

MINUTES

REGIONAL WASTE WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 22, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. – Conference Room A, 4th Floor City Hall

Present Councillor Sandy Hickman, Chair
Councillor Ian Froude
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O’Leary
Councillor Jamie Korab (joined 12:23 pm)
Mayor Danny Breen
Kevin Breen, City Manager
Lynnann Winsor, Deputy City Manager – Public Works
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager – Finance & Administration
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Andrew Niblock, Director – Environmental Services
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager – Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services
Terry Knee, Manager- Regional Facilities
Sean Janes, City Internal Auditor
Mayor Dave Aker, City of Mount Pearl
Darryl Drover, City of Mount Pearl
Councillor Isabelle Fry, City of Mount Pearl
Jason Silver, City of Mount Pearl
Councillor Stirling Willis, Town of Paradise
Garry Spencer, Town of Paradise
Tracy-Lynn Goosney, Town of Paradise
Mayor Dan Bobbett, Town of Paradise
Kenessa Cutler, Acting Legislative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved – Councillor Fry; Seconded – Councillor Willis

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Fry

That the minutes be adopted with the following correction:

- **Mr. Darryl Drover was incorrectly listed as a councillor.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Riverhead Secondary Treatment Facility - Discussion

Kevin Breen explained that the City of St. John's was granted a transitional authorization by the Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding discharge of effluent for the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Facility that expires on December 31, 2020. Upon expiration and to comply with regulations, the City is required have a secondary treatment facility constructed and in operation.

Derek Coffey delivered a presentation to further explain the situation. He stated that the need for a secondary treatment facility was identified based on testing conducted between May 2013 and April 2014. These samples were taken before Riverhead had reached normal operations and at a time when there were less than full flows. Now that the facility has reached normal operation levels, the results are stable and are consistently below the "high-risk" threshold (below 70 points in the point system used). Under current testing, Riverhead is considered "medium" risk.

Derek outlined the significant costs associated with constructing and operating a secondary facility, including capital costs, operating costs, and an increase in water tax. The estimated capital cost is \$84,882,644 between the three municipalities.

Mr. Coffey then outlined two options:

1. To request a ten-year deferral from the federal government.
2. To request to transfer monies from the PTIF (Public Transit Infrastructure Fund) to water treatment.

Discussions took place regarding the likelihood of a funds transfer and the practicality of delaying a project that will have to be completed eventually. It was ultimately agreed to send a letter to the federal government to ask for a ten-year deferral of the project and/or a re-evaluation of the effluent levels at Riverhead.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Councillor Sandy Hickman
Chairperson