

Council Update May 1 2023 - Councillor Gord Baird

Regional Water Supply Commission - April 19, 2023

The RWSC approved updates to Bylaw No. 4521 Water Supply Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw. The original establishing bylaw was outdated and the amendments were housekeeping in nature. The commission also received their biennial report on the Impacts of Climate Change to the Regional Water Supply watershed, treatment and infrastructure. Changes to date ranging from heat domes to atmospheric rivers have not negatively impacted the water quality, though have provided operational adjustments, demonstrating that we have a robust water system. Predicted climatic changes does increase our risk for water quality, watershed health, impacts from wildfire, and delivery, which have all been addressed in the Master Plan approved last year.

Link to Staff Report - <https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32798&GUID=CD33B11E-8C80-4AE8-931A-E59D0145F865>

JDF Water Distribution Commission - May 2 2023

The commission will be receiving an update on the Small Diameter Pipe Replacement Program, which looks to enhance the schedule of the existing AC pipe replacement. The report is informational only.

SLUSC - April 26 2023

SLUSC reconvened their discussion (3 hour) on the Draft Secondary Suite Bylaw. Discussion topics covered the main topic areas of:

1. Population – the 5000 people dilemma
2. Groundwater – impacts, provincial regulations, science
3. Equity and Fairness across all lot size owners
4. Community Culture/ambiance – primarily how new detached ADUs fit into small lots
5. Climate impacts - traffic, additional clearing of trees for new detached ADUs
6. Controls that could be employed – lot size, bylaw, building code and fire safety, health authority,

The committee is in the process of taking the existing Draft Bylaw and marking up their desired/recommended updates and will be formally approving their recommendation to Council at their May meeting.

CRD Water Advisory Committee - March 23 2023

The CRD WAC was presented with two very important reports from consultants regarding the CRD RWS Development Cost Charge draft policy and the draft Agricultural Water Rate Review. These two topics may define major policy shifts for CRD Regional Water.