



## Water Community Advisory Panel

### Minutes

February 9, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: K. Jones, Chairperson  
D. Bower, Vice-Chairperson  
S. Doerksen, Panel Member (entered the meeting at 4:01 p.m.)  
I. Lessner, Panel Member  
D. Stonoga, Panel Member  
J. Holm, Panel Member  
M. Pedersen, Panel Member

COUNCIL: Councillor C. Trevelyan (non-voting)

STAFF: J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk  
C. Richards, Committee Clerk

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2021-WCAP-03** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Advisory Committee Panel amends the agenda for February 9, 2021 to:

- Add item 6.1 - Water Conservation; and

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**Motion CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2021-WCAP-04** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel adopts the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

S. Doerksen entered the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

**4. UPDATE ON THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations summarized water data results from the City website. A private testing company runs the tests twice a month and the City receives the results.

**5. COMMITTEE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON WATER RATE RESTRUCTURING**

The Chairperson requested this item be added to the agenda for discussion.

The Panel discussed the water rates in White Rock compared to the City of Surrey and the costs associated with the water utility.

**6. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairperson requested this item be added to the agenda for discussion.

It was noted the varying water bills are attributable to the types of appliances used in a home, which may increase the cost of water.

The panel was encouraged to fill out the Official Community Plan (OCP) Survey to address their concerns.

## 6.1 WATER CONSERVATION

The panel discussed ways to conserve water. The following discussion points were noted:

- Water restrictions were discussed, it was noted if there was more water conservation there would be a greater water supply.
- Staff confirmed there is communication on water conservation on the City of White Rock website and provided the link:  
<https://www.whiterockcity.ca/296/Conservation-Restrictions>
- Discussion on a water barrel subsidy program that the City of Surrey had implemented.
- Discussion surrounding adding inserts to the water bills to highlight water plant operations and conservation opportunities.

**Motion Number: 2021-WCAP-05** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel recommend that Council direct staff to investigate ways to conserve City water usage such as tuning sprinklers and purchasing water storage.

**Motion CARRIED**

**Committee members D. Bower, J. Holm and M. Pedersen voted in the negative.**

**Motion Number: 2021-WCAP-06** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel recommend that Council direct staff to investigate subsidizing water saving products such as rain barrels to White Rock residents

**Motion CARRIED**

**Committee members D. Bower, J. Holm and M. Pedersen voted in the negative.**

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

**8. INFORMATION**

**8.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

Corporate Administration provided the action-tracking document to the Panel for information. This spreadsheet will be updated after each meeting and provided to members for information.

**Motion Number: 2021-WCAP-07** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel recommend that Council direct staff to provide a follow up report from the previously ratified motion:

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel recommends that Council requests staff to look into options to use borrowing as a source of funds in order to amortize long-term capital spending over an appropriate asset life; and

THAT these options be provided back to the Panel for information.

**Motion CARRIED**

**9. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was approved by the Committee and is provided for information purposes:

- March 9, 2021

**10. CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 WATER COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:41 p.m.

Approved at the March 9, 2021 Meeting

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K. Jones, Chairperson



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K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk