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HAGENSBORG, JANUARY 16, 2017:

On January 16, 2017, your Hagensborg Water District Trustees' held their monthly meeting. Able to attend were Chair Chris Matthews along with Trustees Baillie, Mikkelson, and Nelson. Trustee O'Neill was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

As always trustees discussed a variety of issues. There is nothing to report yet on the progress of talks between the HWD and the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) regarding their ongoing project. When complete the project will allow DFO a steady access to fresh water for their operations while providing greater security of supply and maintenance as a benefit to HWD ratepayers without incurring further costs.

The Board set tentatively the date for this year's Annual General Meeting as Thursday, April 20th at 7:30pm. At last year's AGM, Joan Sawicki acted as elections officer. Last month she presented ideas of how the election process could be strengthened and improved upon. At this most recent meeting the Board discussed and approved the suggestions made by Ms. Sawicki. In the past, there had been debates as outlined by Ms. Sawicki as 'plumping'. The Board decided it was better to support the rate payer's voice and allow them to vote for only one candidate if they so choose.

As well, this year, trustee nomination forms will be available prior to the AGM either on the HWD website as a downloadable document, or by calling and make an appointment to pick one up from the office.

Trustees and CFO Wes Abel reported that they had received positive feedback regarding the recent water delivery service assessment and information. Trustees were pleased that the feedback included more people understanding that they can pay their water delivery service fees starting almost immediately in smaller, monthly increments instead of as one lump sum in early summer.

Bylaws state that anyone wishing to dispute their assessment information may do so through a Court of Revision. Trustees Nelson and Mikkelson volunteered to sit on this Court of Revision and they will be approaching other individuals within the community to sit as the third member. A reminder to individuals wishing to challenge their assessment they have until February 23rd to file.

Trustees discussed, debated and amended four policies/bylaws. Policy 2.11 Responding to Compliments, Concerns and Complaints was reviewed and adopted as was Bylaw 1.2 Miscellaneous Charges Bylaw. Amendments to Policy 1.2 Trustee Election Process were made to allow for the change to the nomination form.

First Reading and discussion was given regarding Mutual Aid/Auto-response in regards to cooperation with our other local valley fire departments. It was decided that Trustee Nelson, who holds the portfolio for the fire department would contact the CCRD and the Chiefs of the other local departments to arrange a meeting.

Finally, the Board discussed, and is now able to announce that there will be a public meeting on February 2nd, 2017 at 7:00pm in Room 104 at SAMS. The meeting will consist of strictly of three presentations. The first presentation will be by Scott Durward regarding future access to funding to Improvement Districts such as ours. The second short presentation will be by CFO Wes Abel explaining the budget, how individual dollars are spent and what infrastructure these monies support. Finally, Chair Chris Matthews will present a vision of how the HWD Water District could potentially reduce costs to ratepayers by moving very much into the realm of community volunteers. The meeting will be of a limited duration but will provide rate payers with opportunities to ask questions of the presenters and their presentations.

A future community meeting is potentially in the works to discuss issues such as a greater partnership with the local CCRD but will not be a discussion during this first public meeting. Information and data will be made available prior to the public meeting on the HWD website (<http://www.hwwdistrict.ca/>) and via a mass email to rate-payers.

Moving forward, the Board decided at this meeting to publish in draft the agenda prior to its monthly meetings to afford ratepayers the opportunity to read it and see if there were any agenda items this wish to address and/or be present for. The next regularly scheduled monthly board meeting will be February 20th at 1:00pm.

Lastly, just a reminder that the HWD is always accepting additional volunteers to the local Hagensborg Water District Volunteer Fire Department. Interested volunteers can leave a message on the machine at the office or contact Trustee Mark Nelson via email. All trustee emails are readily available on the HWD Website (<http://www.hwwdistrict.ca/contact.htm>).