

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

	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	RS	Welcome to RJ & BG	
	Guests			
3.	Declaration of	RS	JW regarding Wall St subdivision	Noted
	Conflict of Interest			
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	
	Water Report	TM, JS	 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. 	SH to post on Facebook/website
			Lafarge samples – THMs still high – need ionex back online.	
8.	Residents Speak	RS	 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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		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.	
		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	Vehicle acquisition & fundraising letters – PT feeling unsupported by	
7. Old Business	1.0	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?	SH check license
		Glen Walker has non-potable water tank truck for sale. JS will ask Glen	JS check with
		– consider all costs such as license, repair, operator hours. Official Tax	GLen
		Receipt for donation can be provided.	
		Education on water conservation	
10. New Business	RS	Express Lines – content for July – water conservation, water collection	SH submit
		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 2 nd tier to	SH reply
		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.	
11. Admin Report	SH	 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	Fire – large items such as car blanket and monitor – over account	
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		Fire expenses to Water accounts to be done up to June 30. Continue to monitor bours labor.	SH transfer & resolution
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		Operations meeting will discuss plans for what can be done now,	
		later, or never.	
42. Dalian O Dulann	DC DC	Payroll EFT waiting for approved minutes – will be sent next week. Palian approved to the part of the part o	SH continue setup
13. Policy & Bylaw	RS	 Policy review dates have been organised at 5 per year. Development Policy – added section about single residential 	
		connection. Motion to approve as presented by JW, second JM.	Moved JW, 2 nd JM
		Work Hours Policy – "32 hours off" explained, keep flexibility of hours,	
		emergency callouts are OT, stat and vac rate definitions clarified.	Moved JW, 2 nd PT
		Motion to approve as presented by JW, second PT.	
		Taxes & Tolls – addition of full year monthly plan offered to those who	
		have had problems with usual plan. Will notify of rate change after	Moved JM, 2 nd JW
		budget approved. Motion to approve as presented by JM, second JW.	
		 Working Alone – addition of app to be added when internet at plant (waiting for expected deal that will save \$1,000 on installation). 	Moved PT, 2 nd JM
		Motion to approve as presented, with minor edit, by PT, second JM.	ivioved P1, 2.4 Jivi
		Bullying and Harassment – as provided by Worksafe and reviewed	
		every year, no changes. Motion to approve as presented by PT,	Moved PT, 2 nd JW
		second JW.	,
14. Fire Report	RS	MR not here yet, will be here at 4.	
		affirm MR as Chief – he as said he will take this position. JW moved	Moved JW, 2 nd PT
		and PT seconded to appoint MR as Chief.	
		JM shown SOG for conflict resolution	
		(((break for in camera discussion until MR arrives – 3.35 - 3.42)))	
	MR	Calls in June: MVA – 0, Medical – 2. Fire - 2	
		May be fire bug on island – dock, outhouses at Shelter Pt, Sandbanks.	
		Crescent Bay and Shingle suspected other reasons.	
		Small fire on the Van Anda regional dock; 3 members responded to	
		the call. Boat there the night before; commercial prawn seller arrived	
		after they left and reported the fire. Could be cigarette or BBQ.	
		Second fire was a call from BC wildfire to send two people for a fire on Tayona harman 1 good by send of CRED marriage and the contract	
		Texada branch 1 road. I responded with one of GBFD member and their pumper. Once on scene, we found the guard rail smoking but no	
		open flames. We pumped a couple hundred litres of water on it. We	
		also found some other spots that were burnt on the bridge and	
		ground around the area. We sent pictures to BC wildfire and did a	
		report with the RCMP.	
		Selkirk Forest has Forest Fire trailer with 1,000-liter tank and pump, and have a reconstructed BC Mildfine.	
		 and has agreement with BC Wildfire. New monitor arrived – shoots water with no operator needed after 	
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		 S-100 wildfire course held with 4 VA, 4 GB, and 2 Tla'amin Firefighters. 	
		Hands-on at Lafarge pond as no creeks available.	
		ER services meeting tonight. New BCA Unit Chief – MR will pass on	
		message about road closure.	
		One of the paramedics who didn't live here has bought house in VA.	
		If heat continues, MR will try for list from clinic for health checks. And for will do whole BV park, last week's modified would have been	
		And/or will do whole RV park. Last week's medical would have been much more serious if any hotter.	
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		 Recruitment drive planned. Sandcastle pancake breakfast by Texada Volunteer Firefighters Assoc 	
		– new Assoc for both Fire Depts.	
15. Next meeting	RS	Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday, Aug 14 at 1:30 pm Firehall	Information
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	
-		Monthly Board Meeting Wednesdays at 1:30pm, Firehall 2024: Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15, June 12, July 17, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11	Information