



Hagensborg Waterworks and Fire Protection District

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MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 30, 2012

Location: District Fire Hall **Recording Secretary:** Rosemary Smart
Present: Charles Bryfogle; Donald Mikkelson, Chris Matthews, Ken Dunsworth,
Steve Hodgson
Community Members: 21

1. Meeting called to order: 7:35 p.m.
2. Reviewed and adopting the Agenda,
MOTION to adopt the agenda as amended
Osmers/Mikkelson/Carried
3. Reports:
 - a. Trustee Matthews read his Chairman's report (attached)
MOTION: to adopt the Chairs report *Kevin* *O'Neill/Hans
Granander/Carried*
 - b. Pete read his report as Fire chief. His report included the roster of firemen. (attached)
MOTION: to adopt the fire chiefs report *Kevin*
O'Neill/Shirley Wilson/Carried
 - c. Chris read the maintenance report from Matthews Contracting. (attached)
MOTION to adopt the maintenance report
*Shirley Wilson/June
Vosburgh/Carried*
4. The community reviewed the Water District and Fire Protection Budget worksheets the trustees used to prepare the annual budgets. The Auditors Report was presented by Rosemary Smart.
MOTION to accept the audited statements *John Morton/Kevin
O'Neill/Carried*
5. Trustee Matthews read the minutes from 2011's AGM.
MOTION to adopt the minutes
Debra Neidrauer/Leslie Harestad/Carried
6. Business arising from the minutes – There was no discussion from the minutes.
7. New Business:

- 7.1. John Morton, Treasurer for Lobelco Community Club presented on the burden of the \$500 charge to not-for-profit societies. He gave a comprehensive review of the history of the charge, and the impact to LCC.

Trustee Bryfogle responded with a personal agreement to John's claim that the NFP's operations are marginal. John asked if anyone had explored funding to pay for the capital costs for NPO's.

Rosemary addressed current charges, and inequity between the Parcel Tax portion of capital,

Trustee Bryfogle endorsed the suggestion for a MOTION by John Morton to implement Proposed Amendment 2 of bylaw 184 and that such amendment be retroactive to 2011, and that the amendment include the foot note of impacted properties.

Morton/O'Neill/Carried

- 7.2. Kevin noted that last year, the community voted to keep the Parcel Tax increase of \$500 for now.

Kevin O'Neill suggested a motion for discussion seconded by Joy MacKay that the parcel tax be reduced from the present rate of \$500/yr to the former rate of \$75/yr.

Discussion: Kevin noted that his motion would be for this year alone because of the delays in the pilot project and presentation of the Long Term Capital Budget. He stated that he didn't know where the money was going, felt the amount the District needed to save was unclear, and targeted projects were general. Kevin suggested that other avenues for financing needed to be explored and he didn't have a clear idea as to the philosophy behind it.

None of the trustees viewed this as a motion that they wanted to put forward as their own at this time. In his report Chair Matthews had already shared that the construction permits have been issued from VCH for the pilot project residential POE systems and installation will move forward shortly. Chair's report notes that Long Term Capital budget has been drafted and will be presented when trustee Dunsworth has recovered sufficiently from surgery.

- 7.3. John questioned whether billing can be delayed until Trustee Dunsworth is able to present on the capital development budget.

MOTION to table the discussion for up to 60 days until a Community Meeting can be held, where Trustee Dunsworth will present the Capital Development Budget. *John Morton/Susan O'Neill/Carried*

Steve Waugh asked if all the input had been completed for the capital plan. He mentioned the Nuxalk ability to provide service to the District and asked if it had been explored. Ans. Chris said that it had been explored in the past but not recently. The issues at the time were that our system was too long, and there may be issues with pressure and the Nuxalk system had chlorination. John noted that their system has been significantly improved but yes, it has a chlorination system in place.

Trustee Matthews noted that the POE design allows for the pipelines to be replaced as we can afford it. Steve W asked if the District had considered chlorine. Ans. Noted that the issue has been voted down twice by the community.

Trustee Matthews noted that the pipes would have to be upgraded for central purification, which the district cannot immediately afford.

7.4. Kevin asked if discussion around the Improvement District becoming a local service area of the CCRD could be deferred to later discussion. Ans. Yes.

8. An election of Trustee's was held. Trustee Ken Dunsworth's term was up and he relayed through the board that he was interested in standing again. Shirley Wilson nominated Ken Dunsworth. Ken was elected by acclamation. Chris asked for a show of hands for support of his election. There was a clear majority supporting the nomination.

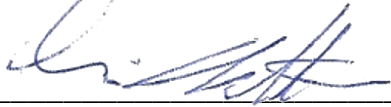
9. The community discussed the Trustee's honorarium. John noted that it was unduly low and felt it needed to be increased. Trustee Bryfogle and Matthews disagreed with the motion. Susan noted that trustees could decline the honorariums as individuals.

MOTION to award Trustee's honorarium at \$500/yr

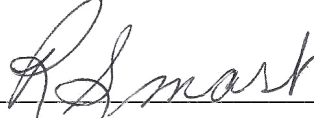
John Morton/Susan O'Neill/Carried

10. Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. *Kevin O'Neill/Debra Neidrareur/Carried*



Chair



Administrator