

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date	April 26, 2025	Time	9:30 am
Location	Van Anda Legion		
In Attendance	<p>Trustees: Ron Smith, Chair RS John Colongard JC Jennifer Moore JM Phillip Tidd PT Jane Waterman JW</p> <p>Staff: Sandra Haszard (Administrator, Recorder) SH Joseph Scott (Water Ops Coordinator) JS Trevor Morrison (Water Operator)</p> <p>Auditor: Dwayne Dunn DD, Accountant DMD Elections Officer: Terry Hollo TH Fire Department: Fire Chief Mark Robert MR</p>		
	<p>Public: Elizabeth Hazlette EH Sylvia Praught SP Roger Hort RH Terry Waterman TW Bruce Magee Larry Dawe LD Tom Read TR Roger Kimmerly RK Juanita Walton Amber Brewer Bernardo Reyes Gary Friars</p>		

Agenda Item	Lead	Outcome	Action
1. Welcome	RS	Meeting called to order at 9.32	
2. Adoption of the Agenda	RS	It was moved by TW and seconded by TH that the 2025 Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted. Motion carried.	Moved TW 2 nd TH
3. Adoption of 2024 AGM Minutes	RS	It was moved by JW and seconded by EH to waive the reading of the 2024 AGM minutes. Motion carried. It was moved by JW and seconded by PT that the 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes be adopted with a minor name correction. Motion carried.	Moved JW 2 nd EH Moved JW 2 nd PT
4. Financial Report	RS & DD	<p>RS introduced Dwayne Dunn, a partner with DMD Chartered Professional Accountants, the firm hired to prepare the year-end audit. DD reported on key points within the audited financial statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant changes. “Qualified” is clean with an “except” for 2 reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value and depreciation of tangible capital assets, approx. 47 yrs left but doubtful due to amount of leakage. DD is not an engineer hence the uncertainty. Fundraising – not observed, report on deposits only Statement of Financial Position – cash up, accounts receivable down (better collections – a positive sign), liabilities down (timing of invoices/payments), deferred income (fire tax received early; some unspent grant funds). Net Financial Assets – strong position Non-Financial Assets – inventory used up in repairs, prepaid is media deposit, tangible increased for fire purchases and decreased from pipework. Statement of Operations: Revenues – Water – meters income up from RV Park invoicing; Fire – UBCM Grant unspent portion; Rescue down from no reimbursement last year. Annual Surplus/Deficit – 2024 broke even Notes - Added reciprocal agreements for FB in Note 1. Tangible Capital Assets in Note 2 - adjustments are made as more info becomes known. 	

		<p>Note 11 – meeting requirements but report is old (2016). Auditor cannot say if Capital Reserve is enough not being an engineer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Expenses – Chlorine - high due to large volume of water treated (loss to leaks), R&M – where inventory went, Wages – staff turnover & JS system improvements, Loss – pipes replaced Lower Blewett (previous was overvalued when Tang Ass list built), Phone – cell phones, internet now paid for, • Fire Expenses – Insurance up, Promo is Forestry high need for wildfire gear & training, R&M to bring building to code, Uniform includes turnout gear and SCBAs which are purchased every year for rotation due to 10-year lifespan. • No more questions <p>Motion: It was moved by JW and seconded by PT that the 2024 Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion: DD left room for discussion. It was moved by TW and seconded by JW to appoint DMD Chartered Professional Accountants to perform the Financial Audit for 2025. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Moved JW 2nd PT</p> <p>Moved TW 2nd JW</p>
5. Report from the Chair	RS	<p>RS opened his report thanking Trustees. Strong position both financially and water system thanks to board and employees. Losing PT, RS term up for election & running, thanked PT (applause).</p> <p>2 good things that happened</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leak detection by specialist (Velocity) – 5 major leaks discovered in unexpected locations. Had plans to replace pipes that were not the problem. Less water treated decreases costs, next years rates should drop. Leaks do come back. Change of operation in contracting specialist. 2. Resin replacement for Ion exchangers completed. Ionex offline caused water advisories as UV not sufficient without removal of dissolved solids. Good quality water is back! <p>Residential leak detection ongoing. If leak detected, VAID asks for repair plan. ¼ of tested show leaks. Timeline – prefer ASAP, need plan, can negotiate. VAID will give discount on parts (wholesale).</p> <p>Idea from member of public to combine works for multiple leaking properties.</p> <p>Many services have improper piping and cannot handle VA pressure.</p> <p>Tolls & taxes - keeping low as possible while adding to Capital Reserve and having fair wages.</p> <p>Regular concerns from water users who say they don't use much. Community engagement meeting will be held to discuss rates.</p> <p>Future – replace chlorination system (about \$20k from Capital, is 25 years old), Wall St pumphouse, sand filter in by fall.</p> <p>Donation was for truck we just bought. Cost effective. Will have sign.</p> <p>Letter to Zyrox as response to EP Notice – letter displayed. Zyrox has been unclear. Requesting transparency and documentation.</p> <p>RH: Zyrox daily max flow reported is more that storage tank.</p> <p>Board: This is rain, not from water brought in.</p> <p>Short discussion of Mt Polly.</p>	

		<p>RH: urged to keep pushing for reports. Island is fractured all over from mining and blasting. Really important.</p> <p>Board: Data suggests low risk. Application covered 2 sites in separate location. Bolivar is not part of our water course. Yew (next to Priest Lake) has ore removal only.</p> <p>Lafarge does frequent testing, has let us know prev of unusual results. Suggested at Apr 14 Zyrox meeting that Zyrox to 1/4ly testing, between VAID's 1/4ly tests.</p> <p>TR: Apr 14 meeting notes "commitment to working group" to review all their data regularly.</p> <p>Current testing is for exploratory, will be more with growth. Recent application was extension of current set up.</p> <p>Q: Did the leak team work with our ops?</p> <p>A: Somewhat but they had specialized gear</p> <p>Q: When will the 3 hydrants be fixed? What is their age:</p> <p>A: They are operational but have valve off. Firefighters can turn on. Trying to arrange training for the 10 people on Texada who want it. One hydrant is the second to newest. Hydrant maintenance has higher priority now.</p> <p>Diamond maps shared on screen. 25% connections have unknown location. Have new detection device.</p> <p>Q: where are the 12 new connections promised?</p> <p>Board: top of Davis boat yard, Blubber Bay Rd</p> <p>Wall St pumphouse rebuild, will this include valve box across road?</p> <p>A: Has been resolved.</p> <p>Q: Wall St end open line still running?</p> <p>A: Now closed. Has periodic flushing.</p> <p>Flushing valves need is known and part of Capital Plan.</p>	
6. Fire Report	MR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 structure fire • 2 small fires put out easily • 4 wildfires • 3 burning complaints • 29 medical calls • 2 minor motor vehicle incidents • 7 Duty Officer calls • 4 Fire Chief calls • Total of 51 calls <p>Med calls average 2-3 month this year.</p> <p>Cannot act on garbage burning complaints.</p> <p>Continued Auto Response with GB.</p> <p>Fires outside IDs are forestry. We phone dispatch, ask if they want it checked, get refunded if requested to attend.</p> <p>4 forest fires in 2024, reimbursed.</p> <p>This years burn was a Selkirk slash burn in area drier than expected.</p> <p>Neighbours green grass slowed it down; they also had a pond. Lafarge tanker showed up (15k gallons).</p> <p>Lafarge agreement in process for Mine Rescue Team response. Purchases & training in Rope Rescue.</p> <p>Fire blanket for EV fires which can burn 4-6 hours. Blanket shortens to 1.5 hr.</p> <p>Blanket place over top with hose under vehicle. Texada's first EV accident</p>	

		<p>was 2 years ago. Not many EVs locally; see more from visitors. Apparently, BC Ferries does not have an EV fire plan.</p> <p>Rescue can attend medical calls – getting more calls outside IDs with pop. growth. Rescue not paged to every medical call, only if serious or ambulance busy/not here.</p> <p>New rescue vehicle has room for more crew and will have 1st aid level 3 kit, O2 bottle, wildfire gear.</p> <p>Wildfire skid donated to Texada FF Assoc will fit in any pickup.</p> <p>Of the 3 new firefighters, one went back to Alberta, and another was asked to leave the dept. One member is off while they adjust to their new baby.</p> <p>6 new SCBA tanks purchased – have double the air and half the weight.</p> <p>VA & GB FDs have been practicing drafting to each other from lake.</p> <p>Practice with GB 1xmonth.</p> <p>601 has 10 years left for insurance purposes (FUS).</p> <p>602 temp out of commission with brake issues.</p> <p>603 still good.</p> <p>604 new rescue truck, finding role, also for travel.</p> <p>Live fire training attended in Lund at the new facility. VA is exterior only but getting some interior training to support GB (who has interior). May increase VA to interior.</p> <p>Firefighters are one step down from EMR – cannot give drugs but can now do BP, epinephrine, and O2.</p> <p>VA had only 1 OD, drug issue low. Most medical calls are heart, stroke, or breathing.</p> <p>More firefighters are Air Brakes trained.</p> <p>Radio communications – Fire, Ambulance, and Police are separate. MR phones directly for other Agency or go through Dispatch with code. If medical help needed, can be phoned by paramedic specialist or doctor – 3 doctors in BC whose sole task is medical phone calls.</p> <p>MR gets BCA schedule in advance so knows if gap in shifts – most BCA crew live in PR.</p> <p>Cannot merge the 2 fire depts without big changes.</p> <p>Asking Lafarge for tank for added properties to ID (most are Kirk Lake).</p> <p>New Fire Act means inspections cannot be done locally.</p> <p>Burning Bylaw changed to same as Gillies Bay.</p> <p>MR will be taking 5-gallon pails to beach fire locations marked “Safe Fire Bucket” to encourage fires are doused.</p> <p>Has been getting things more organised, slowly catching up, not having received much training from previous Chief, who left suddenly.</p> <p>Paul, Sylvia, Marianne, JS, & SH big help.</p> <p>Auto extrication training coming up with GB and Mine Rescue.</p> <p>Questions/comments:</p> <p>JW very thankful for being well looked after by VAFD and cooperation.</p> <p>SP: Tax dollars well spent in Admin helping Chief</p>	
7. Business	RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
8. Introduction of Election Officer	RS	<p>Terry Hollo agreed to act as Election Officer for the 2025 Van Anda Improvement District AGM.</p>	

9. Election of Trustees	TH	<p>2 positions open, one 2 and one 3-year term.</p> <p>RS term ending and he is prepared to stand again.</p> <p>TH asked for any nominations from the floor: JC nominated Gary Friars, who agreed to stand. TH asked two more times with no replies. Nominations were closed.</p> <p>Trustee positions filled by Gary Friars and Ron Smith, elected by acclamation. Congratulations Gary & Ron.</p> <p>RS thanked PT again.</p>	
10. Questions from the Floor	RS	<p>No questions.</p> <p>JM commented that despite govt block on merging, Texada's Fire Departments are working together well, and Water Department are doing this now too.</p> <p>New MLA shows signs of listening, to act on improved ID funding. Meeting planned working with the other IDs in the constituency & province.</p> <p>Group in interior discussing legal action against province for lack of support. ID cheapest form of government.</p> <p>Coastal Water Suppliers seeing less ID enthusiasm for events. Possibly joining forces with BCWS Assoc, have similarities. Supplier members have less than quorum to ensure fairness.</p>	
11. Meeting adjourned	RS	Meeting adjourned at 11:32	