



Town of Qualicum Beach

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARROWSMITH WATER SERVICE (AWS) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005 AT 1:30 PM
AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO OFFICES**

Present:	Director Joe Stanhope Kelly Daniels John Finnie George Holme (Alternate) Councillor Marc Lefebvre Gary O'Rourke Fred Manson Councillor Scott Tanner Councillor Anton Kruyt (Alternate) Mark Brown Bob Weir	Regional District of Nanaimo Regional District of Nanaimo Regional District of Nanaimo Regional District of Nanaimo City of Parksville City of Parksville City of Parksville Town of Qualicum Beach Town of Qualicum Beach Town of Qualicum Beach Town of Qualicum Beach
Also in Attendance:	Antonie Koers Linda Burgoyne	Koers & Associates Recording Secretary, RDN

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

J. Stanhope called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. **MINUTES**

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED A. Kruyt that the minutes from the meeting of the Arrowsmith Water Services Management Committee held March 30, 2005 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. **Operational Update/Status of Reservoir – G. O'Rourke.**

G. O'Rourke advised that the Arrowsmith Dam is currently full and is discharging over the weir. He added that if a reasonable flow continues into the river throughout June, then it can be expected to maintain a sufficient flow for the summer months.

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED S. Tanner, that the report be received.

CARRIED

4. **Capital Plan Update – A. Koers.**

A. Koers commented that over the last several years the AWS Committee has been looking at options to downscale the bulk water supply system. In a presentation he explained that the reduced bulk water projections are about half of the originally projected figures from 1996. He reviewed the existing source capacity for surface and well water and reported that if surplus water was shared that there would not be any additional water requirements until 2015, but that after this time bulk water would be required. He suggested that the Committee consider a lower Englishman River intake location and a treatment facility in the same area. The E&N Railway corridor would be used for the water pipeline. This would provide substantial cost savings compared to the original bulk water concept.

Discussion ensued. It was noted that the license may need to be revised if the location of the point of extraction on the river is changed.

A. Koers advised that one option to consider for increasing the use of existing water systems as much as possible would be to redevelop some of the wells.

B. Weir noted that the delivery of the capital plan is critical regarding any land opportunities for upgrades, etc. and for considering the ultimate requirements to work towards the completion of the system.

K. Daniels noted that Nanoose Bay is in critical need for water, especially in view of recent applications received for subdivisions. There is an urgency to know when bulk water will be coming to the area prior to approval of these applications.

J. Finnie added that as a short term measure, if the opportunity arose, could be to consider acquiring existing wells.

A. Koers will pursue additional details concerning costing and options and F. Manson will work on a financial model for presentation at the next AWS Committee meeting.

5. **ADDENDUM – No items**

6. **OTHER.**

(a) B. Weir advised the Committee that Weyerhaeuser has contacted him concerning the road work construction near the Arrowsmith Dam which will be done this year. The company has asked to meet with Engineers to discuss further details. Reserve funds will be used for this project.

(b) K. Daniels advised that the brochure concerning AWS communications strategy will be circulated in June.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Arrowsmith Water Service Management Committee will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at 1:30 pm at the City of Parksville offices.

8. **IN CAMERA**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED M. Lefebvre, SECONDED S. Tanner, that this meeting terminate.

TIME: 2:55 PM

J. Stanhope, Chairperson