

# Van Anda Improvement District

## July 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

### In Attendance:

Trustees: Bob Timms  
Karen May  
Mike Craggs  
Walter Gussman  
Terry Hollo

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

Ratepayer: Gena Hollingshead

### Fire Report

**Two first responder** calls over the last month assisting with BC Ambulance Service.

**SCBA maintenance course** cancelled at the last minute. Hopefully it will be rescheduled in the Fall.

**Van Anda Fire Department will be participating again this year in the Sandcastle parade** with Engine #1 and the Rescue truck in the line-up. The department is also hosting the pancake breakfast on the Sunday morning of Sandcastle.

There is **one new member** to the department. We are now definitely over the minimum with 18 or 19 members. Of those 6 are first responders and there are 8 rescue members.

The department is still waiting on **colour coding** direction for the fire hydrants from the NFPA standards.

We don't expect to hear anything further with regards to the restructuring of **house numbering** by the Regional District until the Fall.

**Tax Acquisition funding** has been received and deposited.

The **Emergency Services thank you dinner** was held at the Legion last weekend and was well attended by the Gillies Bay Fire Department, the Van Anda Fire Department and the BC Ambulance team.

### Water Report:

**Pump hours** – distributed for perusal. Pump hours at the lake are averaging 9.31 hours daily or 11,047.6 gallons daily. Wall Street pump house were averaging 15.81 hours per day until operator shut down the Wall St. pump house to exercise the check valve and the inlet and outlet valves. The hours have since averaged 13.01 daily but water can still be heard.

Operator ordered the **Pleuger pump and motor and Grund Fos CR5** pump from Vanderkemp on June 11.

Operator was advised the **water has been turned on at the Lafarge Dyno Noble** site. It has only been used a couple of times and is being shut off when not in use.

Operator was asked to **shut off the water at the church** for a repair. Fudge Contracting was called in for one hour to dig around and find the shut off. A longer access pipe to reach the surface has now been installed and reburied with sand and gravel.

Operator rowed around for a **visual inspection of Priest Lake**, checked the screen and shoreline for anything out of the ordinary. Everything looked as it should.

The **Flex Pro tubes and turbidity meter wipers** that were ordered from Corix were received on June 16.

**Dan Glover requested that samples be taken** before and after the tank for the TOC and UVT tests. These were collected as well as samples for all 8 sample stations and submitted on June 17. While our operator was over in Powell River dropping off the samples he picked up and completed requisition forms, dropping those off, and then picked up chlorine from Aaron Service.

Operator and trainee **installed flashing and the new hatch door on the storage tank**. They cleaned the moss and dirt from the cement pad and tightened the two bottom straps on the tank to reduce leakage.

Wicks Fire Safety was over on June 19 and **recertified all the fire extinguishers** in the shop, at the lake and the pump house.

Operator **flushed throughout Van Anda** on June 23 and collected samples from all 8 sample stations on June 24.

Operator **removed and cleaned the chlorine manifold** at the chlorinator. He then removed the relief valve from the circuit and re-plumbed to a single injector.

Operator used the **standpipe and Jones' shop to flush Sellentin and Sturt Bay Road** after getting back poor results from #5 sample station. He re-sampled stations 1 to 8 on July 2. #2 station came back with 1 total coliform.

**Operator ordered free and total chlorine reagents** from Corix. He also phoned Clear Tech and got pricing for jugs, buckets and barrels of chlorine.

Operator **ran a test on the Gen Set** on July 4. Everything was working fine.

Chair talked to Chuck Childress regarding **installing the switch at the pump house**. Operator will connect with Chuck over this issue.

The **flow meter was not working on July 5**. Operator dumped 4 litres of chlorine into the tank, drained the line and cleaned the flow meter, changed the injectors and installed the shut off valve on the Grund Fos pump. He restarted the system and flushed all through Van Anda.

A complaint of **little of low water pressure** to 410 Para St. was received. Operator turned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> feed to the house and the pressure has improved.

**Sampled sites 1 to 8** again on July 8.

A **leak was reported at 901 Coleburn**. Operator dug up and found the shutoff. There was a cracked plastic fitting on the reducer valve. He repaired the valve and reburied it with a new access pipe and cap.

There have been **reports of water running under the house at 2011 Columbia St**. Operator will speak to the occupant of the home.

#### **Safety Report:**

**No safety issues to report.**

**All extinguishers have been recertified.**

#### **Secretary's Report:**

**June 10, 2014 Minutes** – Chair asked for errors or omissions to the June 10 minutes as distributed. There being none, a motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, seconded, all were in favour; carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Coastal Water Suppliers Newsletter.**

**Application for Crown Land** – for the Wall St. Pump House expires in January. Administrator will call to re-apply for usage.

**Ministry of Community, Sports and Culture** – Joshua Craig is now our financial analyst.

## **Old Business & Follow-up From Previous Meetings:**

**Website with Sandra Haszard** – Administrator will reconnect with Sandra to find out the timeline for activation of the website. Administrator will also inquire about the VAID email address.

**Planning Meetings** – items still to discuss: Ultraviolet and Filtration Systems, schedule for testing, course of action re: sampling (Dan Glover). Administrator will connect with Operator to establish the schedule for testing for THM's etc. based on the information from Dan Glover's email. An advertisement was placed in the Express Lines requesting expressions of interest from community members who may be willing to assist with researching infrastructure improvements etc. There have been no bites to date.

**Dr. Gilles Wendling**, P.Eng. (BC & Alberta), President, Hydrogeologist, GW Solutions – Gilles was contacted with regards to visiting our system and reporting back on suggestions for infrastructure improvements. Gilles quoted \$1,000 plus expenses for himself and contractor, Jim Fyfe, to fly over from Qualicum for one day to look over the system and provide a brief report back. Gilles felt they could come as soon as within 2 weeks. A motion was made to arrange a date for Gilles Wendling and Jim Fyfe to come to Texada to view the system, then seconded, all agreed, carried. Trustee will follow up with Gilles. One of the trustees is away from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Arrange for them to come towards the end of the month.

## **New Business:**

**Minutes of Meetings available to ratepayers** – minutes will be posted on the website monthly.

**Texada Water Works** – Workshop planning meeting Monday, July 14 at 9:00 – two trustees and administrator.

## **Finance Report:**

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

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

- Administrator requested a **transfer of funds** from the fire department account where the acquisition funds were deposited to the waterboard account to cover the loan payments for the next 12 months.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 pm

**Next Regular Meeting Date:** August 12, 2014

## **Minutes Approved:**

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Bob Timms, Chair

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Heidi Gable, Administrator