

MINUTES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date	Jul 17, 2024	Time	1:30 pm
Location	Fire Hall upstairs		
In Attendance	Trustees: Ron Smith RS (Chair) Jennifer Moore JM Jane Waterman JW Phillip Tidd PT Regrets: John Colongard JC	Staff: Sandra Haszard (Admin, Recorder) SH Joseph Scott (Operations Coordinator) JS Trevor Morrison (Water Operator) TM Mark Robert (Acting Fire Chief) MR (at 4PM) Regrets: Marianne Segers (Water Operator) MS	Public: Rick Jones RJ Bob Gordon BG

Agenda Item	Lead	Outcome	ACTION
1. Call to Order	RS	RS called the meeting to order at 1.27 PM.	Noted
2. Welcome to Public Guests	RS	Welcome to RJ & BG	
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	RS	JW regarding Wall St subdivision	Noted
4. Approve Agenda	RS	Agenda was approved with additions	Moved PT, 2 nd JM
5. Approve Minutes	RS	Last meetings minutes approved	Moved JW, 2 nd JM
6. Safety Moment	TM	Observe speed limits while driving	
7. Water Report	TM, JS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chlorinator failure after tube replaced Friday as part of regular maintenance (every 1,000 hours). Pump reset error. Chlorine levels were then too high and back in balance now. VCH samples sent this morning – should have results this weekend. Volume of water treated – pump hours up (17 hr today), also at Wall St (8 hrs today, usually 4. This happens several times in summer.) JW phones all Wall St residents about high use, possible leak – all were interested. Graveyard leak being fixed by qRD staff. Line flush at end of Blewett postponed until 29th. Columbia/Midas road cut planned for Friday, detour Copper Queen/Alladin. FD connection at water tank had creature nest. Flush and cap planned. Have good data from logger at Alladin hydrant – water pressure for the week of Jul 3-10 constantly between 36 and 45 psi. Logger installed to monitor whether enough water is getting to pump house after previous data supplied to engineer brought doubt. Logger to be moved to end of Wall St, then other hydrants as maintenance/flushing completed. Water tank cleaning being planned – looking for qualified person to help and for underwater camera for inspection. Expect little growth due to cl2. Water use still high. Latest meter reading discussed – no anomalies. Lake level high for this time of year. Lafarge samples – THMs still high – need ionex back online. 	SH to post on Facebook/website
8. Residents Speak	RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why no outside water use allowed in summer, to increase size of treatment plant and borrow money to do so. Referendum is needed for borrowing money, bring to next AGM. Asked about plant design – is inadequate as design based on 2016 census numbers of pop 296 with no growth expected, plus major leak 	

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		<p>developed after new tank installation may have increased water main pressure and opened up a bunch of new leaks. Design based on Res'eau 3-year study. Current estimated summer pop = 450.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAID in better position today with Capital Reserve avail for leak repairs and WTP expansion. • Requested vehicle washing to be allowed twice a week. • GB is stage one as their volume not limited by treatment rate. • Water usage per person based on metered residences (informational only) show most water lost to leaks. • Legal opinion states water sold to resident can be resold by buyer or dumped – it is theirs to do with as they wish. VAID bylaw states otherwise. • Suggestion to approach PR Community Forest for loan. • Recommended underground watering systems in all new development for watering efficiency. • Restrictions needed to keep tank full for firefighting. Historic very high use long weekend at end of June with plant bypass needed. Not this year tho. • Suggested water collection system and using lake water for outside use. 	
9. Old Business	RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle acquisition & fundraising letters – PT feeling unsupported by board – unable to go in person as planned. Some polite refusals, some non responders after several phone calls/emails, not giving up. • Wall St water pressure to pumphouse – see logger info in Water Report. • Dam surrounds clean up by Imperial mine – project not approved. • Legion road blocks – replace with gate – find out whose Fire Protection is impacted – discuss later in Fire Report • Provision of untreated water – GB is now doing this, previously thought that it may not be allowed. • Can residents get lake water under VAID license? • Glen Walker has non-potable water tank truck for sale. JS will ask Glen – consider all costs such as license, repair, operator hours. Official Tax Receipt for donation can be provided. • Education on water conservation 	<p>SH check license</p> <p>JS check with Glen</p>
10. New Business	RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express Lines – content for July – water conservation, water collection system, drip system offer, reword subscription part, MR Fire Chief • Boundary Petitions – discuss during Fire Report • Request from Caesar Cove Boat Society for better rate. Add 2nd tier to metered rates – include in budget planning. Or winter rate vs summer rate. Community rate as created for Legion not applicable. Reply budget coming up or could turn off water for winter months. Send meter stats. 	<p>SH submit</p> <p>SH reply</p>
11. Admin Report	SH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sage trickery – reinstallation issues solved. MS & Sage hiccup at large system updates. • LAN suggested – have considered, current system better for remote access without causing security issues. 	
12. Financial review	RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire – large items such as car blanket and monitor – over account budget but plenty of room in total budget. • Fire expenses to Water accounts to be done up to June 30. • Continue to monitor hours labor 	<p>SH transfer & resolution</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gate at Legion to replace the road blocks – VAID’s letter to Legion brought response that this must be VAID expense. With current configuration, one house has delayed fire response. MR will check specs and cost and provide to Admin. Don’t ask house owner yet. • Freezies purchased for parade. • New firefighter joining. • Leave of absence from existing firefighter. • Boundary extension for Fire Protection – tank installation not necessary tho one may be available. Property owner has given permission to use pond. More applications received. Forestry only responds if fire spreads to forest – no structure protection – some owners believe they are protected by forestry – clarify this in Express Lines. Ask GB TB about process & initial cost. Cannot ask for buy-in. • If public calls chief about fire outside district, chief calls forestry to advise and gets task number during call for reimbursement if called in to help. FD keeps someone on scene to report fire status. • qRD & Malaspina Fire Chief in court after fired over unchecked allegations. Settled now. • Recruitment drive planned. • Sandcastle pancake breakfast by Texada Volunteer Firefighters Assoc – new Assoc for both Fire Depts. 	<p>MR get specs. Admin get costs</p> <p>SH continue & ask GB</p> <p>SH include in Lines article</p>
15. Next meeting	RS	Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday, Aug 14 at 1:30 pm Firehall	Information
16. Public meeting adjourned	RS	Public meeting adjourned at 4.37 pm.	Information
17. In camera	RS	See separate minutes	
18. Meeting adjourned	RS	Meeting adjourned 5.00	
		<p>Monthly Board Meeting Wednesdays at 1:30pm, Firehall</p> <p>2024: <i>Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15, June 12, July 17, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11</i></p>	Information