

## MINUTES

### LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

City of Port Alberni Committee Room

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#### RECORD OF MEETING

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**PRESENT:** Jim MacDonald, Chair, City of Port Alberni  
Melanie Mamoser, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy  
Paulo Eichelberger, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District  
Mike Carter, Port Alberni Port Authority  
Clinton Wright, City of Port Alberni  
John Stephen, City of Port Alberni

#### A. INTRODUCTIONS

#### B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Review current status regarding the operation of both lagoons

- The old lagoon has not been operating for sometime and does not have any current influent.
- The new lagoon has been functioning and operating as per the design. It does have some administrative reporting requirement deficiencies. All ongoing processes and treatments are meeting requirements.
- No issues operationally.
- Some issues with Scada automated process, re; discharging/timing as some sensors are not working therefore some manual operation has been required regarding flow monitoring & flow meter on the back end.
- Previously discussed looking for control times for outflow with Fisheries re; fish runs. We hope to not have to discharge due to low levels during fish windows. When there is no rain, we can go 7 – 12 days without having to release. When necessary in the summer, effluent is going out with the tide. Our two systems will automatically follow tide tables with sensors as long as we don't experience power outages as this can cause the automation to reset.

- Once we start seeing more data and test results from our Receiving Environment Monitoring Program this information will assist further over time and will hopefully show no impact.

**2. Review Josephine Forcemain Replacement Program**

- This forcemain will be installed from the Josephine lift station and run under the Somass River to the Lagoon site.
- This is currently in the design phase for 2024.
- There is a preliminary layout in place.
- Construction is anticipated to take place in 2025 and to take approximately 6 – 8 weeks to complete.

**3. Discuss Operating Certificate deficiencies and contraventions**

- A report has been submitted to the Ministry. Most contraventions are more administrative, re; reporting and testing. Equipment was not measuring flow correctly, therefore data couldn't report it. There are changes that can be made / modified so that we don't have deficiencies in the future.

**4. Receiving Environment Program Testing**

- This has been awarded to a contractor to complete the program on our behalf. Long term goal is to have this performed in house. Testing, sampling, interpreting data, writing reports and providing recommendations to what is being observed.
- Reporting for Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 were missed last year; however, we are currently up to date with reporting.
- There wasn't a Receiving Environment Testing Program in place in the past, therefore this discharge was not monitored before.

**E. DISCUSSION PERIOD**

*Round table (5 minutes for each member) ask each member for any topics they would like to introduce. These topics will be considered as an item to discuss at the next meeting.*

**Comment:** Lagoon closure plan was located from previous years. Was this submitted?

**Answer:** Yes, it was submitted to the Ministry, it was contingent upon sludge / dewatering and removal however the product was not able to be taken to the landfill due to its contents. Need to determine next steps. We have a plan for after the sludge is removed to get the area restored.

**Comment:** Need to look at the best options regarding disposing of the sludge and the best use of the material. First Nations are looking to ensure the material isn't causing harm. This will feed into the ACRD workplan.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

**G. PROPOSED NEXT MEETING DATE**