



Town of Qualicum Beach

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARROWSMITH WATER SERVICE (AWS) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011 9:30 AM
AT THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present:

Director Joe Stanhope, Chair	Regional District of Nanaimo
Director George Holme	Regional District of Nanaimo
Carol Mason	Regional District of Nanaimo
John Finnie	Regional District of Nanaimo
Councillor Marc Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Fred Manson	City of Parksville
Mike Squire	City of Parksville
Vaughn Figueira	City of Parksville
Councillor Barry Avis	Town of Qualicum Beach
Mark Brown	Town of Qualicum Beach
Bob Weir	Town of Qualicum Beach

Also in Attendance:

Nancy Avery	Regional District of Nanaimo
Bev Farkas	Recording Secretary
Debbie Tardiff	City of Parksville
Craig Wightman	BC Conservation Foundation
James Craig	BC Conservation Foundation

Regrets:

Mayor Teunis Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Wayne Moorman	Regional District of Nanaimo

CALL TO ORDER

J. Stanhope called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and introductions were made.

DELEGATIONS

James Craig and Craig Wightman, BC Conservation Foundation, re Englishman River Flow, Fish Habitat and Water Storage

BCCF indicated they are looking toward a working relationship with AWS in the capacity of a water license proponent. This would require AWS to operate and maintain a structure at Shelton Lake in perpetuity. The goal of BCCF is to augment fish habitat downstream with minimal environmental impacts to the system. The December 9, 2010 presentation was re-capped and a question and answer period followed.

- A draft report has been prepared by Kerr Wood Leidel and will be circulated to AWS when finalized. The report is based on the potential project providing between 1-2 m of storage. The Kerr Wood Leidel report will include associated costs for operation and maintenance.
- Parksville and DFO have water extraction licenses on Englishman River together with small domestic license holders at 500-1,000 gallon extraction per day.
- TimberWest owns and operates most of the land surrounding Shelton Lake and has indicated its support. They are willing to contribute to the cause with non-financial resources.
- Shelton Lake access is through Nanaimo Lakes; BCCF have a key for access to Shelton Lake for study purposes.

BCCF is looking for a decision within the year regarding AWS obtaining a non-consumptive license.

MINUTES

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED B. Avis, that the minutes from the meeting of the Arrowsmith Water Services Management Committee held December 9, 2010, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED B. Avis, that staff prepare a report based on the presentation by BC Conservation Foundation regarding Englishman River Flow, Fish Habitat and Water Storage.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED B. Avis, that pursuant to Section 90(1) (g) of the Community Charter the Board proceed to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider items related to land and legal issues.

CARRIED

TIME 10:25 AM

J. Stanhope, Chairperson