

Van Anda Improvement District

June 9, 2015 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

Chair called for any **declarations of conflict of interest** – there were none.

Chair asked for any **additions to and/or approval of the agenda**. Agenda was approved as amended.

Fire Report

Standpipe at the storage tank is ready for hook-up to the truck when needed. Operator replaced the stem and the valve.

Resident at 1110 Gillies Bay Road has made arrangements with the fire department for **one-time large usage of water**.

Member-Trainer is hosting the **First Responder Course** which is now 2/3 full.

Volunteer Fire Fighters Association held their AGM last night.

Rescue requires a **letter addressed to the Powell River Regional District confirming the Regional District will not be held liable for any actions taken by Texada Rescue** before they will release the \$15,000 grant funding. For example in the event Rescue responds to a call and something goes wrong during that call, there will be no repercussions against the Regional District. Or, in the event Texada Rescue responds outside their jurisdiction and something happens, again, the Regional District cannot be held liable. Once the letter is received by the Regional District, the funding will be released.

Rescue truck repairs – there was a broken solenoid on the truck – cost of repair \$400.

Chief's next project is to start **working on 2016 budget**.

Photographer, Glenda Nikirk, was awarded the project of taking the **pictures for the fundraising calendar**.

Water Report:

Pump hours – distributed for perusal. Pump hours at the lake are averaging 11.84 hours daily or 10,835 gallons daily. Wall Street pump house were averaging 17.67 hours per day. The new valve for Wall St. pump is in. Once the Para St. upgrade is complete, operator will work on installing the new valve.

Work completed since last meeting:

- scheduled Fudge Contracting for Para St. Upgrade for June 1st.
- ordered 200' of 3/4" municipal tubing for Texada Storage project.
- Took UBC samples on May 19 and sent out Priority Post.
- Received check valve for Wall St from Fred Surridge on May 19.
- Searched for valves at corner of Marble Bay Road and Sellintin St. May have located the line for the sawmill site. Line runs under the residence's mobile home at 740 Marble Bay Road. No top to the line and possibly made of old iron? The sawmill still has water but very low flow. Operator would need to install a new line. Mobile home resident would also need a new line. Operator will need to revisit this project.

- Replaced Flex Pro tube on May 20.
- Made a chlorine run to Powell River on May 21.
- Reviewed new driveway proposal at 706 Sturt Bay Road with a couple of the trustees.
- Received a report of a wet spot on Smelter and Dunsmuir. A small leak tested positive for chlorine.
- Received a report of a dead beaver in the lake. Operator and back-up operator found the carcass and removed it from the water. There wasn't much left of the carcass by that time.
- Back-up operator weed-eated around the tank, the chlorinator, the fire hall and some of the hydrants.
- Collected samples from sites 1 to 4 on May 26. Results all came back good.
- Operator performed regular maintenance on the chlorinator and changed over to pump #2 on May 26.
- Replaced the stem and top of the valve at the tank standpipe and installed a valve box; filled with sand and gravel. Standpipe is now functional for the use of the fire department. Operator will order valve keys to be kept on the fire truck.
- Borrowed the magnetic locator from the Gillies Bay Fire department and traced the old pipe on Para. Dug a test hole and located the new pipe and the old.
- Started on the Para St. upgrade on June 1. Found all the connections and laid pipe. Installed the valves, the restraints, standpipe and all service saddles. Tested the pipe at 110 PSI and hyper-chlorinated. As of June 8, all is still good. Tom Hoehn assisted for about 1 ½ days. **It was resolved that all costs borne of the Para St. Upgrades be taken out of the Capital Reserve Funds as shown on our budget under Capital Works, seconded, all were in favour; carried.**
- Received a call on June 6 from the ratepayer at 1110 Gillies Bay Road of a leak in the yard. Operator shut the water to the property off so the owner could repair the leak and then turned the water back on.

Lake level – at about what it was last year but maybe at a couple of weeks earlier in the year than last.

Safety Report:

No concerns were raised.

Secretary's Report:

May 14, 2015 Minutes – Chair asked for errors or omissions to the May 14 minutes as distributed. There being none, it was moved to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded, all were in favour; carried.

Correspondence:

Drinking Water Consultation Summary Report – Administrator will forward to trustees by email.

Fire Chief Training – 2-day course on Vancouver Island in Parksville. Requires an overnight stay. Course cost \$250. Chief will attend – cost of the weekend will be split equally between the fire department and the waterboard.

Old Business & Follow-up From Previous Meetings:

Smart Team – the campaign to make infrastructure funding available for all levels of government equally accessible was deemed a success. The proposal has already been accepted at the UBCM level. Now, the BC Chamber of Commerce Association has shown its support of the initiative.

Res-Eau Waternet – Funding for the Res-Eau Waternet Pilot Project will need to be addressed by a resolution. Once the trustees review the contract agreement, the resolution will be considered.

New Business:

United Church of BC Conference – was held at the end of May in Whistler. A topic of discussion was “the right of clean drinking water for all peoples in BC”, brought to the conference by concerns raised from local communities on reserves. It is considered a human rights issue.

Pole at the Foot Bridge – discussed briefly during the meeting but is not our mandate. Item referred back to ratepayer lodging the complaint.

Finance Report:

- **Financial spreadsheets** – were distributed by email. Chair asked for any questions with regards to the finances reported on the spreadsheet, there were none.

- **Invoices** already paid were perused. Cheques for invoices to be paid were signed.

- **Transfer of funds** – GST rebate taken out of general revenue and transferred in to Power Saver Account, holding until GST/HST rebate term reserve comes due and can be added to the total.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm

Next Regular Meeting:
TUESDAY, July 7, 2015

Minutes Approved:

Bob Timms, Chair

Heidi Gable, Administrator