

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Regular Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee Meeting** held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island, British Columbia.

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Berry – Vice Chair
Dennis Dallas
Wolfgang Duntz
Bill Hamilton
John Rich
Murray Skeels

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor David Wrinch

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Shirley
Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CB RES# -06-10

It was Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor Wrinch re:
Dissolving Local Advisory
Committees

Councillor Wrinch reported on the proposal, made at the May 16, 2006 Water Services Management Commission meeting, to dissolve the Local Advisory Committees and replace them with neighbourhood associations, which would elect two representatives to sit on the Water Service Management Commission.

A Committee member suggested that the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee could meet less often to discuss policy, budget and rate issues.

Election of Chair and Vice
Chair *CB RES# -06-11*

It was Moved and Seconded

That Doug Berry be elected by acclamation to serve as Chair of the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee.

CARRIED

CB RES# -06-12

It was Moved and Seconded

That Murray Skeels be elected by acclamation to serve as Vice Chair of the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES*CB RES# -06-13***It was Moved and Seconded**

That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cove Bay Water Local Management Committee held May 11, 2006 be adopted. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

History of Easement Issue

Councillor Wrinch reported that he had discussed the easement issue with the Public Works Superintendent who reported that discussions had been taking place with the Municipal lawyer.

It was noted that the Committee had requested to receive a brief document on process procedures regarding the easement issue for access to the dam.

The following issues were discussed:

- Easement for an electric pump – Committee was waiting to hear from the Municipal lawyer regarding whether the bylaw needed to be amended in order to place a hydro pole on its legal access to the dam;
- Need to distinguish between acquisition of land for the dam and acquisition of land to increase the size of the lake. It was noted that according to the Ferris letter the property owner's land holdings likely extend to the original high water mark and if so, there could be a claim against the Municipality requiring the Municipality to acquire the land;
- Raising the lake height is determined by the water license. The high water mark would be determined when the first dam was built.

It was noted that more information was required regarding the cost of the flooding and whether the easement for the dam would be required. Both an appraisal analysis and a legal analysis would be required. Consideration should be given to whether it would be to the Municipality's advantage to acquire land versus the cost of a \$6,000 pump.

Councillor Wrinch agreed to discuss the issue further with staff and arrange for the Municipal lawyer to meet with the Committee to report on whether the bylaw allows for access to the dam for the placement of a hydro pole. He agreed to inform the Chair regarding a meeting date, scheduled tentatively for June 22, 2006.

Draft Policy on Attendance

The Committee reviewed the draft policy on Committee meeting attendance prepared by John Rich.

CB RES# -06-14

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Cove Bay Water Local Management Committee recommend that the following policy regarding attendance be approved:

1. Cove Bay Water Local Management Committee members are expected to notify staff and the Chair of the Committee if they do not expect to attend a scheduled meeting. Such notice should be provided in a timely manner;
2. If any member fails to attend three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse, the committee will recommend that Council remove that member from the committee. What is a reasonable excuse to be at the discretion of the committee, but for guidance illness and scheduled vacations will be considered a reasonable excuse;
3. If any member is absent from meetings so frequently as to impair the functioning of the committee, the committee will recommend to Council that the member be removed from the committee. The determination as to whether the functioning of the committee has been impaired by the absence from time to time of any member will be at the discretion of the committee.

CARRIED

Request for Documents
pertaining to Cove Bay Water
System

At the request of Mr. Rich, Councillor Wrinch agreed to provide new members with copies of establishment and terms of reference bylaws and the Dayton and Knight Long Range Plan 1997.

Next Meeting

Next meeting at 7:15 p.m. on July 13, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.