

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD,

held Wednesday, November 28, 2001 in the Board Room

PRESENT: Directors: C. Causton (Chair), D. Amos, D. Blackwell, J. Brownoff, W. Camden, R. Dalon, B. Gillespie, W. Hunter, F. Leonard, A. Lowe, J. Lunt, E. Macgregor, L. Michaluk, C. Pickup, R. Rice, E. Robertson, K. Roessingh, D. Savoie, K. Watson and L. Wergeland. **Staff:** W. M. Jordan, J. Hull, S. Joslin, D. Lokken, L. Rushton and C. Thiel (Recorder). **Also Present:** Dr. R. Stanwick

ABSENT: Director K. Booth

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Lowe, SECONDED by Director Macgregor,

that the agenda and supplementary agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2001

MOVED by Director Michaluk, SECONDED by Director Gillespie,

that the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2001 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported on the following:

- Director Booth/Alternate Director Lambert were not able to make it to today's meeting as a result of being snowed in.
- The Chair recently represented the CRD Board at the following functions:

- Capital Region Housing Corporation opening of a new family housing development on Kingston St. in James Bay;

- Johnson Manor, a new 20 unit development for the homeless sponsored by Cool Aid;

- The new Boys and Girls Club near Macaulay School sponsored by the Rotary Foundation.

- The Chair, Director Blackwell, and CRD Environmental Services staff Mike Williams, Bob Warman, Laura Taylor, Seamus McDonnell and Carol Hyland attended a meeting with the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection. The Chair was extremely proud of the presentation put on by CRD staff and the good question and answer session which followed.
- Six speakers have requested to address the Board on the Senanus Drive Water issue. It was reported that Dr. Stanwick has been asked to speak to his report and if the decision is made to refer the matter back to Central Saanich Council, then those speakers will be requested to address Central Saanich Council rather than the CRD Board. The Chair suggested that voting on the speakers be delayed until Dr. Stanwick has spoken.

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Regional Water Supply Commission - November 1, 2001

1. Agricultural Water Rate

MOVED by Director Pickup, SECONDED by Director Gillespie,

that the Board approve freezing the agricultural water rate at the current wholesale rate of \$0.2060 for the next five years, subject to annual review.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Senanus Drive Water Quality Issue

Dr. Stanwick provided an overview of his report which addressed whether water that comes from the wells in Senanus Drive posed a health hazard or not. He noted that a number of agents that were identified likely came from within the individual's household, eg. chromium, lead and copper and could not be attributed to the water supply. With respect to chemicals or elements in the water, the one element that did cause concern was sodium. The levels of sodium that were in the water were at levels that if one suffered from high blood pressure and was on a moderate to severe sodium restricted diet, you could not consume that water safely. There

were other components to the water that were outside the range of the aesthetic parameters of taste, colour and odour. The water quality for an individual to consume the recommended amounts of 8 glasses per day would be difficult without treatment.

The concern in reviewing the various reports done to date on water treatment to make the water palatable is that many of the treatment processes used a significant amount of water to generate potable water. There have been concerns expressed with the technologies and whether or not there would be sufficient water to allow for these treatment processes to take place. This is something that would have to be reviewed and was not within the scope of this review.

In summary, Dr. Stanwick advised that the water did not contain any elements, under the 6th Edition Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines, that would pose a significant risk to health other than the elevated sodium for select population. However it would require treatment and that treatment in itself poses some logistic issues which were not addressed in the report.

Following a brief question period, the Chair thanked Dr. Stanwick for tackling this difficult issue.

The Chair then asked the Board whether it wished to hear from the six persons who have requested to speak or whether they should be referred to Central Saanich.

MOVED by Director Macgregor, SECONDED by Director

Pickup,

that the Board not hear the representations made by the group but rather refer this to the Central Saanich Council for their determination and at the same time refer Dr. Stanwick's report to Central Saanich Council.

There was debate on whether the speakers should be heard.

The motion was then put,

CARRIED

Director Dalon left the meeting due to possible conflict of interest with the upcoming item.

Tender Bids for Replacement Vehicles