

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

**DATE:**                      **Thursday – December 16, 2021 at 6:18pm  
Virtual Meeting**

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

**REGRETS:**

**INVITED:**

**1. Chairman’s remarks and approval of Agenda**

Discussion occurred surrounding the removal of Item 5.1 from the agenda. Commissioner Gagnon indicated that the Commission is placing barriers to limit the right for Commissioners to ask questions and receive answers in a public Meeting. The Commission has requested the New Brunswick Auditor General to conduct an audit into the WWTF Upgrade and Modernization Project contract award process.

Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended to add Items 5.1 and 7.1 from the Private Meeting, Item 4.1 from the November 18, 2021 Private Meeting at Item 9 and remove items 5.1 and 6.2 from the agenda. This motion is with the understanding that Commissioner Gagnon’s submission under point 5.1 will be sent to the Auditor General for consideration during his review.

**Moved by:** Brenda Dore Kidney

**Seconded by:** JP Ouellette

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Gagnon - AGAINST

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

### 2.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 18, 2021

Motion: That the Minutes be approved as presented.

**Moved by**: Jennifer Dingman

**Seconded by**: Brenda Dore Kidney

MOTION CARRIED

### 2.2 Procès-verbal de la réunion ordinaire du 18 novembre 2021

Motion: That the French Minutes be approved as presented.

**Moved by**: JP Ouellette

**Seconded by**: Yves Gagnon

MOTION CARRIED

## 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

## 4. Consent Agenda

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

### 4.1 Matters arising from the Public Meeting of November 18, 2021

### 4.2 General Manager Report – December 2021

The Commission pointed out the response from the City of Moncton in the CBC Article from Item 10.4 and recommended that TransAqua modify its public response to ongoing odour complaints. The General Manager informed the Commission that the AGM could be moved back into April due to the timeline for the 2021 audit process being delayed due to the Director of Finance vacancy by one month. The Commission is required to submit the 2021 Annual Report that includes the Commission approved Financial Statements by March 31, 2022. The General Manager stated that CBCL has provided a different concept for intercepting combined sewer flow from the Wheeler Boulevard area using a pumping station to direct the storm water into the nearest watercourse rather than continuing to pump it through the sanitary system to the treatment facility.

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

**Moved by**: Brenda Dore Kidney

**Seconded by**: JP Ouellette

MOTION CARRIED

## 5. Submissions by Commissioners

Item 5.1 was removed from the Agenda as per the Motion that was CARRIED in Item 1. The Commission directed the General Manager to seek legal counsel advice to determine if this submission document can be made public or would be subject to a RTIPPA request.

## 6. Business Matters

### 6.1 Sludge Mixing Equipment Installation Contract

The General Manager was asked why the equipment was purchased approximately 2 years ago, is on site and why this contract was not publicly tendered. The General Manager responded that, through the Master Agreement with Black and McDonald, TransAqua is able to request a quotation to award additional work.

Motion: That the Commission accept the quotation for the Sludge Mixing Equipment Installation Contract from Black & McDonald for the total amount of \$372,450 (not including HST) under their Master Agreement with TransAqua with the understanding that some of the items are based on estimated hours and fees and the final payment amount is to be determined from actual field work and authorize the General Manager to administer and make payments associated with this Agreement.

**Moved by:** Brenda Dore Kidney

**Seconded by:** Gerald Lundquist

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gagnon - AGAINST

## 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

Motion: That Items 5.1 and 7.1 from the December 16, 2021 Private Meeting and Item 4.1 from the November 18, 2021 Private Meeting being the Motions from the Private Meetings be ratified.

**Moved by:** JP Ouellette

**Seconded by:** Gerald Lundquist

MOTION CARRIED

## 10. Information Items

- 10.1 Virginia Street Compost Toilet
- 10.2 Wastewater Treatment Facility Outfall

It is recommended that pictures are taken on a monthly basis from the same vantage point to monitor the changing slope of the river bank.

- 10.3 TransAqua letter of support to the Petiticodiac Watershed Alliance
- 10.4 CBC Article: What's that smell? Moncton officials trying to identify source of north end stench (November 24, 2021)

## 11. Adjournment

Motion: That the Public Meeting be adjourned.

**Moved by**: Brenda Dore Kidney

**Seconded by**: Gerald Lundquist

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

**Next meeting – January 20, 2022**