



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ENGLISHMAN RIVER WATER SERVICE (ERWS) MANAGEMENT BOARD  
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 16 2012  
*Immediately following the AWS Management Board Meeting*  
IN THE PARKSVILLE FORUM**

**Present:**

Director J. Stanhope, Chair	Regional District of Nanaimo
Director F. Van Eynde	Regional District of Nanaimo
Councillor M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville

**Also in Attendance:**

C. Mason	Regional District of Nanaimo
J. Finnie	Regional District of Nanaimo
W. Moorman	Regional District of Nanaimo
M. Donnelly	Regional District of Nanaimo
W. Idema	Regional District of Nanaimo
F. Manson	City of Parksville
M. Squire	City of Parksville
L. Butterworth	City of Parksville
D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach
M. Brouillette	Town of Qualicum Beach
B. Farkas	Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

C. Burger	City of Parksville
G. Holme	Regional District of Nanaimo
J. Marsh	Town of Qualicum Beach

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stanhope called the meeting to order at 2:46 PM.

**DELEGATIONS**

**MINUTES**

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that the minutes from the regular meeting of the Englishman River Water Services Management Board held February 22, 2012, be adopted.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**M. Squire**, reply to Duane Round re Concerns about the Proposed Englishman River Water Intake

**Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations**, re Water License Amendment

**J. Craig**, re Englishman River Storage Feasibility Shelton Lake Option Report

**Pat Bourgeois**, email re ERWS Plans for ASR and Treatment Plant

**J. Stanhope, Chair** reply letter to Trevor Wicks re ASR Reports in Newspapers

MOVED, Director LeFebvre, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Stakeholder Meetings: VIHA, MOE, MFLNR (M. Squire)** verbal

M. Squire gave an overview of the stakeholder meetings held to date. (attached)

**ERWS Projects Update Report (Treatment, ASR Study) (M. Squire)** verbal

M. Squire provided a powerpoint presentation on ERWS projects. (attached). A delay in ASR well testing due to site access challenges could impact the ASR budget, however the 2<sup>nd</sup> option (Top Bridge) is currently being reviewed for feasibility.

**Gas Tax Funds Application for Water Intake & Treatment Facility (M. Squire)** verbal

M. Squire noted that an application has been submitted for the next phase of works that includes Preliminary Design and Value Engineering for a budget amount of \$ 1.55 million.

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MOVED Director LeFebvre, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, the reports be received.

CARRIED

**ADDENDUM**

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that the Englishman River Water Service Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **OTHER**

The Chair opened the floor to questions from the public.

### **Pat Bourgeois**

P. Bourgeois asked about upcoming meetings with residents of the City of Parksville. M. Squire responded that open houses for residents will be offered.

P. Bourgeois asked if the Independent Peer Review has begun. M. Squire answered that they have begun and are giving valuable input. In addition M. Squire added that the consultants are the leaders in the field of ASR in the Pacific Northwest. The Independent Peer Review group will give input on feasibility and make recommendations on whether or not the project should go forward. Site specific studies will be done by the main consultant.

### **Trevor Wicks**

T. Wicks enquired if all options for other conventional systems of water supply have been explored. M. Squire responded that the initial regional water supply studies started back in the 1970's, looking at three sources of surface water supply (Cameron Lake, Englishman River and the Nanaimo Lakes) and local groundwater supply. Prior to the AWS and water license, the Province wanted the three local governments (Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and the Regional District of Nanaimo) to cooperate as a joint venture partnership and look towards the Englishman River as a central source of surface water supply for a 'win - win' solution for both future domestic water supply and fisheries enhancements.

T. Wicks questioned who will own the water if ASR is successful. M. Squire responded that the licensees for surface water extraction will own the water (the water extracted through the ASR system is Englishman River water extracted from the river under licence and temporarily stored in the aquifer for subsequent recovery). Modifications to the Water Act will regulate groundwater extraction as no such regulations are presently in place.

## **IN CAMERA**

*That pursuant to Section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter the Committee proceed to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider items related to legal issues.*

**NEXT MEETING** to be announced.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

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J. Stanhope, CHAIRPERSON