

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Notes of the Regular Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 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
Wolfgang Duntz
Ken Shirley*

REGRETS

Dennis Dallas
David McEachern
John Rich

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Whitehead
DG Blair-Whitehead
Bob Robinson – Public Works Coordinator
Gayle Ferguson
*(*denotes partial attendance)*

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Report from Whitehead & Associates

Alan Whitehead provided an update on the watershed monitoring study. He noted that 7 of 14 water samples showed evidence of high human fecal coliform. Most notable of the seven were located at Bowen Brook at Harding Road and Grafton Lake at Rocky Point. As a result of that he is requesting spending more of the budget on testing – \$3500 to allow for 14 more samples to determine the sources. Another option would be to take funds away from another project. The intent is to focus on samples where any human traces showed up and duplicate the 7 above twice. Cost of each sample is \$250.

Discussion followed.

Members present believed that the issue should be brought to the attention of Council and the Coastal Health authorities and that funds already approved for metal testing be used for the additional required testing at the seven sites.

Bob Robinson, Public Works Coordinator suggested there should be a bylaw to protect the watershed and agreed Rod Schuler, Coastal Health should be asked his opinion on the seriousness of the issue.

The Chair agreed to discuss the issue with CAO Kirk. DG Blair-Whitehead reported on the first phase in the educational side of the study. She reviewed results of information gathered through an online and hard copy survey and a focus workshop held in February 2008. She noted the following:

- Perceived threats to water quality – work needs to be done on watershed activity , and generally no information is being received on water quality issues;
- Perception from Focus group – people think there is more protection than we actually have, i.e., protective zoning.
- Bowfest 2007, 2008 – very busy in 2007. 2008 display on septic systems was worthwhile;
- Next Steps – now with lab results they can use the above information for messages in articles and on website. Need to wait to see what approach to take depending on the results of the contamination.

Regarding the focus of the articles, the Chair agreed to contact Alan after discussing the issue of contamination with CAO Kirk.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.