



Water Community Advisory Panel

Minutes

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

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: K. Jones, Chairperson
D. Bower, Vice-Chairperson
I. Lessner, Panel Member (entered the meeting at 4:06 p.m.)
D. Stonoga, Panel Member
J. Holm, Panel Member
M. Pedersen, Panel Member

COUNCIL: Councillor C. Trevelyan (non-voting)

ABSENT: S. Doerksen, Panel Member

STAFF: J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
C. Ponzini, Director of Financial Services
J. Brierley-Green, Manager of Revenue Services
K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk
C. Richards, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number: WCAP-2021-08 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel adopt the agenda for March 9, 2021 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: WCAP-2021-09 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel adopts the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. UPDATE ON 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.

I. Lessner entered the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

5. PROPOSED WATER RATE MODEL

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview on the on-table Proposed Changes to the Water Rates Structure Report.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Discussion surrounding capital vs. consumption models. The effects will be dependent on where in White Rock the resident lives.
- Discussion surrounding the impact of water conservation with the proposed water rate structure for apartment buildings. The water unit cost will affect the whole building altogether as it will be based on consumption.
- The greatest impact will be on lawn watering, as residents will resist with the increased costs on their water bill.
- Increased base charges will affect residents depending on if they are single family or multi-family homes.
- A complete water consumption model will incentivize residents to use less water.

- Importance of providing residents with information on where the costs are coming from and how they can help alleviate them will be helpful.
- Reducing the water meter rate and adding a greater consumption rate could be more equitable.
- The impact the rate structure will have on the most effected residents (outliers).

Panel members suggested that an alternate water rates structure model which includes a meter size charge with demand plus a consumption charge could be more equitable.

Staff noted that the suggested proposal has already been provided to the Panel and that the direction at that time was to stage in the consumption model.

Action item - Committee Member, J. Holm to present his proposed water rate structure with the Panel's suggestions to the next meeting.

Motion Number: WCAP-2021-10 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.

Motion CARRIED

Motion Number: WCAP-2021-11 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Water Community Advisory Panel recommend that Council direct staff to continue to work on finalizing a water rate structure with alternatives with the Panel and report back to Council.

Motion CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None

7. **INFORMATION**

7.1 **COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

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

8. **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

No scheduled meetings at this time.

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

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 6:01 p.m.

Approved at the April 13, 2021 Meeting

K. Jones, Chairperson



K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk