

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Regular Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee Meeting** held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 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

Bill Hamilton
Dennis Dallas*
Wolfgang Duntz
David Mc Eachern
Ken Shirley
John Rich

REGRETS

Doug Berry

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor David Wrinch

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker
(* denotes partial attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
CB RES# 07-19

It was Moved and Seconded
That the agenda for the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee be approved. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
CB RES# 07-20

It was Moved and Seconded
That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cove Bay Water Local Management Committee held June 14, 2007 be adopted. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Upgrading of Water Treatment and Cove Bay Water Licenses

Councillor Wrinch reported that he had communicated the Committee's request to Council to have the water system upgraded before any expansion to the Cove Bay boundaries was considered.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- The Municipality, as developer of Surplus Lands, and not the present users of the Cove Bay Water System should be paying for the treatment facility and any expansion should be part of infrastructure upgrading;
- Committee wants to upgrade to a better quality water system before expansion takes place;

- Water licenses need to be taken into consideration as they were for specific boundaries and pertinent to certain properties. Appurtenance within the license is the key;
- Concern is the quality of treatment to comply with the Water Act. Don't want the Municipality to opt for the least expensive option;
- Ambiguity of *Clause "g" of the BC Water Act*. Conditional License makes reference to the boundaries and needs clarification;
- Public Works Budget makes reference to 2011 for expenditures of funds for upgrading the system.

Acquisition of Rights of Way

The Committee raised the following issues related to the acquisition of Rights of Way:

- The rights of ways have been surveyed. The issue is to acquire quotes on the value of the land from an appraiser;
- Appraiser will cost approximately \$5,000-\$10,000 and will determine if we can exercise our rights.
- Access and storage are two separate issues. The license may not give you the right to raise the level of the dam for example;
- Costs associated with rights of way – appraisals, power pole and purchase of the land against a possible drought, which may not happen for a long time;
- Committee needs to know the cost in order to be able to know whether to proceed with acquiring the rights of way or not;
- Focus should be on acquiring the right of way for the maintenance of the main supply line.

Councillor Wrinch agreed to request the Public Works Superintendent to obtain quotes and report back to the Committee.

Scarborough Connections *CB RES# 07-21*

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee request staff to advise the Committee whether there is any inappropriate use of water in the Scarborough area.

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Water Metering

Vice Chair, Bill Hamilton provided the Committee with a review of the Public Works Superintendent's e-mail status report dated November 8, 2007 as follows:

- Metering program expected to be finished by middle of 2008. To date 240 meters have been installed of the approximate total number of users at 347;

- Internet monitoring is in place;
- Pump replacement at Valhalla Station. Second Valhalla pump should be replaced in 2008;
- Usage of water in Valhalla has been high;
- Generator is now ready for emergency requirements;
- Grafton Lake Watershed Study – Alan Whitehead has commenced that and the stream flow monitoring site for Harding Road creek crossing has been ordered.

Raising the Lake

It was noted that the general feeling of the Committee was not to raise the lake at the present but keep the option open for future demand. The Committee had requested that the stump growing in the dam be put on the Public Works Superintendent’s priority list to be removed.

Pipeline Trail

It was noted that concern had been expressed to clear out some of the debris for easier access to the pipeline trail between IPS and Charlie’s Lane, where trees came down last year.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Budget

Discussion of the 2008 budget was deferred until the next Committee Meeting.

Funding Requirements and Priorities for Utility Project

Discussion took place regarding the need to improve water quality, prior to expansion of the Cove Bay Water District resulting in the following resolution:

CB RES# 07-22

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee recommend that Council consider the following:

1. The Committee’s belief that a treatment plant be considered a priority and as such
2. A feasibility study be undertaken in near future; and
3. No further subdivision or rezoning to proceed without a treatment plant in place;
4. Existing users should not subsidize future users (i.e. cost recovery should be implemented).

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.