

**THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ST. THOMAS AREA
SECONDARY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

OCTOBER 22, 2020

5: 03 p.m. The meeting convened with J. Kohler Chair, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Councillor Jeff Kohler, City of St. Thomas
Councillor Justin Pennings, Southwold Township
Councillor Dennis Crevits, Municipality of Central Elgin
Councillor Stephen Wookey, City of St. Thomas

Staff

J. Lawrence, Director, Environmental Services and City Engineer
C. Andrew, Manager Sewer & Water, Environmental Services
N. Bokma, Manager of Development & Compliance, Environmental Services
T. Tiersma, Administrative Assistant, Environmental Services
K. Kamerman, Compliance Coordinator, Environmental Services
G. Brooks, Director of Infrastructure and Community Services, Municipality of Central Elgin
C. Scrimgeour, Auditor - Scrimgeour & Company CPA Professional Corporation

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Councillor Crevits:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Draft Audited St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2019 were provided by C. Scrimgeour.

C. Scrimgeour introduced herself as the auditor for the City of St. Thomas and explained that although historically the St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System Financial Statements were not separate that going forward it will be separated to comply with the original board order that created the system. The auditor explained the report to members noting that the tangible capital assets were valued at historical costs and depreciated so they always appear smaller than market values. The City Engineer and Director of Environmental Services stated the current replacement value of the Secondary System is approximately \$25 Million. The auditor assured the Board that the audited statements were consistent with other municipalities and encouraged the members to replace assets when required.

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Councillor Crevits :

THAT: The 2019 audited financial statements for the St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System be received for information; and further that the audited financial statements be approved.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Report No. SWB05-20 – St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System – 2021 Water Rates (Appendix A)

Having reviewed the report prior to the meeting, the members were satisfied with the report.

CONFIRMED



CHAIRMAN

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J. Lawrence, City Engineer and Director of Environmental Services noted that staff recommends that the Board adopt the recommended rate increase for 2021.

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Councillor Pennings :

THAT: Report No. SWB 05-20, relating to the St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System - 2021 Water Rates, be received for information; and further that the Secondary Rate for the St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System of \$0.5597/m³, effective January 1, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMPS Joint Occupancy and Use Agreement:

No update at this time

Lake Huron/Elgin Area Water System Workshop Update:

No update at this time

Next Meeting

To be set for the March 4 ,2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Councillor Crevits :

THAT: The Board adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

Carried.

CONFIRMED



CHAIRMAN