the Private Forest Land Policies were not adequate to protect the Riparian Area.

CAPITAL PLANNING REVIEW RFP

M. Squire gave an overview of his report and noted that Staff recognized the individual strengths of each consulting firm and asked both Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd and Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd. to work together and prepare a revised scope of work, schedule and fees for the project. Through further negotiations with Staff and each engineering firm, it was determined that the best approach would be that Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd. take the lead as the prime consultant, and Kerr Wood Leidal be a sub-consultant to Associated Engineering.

MOVED B. Avis, SECONDED J. Stanhope, that the AWS Management Committee recommend award of consulting engineering services rendered in 2009 for Phase I – Conceptual Planning, Budgeting and Scheduling for Englishman River Water Intake, Treatment Facilities and Supply Mains to Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd. in the amount of \$147,808 (plus GST); And that, staff be directed to further engage and negotiate the work plan and fees with Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd. and develop appropriate budgets for such in the 2010 AWS Capital budget.

CARRIED

RIPARIAN AREA REGULATIONS

B. Russell gave a PowerPoint presentation on Local Government and Watercourse Protection which included information on Watercourse Protection Tools, Development Permit Areas, Tree Cutting Permits, Provincial Riparian Areas Regulation, Riparian Assessment Areas, Streamside Protection and Enhancement Areas, the Private Managed Forest Land Act, Mines, Agriculture, and the Farm Bylaw.

OPERATING AGREEMENT UPDATE

M. Squire updated the committee about the low levels at the Arrowsmith Dam and compared them to previous year's water levels. He also gave out a chart showing the Englishman River Flow verses the Arrowsmith Dam Release and compared it to previous years. M. Squire also noted that back in April, they approached the Ministry to revise the Provisional Operating Rule from 1.4 m³/s to 1.2 m³/s.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

A. Metcalf informed the committee that the SCADA program was upgraded and functioning better. They had divers up at the dam recently to repair damaged butterfly valves which are located at the base of the dam. They are now are looking at ways to keep the valves better protected in the future so it doesn't happen again.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Stanhope mentioned he attended the tour provided by Island Timberlands on June 12, 2009 but was disappointed none of the Parksville Councillors were in attendance and he also expressed concern about the resolution Parksville Council sent to UBCM as the bigger concern should be road building and drainage. J. Stanhope noted he was impressed with what Island Timberlands are doing to protect the Englishman River watershed. He believes the logging on the island is a non-issue and will be speaking against the resolutions the Parksville Council sent to UBCM. He would like to arrange for another tour so Parksville Council can attend so they can see for themselves what Island Timberlands is doing.

M. Lefebvre mentioned he would like to go on the tour and noted Councillor Chris Burger visits the site a lot. Also told the committee, regarding the resolution to UBCM, that Parksville Council felt they needed to get the issue into the level of government where it belongs. It may or may not have merit, but felt Parksville didn't have jurisdiction in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

NEXT MEETING

To be announced.

M. Lefebvre, Chairperson