

Reports presented in written form:

- Chair's Report
- Operator's Report
- Operations and Maintenance Committee Report
- Fire Chief's Report
- Fire Protection Committee Report
- Finance Committee Report
- Bylaw Committee Report
- Environment and Emergency Committee Report
- HR Committee Report

Motion: to accept reports as presented

P. Bernard

Seconded: R. Baldry

Vote: Carried

Auditor's Report – Brent Johnson went over the 2009 audited statements including the new schedules that break out the Fire Protection and Waterworks fund in greater detail. They were reviewed and discussed.

F. Heironymi: Why are the revenues for connection fees so high?

This line also includes application fees for subdivisions.

R. Bruhn: What are the current connection fees and why was mine so high?

Current connection fees are \$250 plus cost of material and installation. Administrator will investigate why his was considerably higher in 2001.

F. Heironymi: Would like to see break down of wages (administration, maintenance)

We can look at keeping these separate next year. This year's breakdown is approximately \$33,000 for administration, \$1600 for meter reading and the balance is maintenance related

I. MacDonnell: Why did long term debt not go down more with a \$16,500 payment? (page 6)

Auditor reviewed and confirmed that an error was made. This will be corrected for the statements

Motion: to receive the 2009 Auditor's Report (with amendment)

W. Pritchard

Seconded: N. Eddy

Vote: Carried

Trustee's Honorarium

Motion: to approve and accept the Honorarium at \$1,200.00 for the Board Chair and \$600.00 for each trustee in 2010 for a total of \$4,800.00.

G Davis

Seconded: M. Healy

Motion to amend the motion and increase the amounts to \$1400 for chair and \$800 for trustees

I. MacDonnell

Seconded: D. Eddy

Vote: Carried

Amended motion: to approve and accept the Honorarium at \$1400 for the Board Chair and \$800 for each trustee in 2010 for a total of \$6200.

Vote: Carried

Other Business – Questions from the Floor

F. Heironymi: The chairs report states that \$30,430 was used for engineering, where is this on the financials?

On page 8, under fund balance, the balance of internally restricted funds under Water Renewal represents the balance after the contribution from parcel tax of \$75,648 less the \$30,430 transfer of funds to operating.

G. Dussalt: There were no watering restrictions last year, is the board going to implement restrictions this year?

The board discussed this and decided that because we have no way to enforce the restrictions and it was also thought that if hours are restricted, some may feel they have to water during those hours and end up using more water than they would have otherwise. This will be discussed again this year; no decision has yet been made about this summer.

D. Eddy: Requested clarification regarding the testing done by Baynes Sound Development on our wells. Also are there any other developments in the works? Has an emergency connection with Bowser been looked at?

This testing was conducted with the cooperation of our operator by an independent party. No application has been received by either the DBID or the RDN with respect to the Baynes Sound Development property. The only other development is a 10-lot strata subdivision on Henry Morgan.

The trustees of the DBID and Bowser Waterworks did talk about an emergency connection but due to costs this has not been pursued further.

F. Heironymi: What were the professional fees for?

We had a structural integrity review of the reservoir done and will also be looking at the interior of the reservoir as soon as railings are installed to WorkSafe BC standards. Some legal fees were incurred with regard to a developer not paying charges.

I. MacDonnell: Current water rates do not encourage conservation. Could rate payers attend a meeting to discuss potential rate structures?

The trustees have had several discussions regarding rate structures and there are varying opinions on the board as well. Rate payers could certainly attend a meeting to discuss alternatives. There is a fixed component to the rates to pay for the pipe running past everyone's home but this is very hard to determine.

N. Eddy: Would the board consider a referendum allowing users to vote on rates?

Due to costs and the question of whether this would be binding this option would probably not be considered. The trustees are elected to make these decisions so rate payers should nominate someone that represents their views.

Budget meetings start in late summer and these will be advertised to get public input.

P. Bernard: my water use is low (less than the allowance) and the current rates do nothing to encourage conservation, also don't understand why taxes continue to go up

The best way to have opinion heard regarding rates is to attend the meetings.

The parcel tax is all going into renewal reserve to fund identified projects and then other project as they come up. People need to realize that we are collecting nowhere near enough to cover replacement costs of the infrastructure. We are collecting enough to cover the annual amortization but that is based on historical costs. The infrastructure deficit is a huge issue and all jurisdictions are facing large increases as these costs try to be covered.

R. Baldry: when renewal work is done will hedges and shrubs that have been planted on road allowances be replaced and who will bear this cost? On Shoreline the bank has been declared unstable. Would our current liability insurance cover the district in the case of a slide? Why pay \$30,000 for drawings when we have the drawings for the existing 4" lines? Would like the board to consider improvements to the office grounds (flags, more shells)

Board has not discussed replacement of hedges on road allowances but it would seem that this should not be the board's responsibility.

Shoreline is not scheduled to be done until 2018. No permits from MoT have been received. We will look into our insurance for coverage

Up to date engineering drawings are required for both VIHA and MoT for any new construction.

Board will discuss ground improvements

Elections of Two Trustees

The election was turned over to Leslie Carter. Positions up for election are Steve Donnelly and Tom Plensky. Both terms are for 3-years. Tom Plensky has agreed to stand again. Nominations called for from the floor three times. No further nominations were forthcoming.

Tom Plensky elected by acclamation and one trustee position remains vacant. An election will be held at a later date to try to fill this vacancy.

Motion for Adjournment:

D. Heenan

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

The above minutes were approved on April 21, 2010.

Chair of the Trustees

Officer