

**GREATER MONCTON WASTEWATER COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: **Thursday – November 18, 2021 at 6:42 pm**
At the TransAqua Riverview Operations Centre Boardroom

PRESENT: Michel Desjardins, Chair
Jennifer Dingman, Commissioner
Brenda Dore Kidney, Secretary (Virtual)
Yves Gagnon, Commissioner
Gerald Lundquist, Commissioner
JP Ouellette, Treasurer
Kevin Rice, General Manager

REGRETS:

INVITED:

1. Chairman’s remarks and approval of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended to remove item 6.2.

Moved by: Yves Gagnon
Seconded by: Gerald Lundquist

MOTION DEFEATED

Commissioner Gagnon – FOR
Commissioner Lundquist – FOR
Commissioner Dore-Kidney – FOR
Commissioner Ouellette – AGAINST
Commissioner Dingman – AGAINST
Commissioner Desjardins – AGAINST

It is noted that, according to Robert’s Rules, the Chair’s vote serves as the tiebreaker.

No information was provided to the Commission regarding Items 5.1 and 5.2 submitted by Commissioner Gagnon such that the Commission could have some context and be prepared for a productive and reflective discussion. The Chair stated that submission of information regarding Submissions by Commissioners is encouraged. Commissioner Gagnon stated that there is no obligation to provide such information. After further discussion, a second motion was brought forward:

Motion: That the Public Meeting agenda be approved as modified to remove items 5.1, 5.2 and 6.2.

Moved by: JP Ouellette
Seconded by: Jennifer Dingman

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gagnon – AGAINST

A request was made for the Private Meeting Agenda to have a section created for Submissions by Commissioners.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 21, 2021

Motion: That the Minutes be approved as amended to reflect the following changes:

Section 2.2: Modify “Commissioner Gagnon indicated that, according to Robert’s Rules...” to read as follows “Commissioner Gagnon indicated that, from his recollection of Robert’s Rules...”.

Section 5.1: Modify “The Minutes of the Public Meetings start time do not reflect the actual start time since January 2020” to read as follows “The Minutes of the Public Meetings start time do not reflect the actual start time since at least January 2020”.

Section 5.2: Replace “Information has been provided in the past” to read as follows “The Chair stated that several reports have been prepared and presented to the Board in the past few months”.

Section 5.3: In the sentence “Will the Auditor General look at contracts to determine if excluding an open tender process is relevant and necessary?”, change “is” to “was”.

Section 5.3: In the sentence “Will the Auditor General take the position in terms of observance of our procurement policy?”, change “the” to “a”.

Section 5.3: Remove “Commissioner Lundquist stated that he wanted to thank the Chair for the media messages regarding this issue. He recognized that the work by staff on the project that has in the end proved beneficial.”.

Moved by: Jennifer Dingman
Seconded by: JP Ouellette

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gagnon - AGAINST

2.2 Procès-verbal de la réunion ordinaire du 21 octobre 2021

Motion: That the French Minutes be approved as amended to reflect the same changes that were made in the English version.

Moved by: JP Ouellette

By consensus, the Board agrees that the Chair can leave his chair and second the motion.

Seconded by: Michel Desjardins

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gagnon - AGAINST

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

4. **Consent Agenda**

K. Rice briefly reviewed the General Manager Report for November 2021. Discussion followed and various questions asked were clarified.

4.1 Matters arising from the Public Meeting of October 21, 2021

4.2 General Manager Report – November 2021

Motion: That the Commission receive and file all Reports in the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: JP Ouellette

Seconded by: Gerald Lundquist

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Submissions by Commissioners**

None

6. Business Matters

6.1 2022 GMWC Operating and Capital Budget

Motion: That the Commission;

1. The Unit Rate remains at \$210 for 2022;
2. Approve the GMWC 2022 Operating and Capital Budget;
3. Approve the GMWC Chair and Secretary sign the appropriate GMWC 2022 Operating and Capital Budget documents; and
4. Direct the General Manager to submit the GMWC 2022 Operating and Capital Budget to Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe and the Province of New Brunswick.

Moved by: JP Ouellette

Seconded by: Jennifer Dingman

MOTION CARRIED

Abstention: Brenda Dore Kidney as she is not physically present – a requirement of the Clean Environment Act, Section 15.2 (16).

6.1 Removed from the Agenda.

6.2 GMWC Purchasing Policy

Motion: That the Commission approve the GMWC Purchasing Policy as amended.

Moved by: Jennifer Dingman

Seconded by: Brenda Dore Kidney

MOTION CARRIED

7 Consideration of Issues Separated from the Consent Agenda

No items this month

8 Supplemental Agenda

No items this month

9 Items arising from the Private Meeting

No items this month

10 Information Items

- 10.1 T&T Article: Wastewater commission boss quizzed on north-end stench (October 27, 2021)
- 10.2 T&T Article: TransAqua seeks to avoid 'rate shock,' weighs budget choices (October 27, 2021)
- 10.3 Acadie Nouvelle Article: Greater Moncton has a problem with its sewers (October 28, 2021)
- 10.4 T&T Article: Back municipal government transparency (October 18, 2021)

11 Adjournment

Motion: That the Public Meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: JP Ouellette

Seconded by: Gerald Lundquist

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Next meeting – December 16, 2021