

Council Update March 20, 2023 – Councillor Gord Baird

CRD regional Water Supply – February 15 2023

The CRD Regional Water Supply received several reports for information including:

- Greater Victoria Watershed Area Wildfire Management
- Update on the Once Through Cooling Rebate Program
- Water Quality Report for the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System

Additionally the commission considered an update to the CRD RWS Capital Plan regarding costs associated with NSERC research focused on enhancing wild fire resilience and forest health.

Reports can be found on the agenda [link](#)

JDF Water Distribution Commission – March 7 2023

The Commission received its annual update on the capital projects underway with this years budget at \$26.8 million. Seven project account for 70% of the budget including:

- Goldstream Water Main
- Rocky Point Water Upgrades
- South Skirt Mountain (DCC project)
- Sun River Reservoir
- Development Cost Charge Bylaw Update (updated every 5 years)
- Asbestos Cement Pipe Replacement Program (ongoing)
- East Sooke Coppermine Pump Station

Report can be accessed through [link](#).

SLUSC - March 8 2023

SLUSC business consisted of electing chair and vice chair, and considering the Secondary Suites file that was referred to them. Allan Roger was elected Chair, Ingo Lambrecht elected as Vice Chair. This is the first time the committee has met in person since before Covid and the first time the committee has had the opportunity to consider the Secondary Suites topic. They recognized that due to the length of the process, several iterations of draft policy, and the significance of such a policy to the Highlands, that they needed more time to consider the information. They tentatively plan to reconvene April 26th.