

Minutes of the meeting of the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee held in the Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on November 22, 2012 at 1:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lefebure, North Cowichan, Chair
 Director Duncan, CVRD Electoral Area E
 Director Iannidinardo, CVRD Electoral Area D
 Mayor Kent, City of Duncan
 Mayor Hutchins, Ladysmith (2:00 pm)

ABSENT: Chief Alphonse

ALSO

PRESENT: Brian Dennison, P. Eng., CVRD
 Tom Ireland, City of Duncan
 Peter de Verteuil, City of Duncan
 Abbas Farahbakhsh, City of Duncan
 Dave Devana, CAO, North Cowichan
 John MacKay, P. Eng., North Cowichan
 Kim Dibb, Cowichan Tribes
 Baljeet Mann, MoE
 Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL
 OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended, with the provision of a revised R2.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
 OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 18, 2012, Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
 OUT OF MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

REPORTS

R1

Recommendations from CAOs.

It was moved and seconded:

- 1. That a study on all reasonable options for governance of the JUB be commissioned and,**
- 2. That a technical study on interim improvements for additional capacity to the JUB system be carried out.**

MOTION CARRIED

It is expected that an independent consultant will be brought in for Item 1. North Cowichan is prepared to consider sale of additional JUB units, but prefer to establish if additional capacity can be found. Discussion ensued.

R2

Re-establishment of the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan function.

It was moved and seconded:

- 1. That Board Resolution 12-342, dated July 11, 2012, be rescinded.**
- 2. That the CVRD enter into an agreement with Cowichan Tribes for recovery of costs associated with the re-establishment of the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Study Service Area, including the preparation and review of the Plan.**
- 3. That a portion of the costs for the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Study Service be recovered from Cowichan Tribes annually in the amount of \$4,100.**
- 4. That the Board Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to sign the agreement.**
- 5. That "CVRD Bylaw No. 3619 – Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Study Service Area Establishment Bylaw, 2012", be forwarded to the Board for consideration of three readings and following provincial and participating area approval, be adopted.**

MOTION CARRIED

It was discussed that one option to move ahead with establishing a function would be to have the Joint Utilities Board provide interim funding until the Establishment Bylaw is passed.

Action: Brian Dennison will send a letter to the Joint Utilities Board requesting approval to provide their portion of this funding.

R3

Terms of Reference for an amendment to the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan.

The following discussion took place:

The Province now not only looks at non-point sources, but at watershed and aquifer boundaries as well. MOTI needs to be part of these discussions. The Terms of Reference need to explain which local government is responsible for what. Would like to see source control bylaws. North Cowichan asked MoE if there were examples of good Terms of Reference that would be relevant to this valley with similar climate and soil conditions. Ms. Mann suggested CRD, Sooke and Saanich Peninsula should be looked at. The question was raised; can the Cowichan Watershed Board achieve authority in these matters? Can a water/drainage plan be separated from the Liquid Waste Management Plan and two plans developed?

Action: Staff were asked to discuss this issue and report back to the Steering Committee.

It was also suggested that planning advisory committees be asked to look at boundaries and make recommendation, as this must link to OCPs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D1 Scheduling of meetings.

Brian Dennison suggested a dedicated meeting time be scheduled in order to accomplish the Steering Committee's goals. The Committee agreed to meet every two months at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. A member of the Environment Commission should be invited to these meetings. Mr. Dennison will send out possible dates.

D2 Update regarding Cowichan Tribes perspective on disposal of effluent from the Joint Utilities Board lagoons.

A new proposal was expected from Cowichan Tribes but is not available at this time. This should be received for the next meeting in order to be incorporated and discussed. A \$20,000,000 grant application has been submitted for North Cowichan to pipe effluent out to a Satellite Channel outfall.

It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Cowichan Tribes requesting they send their comments on the proposed Satellite Channel outfall to the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee in time for the January 2013 meeting (date tba).

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____