

### 3.1 Capital Regional District Water Supply Commission - Voting

Committee received a report dated February 1, 2017 from the City Clerk regarding correspondence received from the Capital Regional District related to weighted votes for the CRD Water Supply Commission.

**Motion:** It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the extra vote be allocated:

1. to the Mayor when she or he is a water board member.
2. to other members in order of votes received at the most recent election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

**Motion:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, that Council consider the issue of weighted voting at the Capital Regional District Water Supply Commission.

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**Motion:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Young, that Council adopt the policy that representation by population be retained at the Capital Regional District Water Supply Commission.

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*Councillor Lucas withdrew from the meeting at 10:38 a.m.*

Committee discussed:

- The value of weighed votes being of benefit to Victoria.

*Councillor Lucas returned to the meeting at 10:39 a.m.*

**Motion to postpone:**


It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Young, that the motion be postponed for one month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW



Each of the options noted above follow clear processes. On balance, Council may consider that voting by all of Council to distribute the 17<sup>th</sup> Water Commission weighted vote most closely follows the City's standard practice for making appointments.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Chris Coates  
City Clerk

  
Jocelyn Jenkyns  
Deputy City Manager

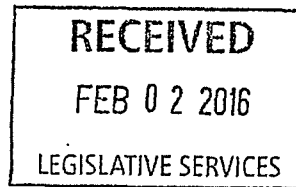
Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:  \_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 23, 2017

**List of Attachments:**

CRD Correspondence dated January 31, 2017

January 31, 2017



File 0360

Mr. Chris Coates  
City Clerk, Legislative & Regulatory Services  
City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mr. Coates:

**RE: Capital Regional District (CRD) Regional Water Supply Commission – Voting**

I am writing to request that the City of Victoria Council assign weighted votes to its Regional Water Supply Commission members (Commissioners) in accordance with section 197 of the *Local Government Act* (the Act).

The CRD Regional Water Supply Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1997 requires that resolutions of the Commission be decided by weighted voting in accordance with the same formula that establishes the weighted voting for the CRD Board. There are 4 Commissioners from the City of Victoria and together they are entitled to 17 votes. The 4 Commissioners from Victoria are Councillors Chris Coleman, Jeremy Loveday, Ben Isitt and Geoff Young.

Because equal distribution of the 17 votes amongst the 4 Commissioners is not possible, Victoria Council must assign the municipality's votes as evenly. The Act (s. 197) requires that in no case may the difference between the maximum and minimum number of votes assigned be greater than 1. This means that 3 of the 4 Victoria Commissioners are entitled to 4 votes, and 1 is entitled to 5 votes. Victoria Council must determine which Victoria Commissioner is entitled to 5 votes.

Please bring this issue forward to Council for decision and inform me of the vote assignment after a decision has been made. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Reems".

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