

Van Anda Improvement District

April 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Trustees: Bob Timms
Karen May
Mike Craggs
Walter Gussman

Employees: Ken Soles, Water Maintenance
Heidi Gable, Administrator
Mike Craggs, Fire Chief

Ratepayer: Terry Hollo
Gena Hollingshead

Fire Report

Gord tendered his resignation as fire chief for personal reasons. Heidi prepared a thank you letter for Gord. Mike has been appointed the new fire chief.

Fire Dept. Amalgamation – Mike will make arrangements to obtain first hand information from the Powell River Regional District contacts, Al Radke and Ryan Thoms. Mike will push to get updated information from them with regards to the amalgamation. Bob approached the administrator for GBID to get the two Improvement Districts together after each of the AGM's so the new boards can meet and discuss.

A member received a **minor injury** which occurred last week during practice – a particle in the eye at practice. The injury occurred while hosing down parking lots at the Post Office and the Texada Market. The operator at the pump got something in the eye. A Work Safe report was filed but there was no time loss. The report was filed as a precautionary measure. The parking lots that have been hosed down to date are at the school, TACT building, Post Office, Texada Market and Texada Island Inn.

The department received **3 calls this past month**: an MVA on the Highway, one lift assist and one first responder call; however, the ambulance arrived just as the First Responders arrived so the Responders stood down.

There is a **purchase for radios** in progress. With the purchase of new radios it was decided by the department that 2 of the spare radios will be designated for members of the water board – one to the chairperson and one to the water operator for emergency purposes. These two radios will be stored in the Fire Chief's office.

The **3 First Responders whose licenses were expiring** were granted extensions until the next training session. Fire Department Medic Captain is very close to getting certification for training. The book work is done but she still needs to co-teach a course.

The department will be holding an **Extrication Course** this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is a 20 hour event around the Jaws of Life, etc. The course will be review for those who have already participated previously and will train the newcomers.

The fire department received a **letter of thanks** from the African fire department that received our donations of older equipment. For our purposes this older equipment was no longer useful but for the African fire department it still has life for them.

Easter Egg Hunt was very well attended. Lots of fun, lots of prizes and the kids went home happy.

House Numbering – closer to a resolution. The Regional District contact is still trying to reach specific homeowners here on Texada. The maps are updated; however, the Regional District is not committing to a time frame. Fire Chief will push for closure to this project as it could be life threatening.

Water Report:

Pump hours – distributed for perusal. Pump hours at the lake are averaging 6.45 hours daily or 7318.58 gallons daily. Wall Street pump house is averaging 11.21 hours per day.

Jobs completed over the month of March:

- **cleaned chlorine barrel** at chlorinator and filled with fresh chlorine.
- **continued with hydrant maintenance** with back-up operator-in-training. 13 of the 21 hydrants are completed.
- got the **specs and numbers for 3 pumps** one at the storage tank, one at Wall St. pump house and one for the Lake pump and researched the pricing for these.
- completed compulsory **Statistics Canada Water System/Plant Survey for 2014**.
- took **samples at all sites** and sent to Powell River.
- performed **maintenance on analyzer board** at the chlorinator. Changed out rotometers, cleaned out chlorine cell and meter and cleaned out turbidity meter.
- did a **test run on the generator**. All was okay.
- received **payment from a ratepayer** on an outstanding account.

There was a **tube failure at the chlorinator** on March 18. The tube only had 236 hours on it. Water operator rechlorinated the tank, replaced the tube and did flushing around the system and testing.

During the first 3 weeks of April:

- **pump hours** at the lake averaging 5.35 hours/day or 5643.71 gallons daily. The Wall Street pump house is averaging 9.61 hours daily.
- sent out **samples from all 8 sample sites** in April. All came back good.
- **drained line from the pump to the tank** with back-up operator-in-training and **installed filter to analyzer board**. Did maintenance on the analyzer board, changed injectors and removed and cleaned the flow meter. Installed a new tube on the Flex Pro and switched over.

Operator will contact Roger Gillen, the diver, to **check on the intake screen and see about measuring the depth of where the intake is** from the top of the lake.

Operator to **gather samples for a THM test**. Trustees would like to see a schedule of water testing posted. THM testing should be quarterly, metals testing 2 times/year, etc. Trustees would like to know what tests we need to do and how often they should be done, not just the bare minimum, but we don't want to incur outrageous costs either. Dan Glover should be able to assist with these timelines.

5 year capital plan – will update at Sunday's pre-AGM meeting.

Application for Water Connection at the cemetery – Administrator will email the Regional District contact to find out what the use of the connection will be for and whether they want the connection just to their property line or if they would like us to install on their property as well.

Safety Report:

The fire extinguisher at the lake is showing recharge. Wicks has been on the Island a couple of times but has not made contact with the Chief while he has been here. Administrator will take the fire extinguisher to Powell River and have Wicks meet at school for the recharge.

Secretary's Report:

March 11, 2014 Minutes – Chair asked for errors or omissions to the March 11 minutes as distributed. There being none, the minutes were moved to be accepted as distributed, then seconded, all were in favour; carried.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business & Follow-up From Previous Meetings:

Website –It's almost ready.

New Business:

Coastal Water Suppliers Conference Report – tabled to next meeting.

AGM preparations – will hold a separate meeting on Sunday to discuss.

Chair received information from Dave Murphy regarding a **Community Works Funds grant**. The Lund Water Improvement District applied for infrastructure improvement funding in the amount of \$124,200 from the Regional District out of the Community Works Funds which is a Gas Tax Agreement financed by the Federal Government. Lund Water I.D. found a “loop hole” of sorts whereby the Regional District received fire protection for their properties in Lund. Lund has requested funding to upgrade their water tank and fire hydrant infrastructure. A motion was made to investigate the Community Works Funds based on fire protection needs, then seconded, all were in favour; carried. The trustees asked a ratepayer in attendance if she would be interested in heading the sub-committee for costing the project.

The trustees would like to see a **meeting between Lafarge, Dan Glover and the I.D. trustees** to discuss activity in the watershed. Specifically, the agenda will include contaminations, testing, artificial wetlands and settling ponds.

Finance Report:

- **Financial spreadsheets** – distributed for perusal.

- **Invoices** already paid and cheques needing to be signed.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date: May 14, 2014

AGM: April 29, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Minutes Approved:

Bob Timms, Chair

Heidi Gable, Administrator