



JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
9:00 AM

Ruthven Water Treatment Plant
1615 Union Avenue,
Ruthven

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor MacDonald (Chair); Deputy Mayor Verbeke, Councillors Dunn, Tiessen (alternate), Wilkinson - Leamington
Mayor Nelson Santos (Vice-Chair); Deputy Mayor Queen,
Councillors DeYong, Neufeld, Patterson - Kingsville
Councillor VanderDoelen - Essex
Councillor Walstedt - Lakeshore

Members Absent: Councillors Hammond & Jacobs - Leamington

Staff Present: Andy Graf - Essex
Shaun Martinho - Kingsville
Kevin Girard - Lakeshore
Shannon Belleau - Leamington

OCWA Staff Present: Dale Dillen
Dave Jubenville

Call to Order: 9:10 am

Election of Chair of the Union Water System Joint Board of Management

The Manager calls for nominations for the position of Chair of the Union Water Supply System Joint Board of Management, for the term 2020, ending on December 31, 2020.

Nomination of Mayor Hilda MacDonald for the position of Chair

No. UW-01-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Queen

Seconded by: Councillor Wilkinson

That Mayor, Hilda MacDonald, is nominated for the position of Chair for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Carried

Mayor MacDonald accepts the nomination. There is a second and third call for nominations. There are none.

No. UW-02-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Verbeke

Seconded by: Councillor Walstedt

That the nominations are closed.

Carried

The Chair then takes over duties of the meeting.

Nomination of Mayor Nelson Santos for the position of Vice Chair

No. UW-03-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Queen

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Verbeke

That Mayor, Nelson Santos, is nominated for the position of Vice Chair for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Carried

Mayor Santos accepts the nomination. There is a second and third call for nominations. There are none.

No. UW-04-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Verbeke

Seconded by: Councillor Dunn

That nominations are closed.

Carried

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: none

Adoption of UWSS Joint Board of Management Minutes:

No. UW-05-20

Moved by: Councillor Patterson

Seconded by: Councillor Dunn

That Minutes of the UWSS Joint Board of Management meeting of December 18, 2020 be received as amended.

Carried

Business Arising Out of the Minutes:

The Manager informs members of the Board that there was a slight rounding error on his budget report the previous month. He explains that the error occurred while converting from imperial to metric measurements and the number of decimal places used. He further confirms that the end result of the budget increase for the wholesale water rate remains unchanged.

The recording secretary is to amend the December 18, 2020 minutes and report UW/35/19 to reflect the change of the increase in the wholesale water rate from \$0.0248 per cubic meter to the new increase of \$0.0261 per cubic metre.

Deputy Mayor Verbeke's name will also be added to the December minutes.

Report UW/2/20 dated January 10, 2020 re: Status Update of the UWSS Operations & Maintenance Activities and Capital Works to July 26, 2020

The Manager reviews his report with board members. He notes that the Christmas break was just after the last meeting and not really much has happened since that time. However, he notes that OCWA staff are working hard around the facilities to ensure things continue to run smoothly.

The Manager indicates that PW Makar was retained to inspect the Kingsville Water Tower (KWT), which was completed on January 6, 2020. This is part of the process to establish what will be required to rehab the KWT. He notes that the results of the inspection have not been received, but that the interior and exterior will need recoating. This will require full encapsulation. He is working with the staff at the Town of Kingsville throughout the process to make sure things move smoothly.

The old water softener, that was part of the ammonia system, has been removed. Annual filter maintenance is underway. This includes new flow metres on filters #5 through #8 and chemical cleaning of filter #8.

The Manager provides an update on the SCADA project. He notes that due to the holidays not a lot has changed. He does confirm that the FAT testing will take place at the beginning of February and the site testing can commence. He still expects the project to be completed by March 2020.

The CO2 pH project is moving along as well, however, there were no on-site activities to report during the holiday season. He believes that commissioning should begin by the end of January.

The flows are up, but with only 9 recorded days on this report, it is difficult to confirm any trend. The Manager does feel that flows will continue to be up this year. His understanding is that more greenhouses will be built and with the are having access to more power and gas greenhouses are running year round now.

No. UW-06-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Queen

Seconded by: Councillor Walstedt

That report UW/2/20 dated January 10, 2020 re: Status Update of the UWSS Operations & Maintenance Activities and Capital Works to January 10, 2020 is received.

Carried (UW/2/20)

Report UW03/20 dated January 10, 2020 re: Chief Drinking Water Inspector Report for Ontario 2018-2019 and Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2019

The Manager reminds members of the Board that both of these reports are generally provided on a yearly basis.

The Chief Drinking Water Inspectors Report (CDWI) provides aggregate numbers for all systems in Ontario and shows the inspection results. He notes that most facilities that do not obtain 100% inspection rating is generally due to paper issue, not a water quality issue. The four member municipalities' inspections are noted.

The Annual Report on Drinking Water provides information regarding Ontario as a whole and specifically lists projects that the government has undertaken to improve water quality such as the improvements to the Great Lakes, Lake Simcoe and the First Nations.

No. UW-07-20

Moved by: Councillor Wilkinson

Seconded by: Councillor Neufeld

That report UW/03/20 dated January 10, 2020 re: Chief Drinking Water Inspector Report for Ontario 2018-2019 and Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2019 is received.

Carried (UW/03/20)

Report UW/04/20 dated January 10, 2020 re: Payments from December 20th, 2019 to January 10th, 2020

No. UW-08-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Verbeke

Seconded by: Mayor Santos

That report UW/04/20 dated January 10, 2020 re: Payments from December 20th, 2019 to January 10th, 2020 is received.

Carried (UW/04/20)

New Business

Councillor Patterson spoke to members of the Board noting that he keeps track of complaints received each year regarding UWSS. He was pleased to state that the one complaint he received did not pertain to water quality. He congratulated UWSS and OCWA staff on an exemplary 2019 year.

Chair MacDonald asks the Manager if he had any comment regarding the BWA that had taken place in Wheatley within the last week. She notes there was a great deal of confusion regarding this incident. The Manager notes that UWSS does not supply water to the area in question. He explains that Leamington Water Department staff might be better able to answer any questions.

Adjournment:

No. UW-09-20

Moved by: Councillor Tiessen

Seconded by: Councillor Patterson

That the meeting adjourn at 9:28 am

Carried

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 9:00 am at the Ruthven WTP

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