

Date	January 20, 2021	Time	9:00am	
Location	Van Anda Improvement District Fire Hall training room			
In Attendance	Trustees:	Staff:		
	Rodger Hort RH	Ken Soles (	Senior Water Operator) KS stayed till 11:05am	
	Ron Smith RS	Austin Rycroft (Water Operator) AR stayed till 11:05am		
	John Colongard JC	Sylvia Praught (Admin Asst, Recorder) SP		
	Neale Berjer NB	Mike Craggs (Fire Chief) MC		
	Mike Craggs MC	Regrets:		

Agenda Item	Lead	Outcome	ACTION
1. Call to Order	RS	Ron called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.	Noted
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	RS	No conflicts.	Noted
3. Approval of the Agenda	RS	Agenda was reordered, Action Plan at end if time. Added leak detection update, payroll auto deposit, storage tank low level indicator, and hall chairs.	Motion by JC & 2 <sup>nd</sup> NB.
4. Approval of the Minutes	RS	December 16th meeting minutes. Discussed that by the time minutes are approved and available on webpage, they are old. Approved posting draft minutes so that folks could be as up to date as possible, ensure note that they have not been approved yet.	Motion by NB & 2 <sup>nd</sup> JC.
5. Water Operator Report & Update Old Water	RS & KS	<u>Upper and Lower</u> Blewett – Capital Works replacement project has begun. Upper Blewett is completed. Lower Blewett may have to wait as it is, weather dependent to use pipe welder.	Noted
Operations		Bylaw about water leakage on private property and owner must repair shared and to be taken home to review by Trustees. – not discussed	Trustees reviewing
		Storage tank exposed pipes to be buried – Al Davis is ready to finish off work at tank. Pipe needs to protected from UV and vandalism. Ken to check in with Al.	KS to check in with Al Davis
		Old storage tank – revisit and determines next steps.  Move to action plan.	Revisit
		Water meter inventory query – check & report back. Discussion of where to locate water meters to help determine leakage. Move to action plan.	KS&AR
		Mapping – GIS, summer student discussion. JC has GPS unit, review. Move to action plan. GPS unit provided to KS & AR.	SP
		<u>Worksafe</u> – discussion, MC our in-house Safety Officer, road signs acquired, monthly item. Safety meetings monthly and documentation for files. Move to action plan.	MC
		<u>Drawings</u> – water line updates, Meal property, post office, RV park and going forward. Determine base map to use.	SP & AR ongoing



	Dinghy to be dropped off at Boatvard by KS & AR for repair	AR & KS
		7.11 & 110
	Subdivision of properties & water connection approvals, message to community about applying and approval required. Due to the nature of our leaky distribution system and low-pressure areas, not all connections will may be approved. Post in Feb Express Lines. Recent applicants need to be reviewed & approved or not. JC to speak to owner on Wall St. Include information at AGM. Once leaks located and repaired, will be in much better	SP post in EXLines JC to talk to Wall St property owner
	position to provide water.	
	Leak detection – have been locating valves, mostly 4" – 6" on mainlines and hydrants, ensuring accessible, assessing condition and operation – 50% of town has been done, another week to complete remainder. Few have nut sheared off but stem is ok, added to repair list. Taking daytime notes to be able to compare to nighttime. JC borrowed leak detector from another ID, seems to work well and is helpful. Much discussion including difference between night & day listening, measurements, spacing, concrete & asphalt amplify whilst loamy soil does not, accuracy and reasoning queries.  UV units – sensors have having problems, changing out sensor fixes temporarily, quartz tubes checked & cleaned, factory lifetime expected 2 yrs. or 18,000 hrs – we are not there yet, warranty query. Reach out to BIPure Jeff or Viqua the manufacturer.	Noted and ongoing KS & AR
	<u>Water leak on Coleborn</u> – private repaired, minor. Rock was squished into line by EMR vehicle.	Noted
	Wall St bleeder valve – checked to ensure minimal flow, but necessary for keeping water fresh at end of line.  End of Smelter shut off – located for contractor private	Noted
	work.	Noted
KS & SP	<u>Dam Classification</u> – Provincial Dam Safety Officer to advise if dam can be reclassified as low hazard risk dam.  Site visit this month by Water Operators – all good, water going over spillway.	Waiting to hear from Dam Safety Officer Noted
MC	VACA/Twin Comm outbuilding VACA reviewing their insurance and what other local cable associations use – Linda Messmer verbally confirmed VACA now has insurance. VAID to get confirmation in writing.  Chair replacement – Fire requests VAID assistance to replace the fabric chairs, they are taking far longer to dry than expected, and decontamination is incomplete. Cost is approx. \$150-250 per chair – discussed, SP to investigate	SP
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		dry chairs, already being done that way. VAID not interested in sharing in replacement purchase.  Road Rescue grant application completed and submitted.  Query from FCABC about our inventory and age of	On hold till Budget review
		equipment, information shared.  Fire Chief term – noted that MC's term ends in 3 years.  Mike is training, mentoring and considering retiring at that	Noted
		time.	Noted
8. Financial	SP	Capital Reserve Fund and Disbursement – 2020 Capital Reserve Fund Disbursement Bylaw # 157 reconsidered and passed. This includes adjustments for Capital Expenses from 2018 and 2019 plus Capital Expenses from 2020.	Motion by JC & 2nd NB, all in favour.
		2021 Capital Works Reserve Fund Contributions Resolution reconsidered and passed. 10% of water tolls and parcel taxes from 2021 will be set aside in a Capital Reserve Fund. This resolution will be reviewed annually and the goal is to return to 20% to set aside in 2022.	Motion by RH & 2 <sup>nd</sup> JC, all in favour.
9. Administration Report & Update	SP	<u>Property</u> - Crown properties awaiting reply. LTSA no title updates escalated to next tier. Water service connection	SP
neport & opuste		queries for 3 properties, 2 applications. 1 application requires in depth review by Board & Water Operations.  Road Rescue grant application – inventory and equipment	JC to meet property owner
		age query, answered and await awarding.	Noted
		Electronic Document Management (EDMS) research	SP ongoing
		<u>Facebook</u> for local government – page in progress	SP ongoing
		<u>Low water alarm</u> for storage tank quote, Board reviewing,	Noted
		move to new business and water operations.	
		Mapping – research, best base map to build waterline book	
		on – LTSA, qRD, BCeID, ICI, and more – ongoing.	SP
		<u>Newsletter &amp; Annual invoices prep</u> – completed newsletter, invoice form set up, and payment plan insert.	SP
10. New Business	RS	Statue of Limitations on Crown property monies	SP
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		Yellow Bar warning outside account in email replies,	
		why. SP to investigate.	SP
		Lots being developed near Marble Bay Bluff Park and	
New Business		Blubber Bay Rd – no requests for water service as of	
(continued)		yet. Access roads have been put in. Board trustee to	JC will look into
		visit and suggest to owner to apply and that we have	further
		water service limitations.	
		Discussion about water lines requiring replacement	
		and which could be added to grant applications such	
		as Van Anda Ave to Main St alongside the creek. Can	
		we add a 'catch all' if we find more leaks? Discussed	
		AC pipe and if any health concern, no (only when	



	working on it and cutting it dry, risk to worker). List to be finalized with leak detection survey report input.	ONGOING ALL
	CVRIS Grant application - qRD owner asset discussion,	
	Ron Zoom meeting 4pm to day with qRD to request	
	they apply on our behalf for grant, VAID submit,	RS Zoom qRD
	Electoral Area D submit, \$500,000 to \$600,000 worth	
	of work, qRD waiving owning part of infrastructure,	
	conditions and approval, not accepting conditions of	
	qRD ownership, Ministry loopholes, allowing for more	
	population and subdividing, timeframe for a	
	community referendum, how has qRD responded so	
	far, penalties for grant refusal, request SP attend	
	Zoom as well and take notes for VAID, on the record	SP Zoom notes
	NB against transfer of any assets in part or whole of	
	VAID to qRD, RH conditional approval – sold or leased	
	back to VAID \$1, RS no one likes transfer of	
	government or ownership, residents before any	
	acceptance of any kind. Vancouver Coastal Health	MUCH FOR ALL TO
	Drinking Officers involvement. There could be fast growth on Texada, massive influx is not supported,	CONSIDER &
	could be problematic, subdivision fees and capital	PREPARE FOR
	charges to be reviewed, KS does not want VAID assets	FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
	to go to qRD.	OPPORTUNITIES
	Motion to apply for CVRIS grant only and work out	
	details as we go forward, grant application closes	Motion by RH & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	January 27 <sup>th</sup> . With provision of referendum if	MC, 4 in favour &
	application accepted, 4 in favour and 1 opposed	NB opposed.
	(Neale Berjer).	CD
	Water service applications discussion – is it legal to	SP
	refuse water service? What if we cannot supply due	
	to availability?	
	Property Development Applications & Charges –	
	money for infrastructure can come from	SP
	development. Bylaws, applications, & fee structure to	
New Business	be reviewed. SP to share sample.	
(continued)	More on leak detection – discussed criticality of	
	leakage and water line replacement. Need to exhaust	
	possibility of finding leaks before next steps. Leak	
	detection tools discussed, two borrowed tools and	
	how they operate, efficiency and ease. Echologics ST leak detector unit described, add an instrument	
	purchase of this kind to grant applications. Discussed	
	sharing leak detector tool with other IDs,	
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RS	Meeting adjourned at 12:37pm.	RS
RS	Delinquent – no discussion.	Noted
	contractor.	JC .
	\$2000. JC to confirm installation and order with	seconded.
	options and preference. Estimate ~ \$1700, top limit	MC moved; NB
	Low Water Alarm – for storage tank, JC shared	
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	•	next steps??
		Further discussion
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		Natad
	•	SP
	1.	JC, all in favour.
		Motion by MC & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Office help – discussion of kind of help required,	
	normal running water, and single location leaks?	
	differentiate between sieve/soaker hose leaks,	
	equipment? How well does the Echologics ST	
	and be leak detectors that visit other areas with our	SP
	RS RS	equipment? How well does the Echologics ST differentiate between sieve/soaker hose leaks, normal running water, and single location leaks?  Office help — discussion of kind of help required, formalized position to aid with succession planning, probationary period 913 hrs. Job sharing, training with SP, duties defined as work learnt. Post on website, advertise on Facebook. Post for February 1st.  Payroll auto-deposit — discussed cost, value to staff, administration glitches and hiccups. Not at this time. Private and Public property repairs — discussion about our Water Operators doing work, Contractors contacting VAID to find waterlines and connections, VAID water line running through private property, Water Operators not aware of private property water line locations. Past jobs shared & discussed.  Community resources responsibility with work orders, waivers, and supervision.  Staff — assignment of duties, tasks, and schedule. Simplify reporting and keep positive return.  Trustee MC stepping down — due to moving out of ID, will need to replace at AGM.  Low Water Alarm — for storage tank, JC shared options and preference. Estimate ~ \$1700, top limit \$2000. JC to confirm installation and order with contractor.  RS Delinquent — no discussion.