



Press Release for July 2019

Since the Annual General Meeting held in May, Hagensborg Water District Trustees have held two regular meetings. The Board consists of newly elected trustee John Morton and incumbent trustees Jeremy Baillie, Tony Norton, Kevin O'Neill and Diane Skelly. Portfolio duties include Trustee Baillie (Communications), Trustee Morton (Financial Oversight), Trustee Norton (Fire Protection), Trustee O'Neill (Maintenance) and Trustee Skelly (New Directions Research)

Together the trustees continue to work on several initiatives. Jim Tarves has been contracted to conduct the long awaited Conversion Review. Mr. Tarves, who has worked locally previously, comes recommended by government officials and has many years of experience working within the Kootenay Regional District. The Conversion Review will outline both the advantages and disadvantages of possibility becoming a service area of the Central Coast Regional District, possible governance relationship options and to examine the possible need for a ratepayer referendum on the matter.

A joint project between the local Fish Hatchery and the HWD that would see an additional intake installation for the Hatchery and benefits for the ratepayers around possible pipe installation at the same time slowly moves forward. The next step in negotiations will be a review of a Memorandum of Understanding by legal council on both sides.

The four remaining point of entry systems from the POE project are in the process of being removed from local homes. Home owners will be contacted regarding a day and time that is convenient for removal.

With the passing of the former fire chief in the winter and after consultation with the Hagensborg Fire Department members, trustee Tony Norton has been appointed to the position of Fire Chief. The fire department welcomes new members and prospective fire fighters are encouraged to contact Tony Norton for more information.

Financial consultant Sina Elrick is currently contracted as bookkeeper for the HWD. After discussion at the board table and reviewing current legislation, the Hagensborg Water District has appointed trustee Diane Skelly as the interim CAO.

Numerous changes and improvements are planned and already occurring to the Hagensborg Water District website which can be found at www.hwwdistrict.ca. For further information, including agendas, meeting minutes and water quality reports ratepayers are encouraged to go to the website. Finally, just a reminder that although we have yet to experience any lengthy warm spells, the District is under voluntary water restrictions.