

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY**Cove Bay Water Local Management Committee**

Minutes of the regular meeting of **Cove Bay Water Local Management Committee** held Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island, BC

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Hamilton – Chair
Dennis Dallas
Wolfgang Duntz
Ken Shirley

REGRETS

David McEachern
John Rich

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor David Wrinch

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Robinson, Acting Public Works Manager-Operations

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA**It was Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda for the Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee meeting of September 10, 2009 including the On Table Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee held on May 20, 2009

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of Cove Bay Water System Local Management Committee held on May 20, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

One Committee member in Opposition

BUSINES ARISING FROM MINUTES

Water Governance Bylaws - status of Committee

The Committee discussed the following issues related to the water governance bylaws:

- Water rights
 1. History and management of water rights
 2. Committee should have more say in management of water system
 3. May 20 minutes motion not seconded so no longer valid;
 4. Cove Bay Improvement District (CBID) was dissolved by Order of Council by Provincial government as GVRD and Health department believed they needed water from Cove Bay to serve Queen Charlotte Heights.
 5. Municipality took over the management of the water system and accepts legal responsibility as manager;
- Assets – all assets have passed to the Municipality. Responsibility for day to day operation and development of the system resides

with the Municipality. Committee's responsibility is to advise Council regarding concerns of the residents within the system and to work with Staff to improve the effectiveness of the CBWS and the purveyed water quality.

- Water license - license applies only to the amount of water you can store or take.

Committee members present agreed not to vote on the proposed motion from the May 20, 2009 meeting, regarding approval of the proposed governance bylaws, as Council had already indicated its intension to accept these bylaws at the September 8, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting. Approval of the by-laws will be tabled at the next regular Council meeting.

Verbal Update on Right of Way easement process

The Committee received for information the email dated September 9, 2009 from Chris Murdy, Municipal Solicitor regarding the Right of Way easement process.

Verbal Update on Cove Bay Water System Long Range Plan

The Chair noted that Committee members have been involved in meetings and providing information for the update to the Cove Bay Water System Long Range Plan.

Discussion followed regarding the consumption rate. Bob Robinson, Acting Public Works Manager- Operations noted that the average residential use was approximately 220 gallons a day.

Bob Robinson reported that there were less than 30 meters remaining to install and a bylaw would need to be drafted before billing on meters could take place. He requested the Committee to add a line item in the 2010 budget to begin meter reading to gather information on water usage.

NEW BUSINESS

Verbal report on interruption of water flow to Terminal Creek

Bob Robinson, Acting Public Works Manger – Operations reported that during the summer beavers had built a dam resulting in no water flow during one night to Terminal Creek. Department of Fisheries visited and agreed that there would be a pipe installed through the marsh area for next year. Permission has now been obtained from property owner but the Fisheries window is over for this year but will apply for it in the Spring.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed that upon receipt of the report from Dayton and Knight on the Cove Bay Water System Long Range Plan, there would be a delegation to Council.

Councillor Wrinch agreed to request staff to arrange a meeting with Council from mid October onward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.