

**65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE HEDLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
Held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
At the Hedley Senior's Centre, Scott Avenue, Hedley, BC**

**Present:** Trustees: Lynn Wells, Dave Peers, Ruth Woodin and Terry Sawiuk  
Administrative Officer: Diane Wood; Fire Department Manager: Doug Nimchuk, and  
Auditor: Chris Newton from Omland Heal, Penticton

**Regrets:** Robin Ford and Water Contractor: Richard Tarnoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and introductions were made by Chair Lynn Wells. There were 36 people in the audience.

The Chair called for adoption of the Agenda.

**Motion:** Ken Knutson/Doug Nimchuk - To adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Minutes:** The minutes of 64rd Annual General Meeting were read into the record by Diane Wood.

**Motion:** Margaret Skarr/Penny Escott – To adopt the minutes of the 64rd Annual General Meeting as read.

The Chair called for any errors or omissions in the minutes and there were none.

**CARRIED**

**2016 Financial Statements** were presented by Chris Newton, CPA with the firm Omland Heal Chartered Accountants.

**Motion:** Ken Knutson/Doug Nimchuk – To approve the 2016 Financial Statement as presented by Chris Newton, CPA.

Question from Doug Nimchuk: The HID is paying 3.7 percent interest and only making 1.55 percent interest on money invested in the reserve fund. Wouldn't it be better to pay off the Fire truck debt with the money in the reserve fund, and then borrow money to purchase another truck some time in the future?

Lynn Wells answered: The money was borrowed from the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue to purchase the fire truck in 2010. The Ministry may have rules against paying off the debt before its maturity date. Chris Newton also added that there would also be a penalty, but recommended that the Trustees investigate the benefits.

The board thanked Chris for the very thorough and informative way in which the financials were presented.

**CARRIED**

**2017 Chair's Report: Lynn Wells** summarized the workings of the HID over the past year, giving an explanation of the Improvement Districts mandate to deliver fire protection, street lighting and water, further she pointed out changes in the water

system that been made over the past 45 years to ensure that Hedley's water meets the standards for safe drinking water set out by the provincial government under the Drinking water Protection Act, and the importance of being Water Smart. She said that the Trustees should be increasing the amount of money set aside in the water reserve fund to be prepared for emergencies due to climate change. A letter will be circulated to the Hedley residents, asking for comments about a request to exempt Hedley parks from water tolls, and on/off fees. She explained how fortunate the village of Hedley is to have a Fire department and First Responders; anyone wishing to become a fire fighter or first responder is encouraged to come to a practice on any Tuesday evening.

Also included in her report was that the HID has made improvements to the hedleybc.ca website. Copies of bylaws, minutes of meetings, and other information about your local government can be viewed there. As well a heartfelt thank you to the Hedley volunteers and the Hedley 'angels', who help some of Hedley's elderly or disabled citizens to live longer, happier lives at home. A copy of her report is attached. There were no questions from the audience.

**The 2016 Water Systems Report** was read by David Peers. A copy of this report is attached. There was one question.

Mark Woodcock asked who has their Small Water System certification. Lynn Wells answered, Gary Ross, Terry Leonard, and Richard Tarnoff.

**The 2016 Fire Department Report** was read by Doug Nimchuk. A copy of his report is attached. There was one question.

Bill Pybus asked if there was going to be a big burn pile at the Sports Complex like previous years. Lynn answered that it was no longer allowed.

### **Honorarium**

**Motion:** Margaret Skarr/Graham Gore - That the trustees be paid an honorarium of \$100 each for the 2017 term.

**CARRIED**

## **Elections**

Lynn Wells handed the floor over to Graham Gore, Elections Officer to proceed with the election of two new trustees.

Election: For two positions of a 3 year term, nomination papers were accepted for Lynn Wells, David Peers and Thomas D. Adams.  
There were no further nominations.

Linda Martens and Myrtle Gore were appointed as Scrutineers. Ballots were cast and

The votes were distributed as follows:

Lynn Wells:	27 votes
David Peers:	26 votes
Thomas Adams:	09 votes

Lynn Wells and David Peers were declared the winners of the election and each was elected to a three year term as trustee.

Graham Gore (Elections officer) declared the election meeting closed.

## **Elf Christensen**

Director of Area G, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS), spoke briefly and invited local residents to attend a meeting in Keremeos to learn about the proposed changes to garbage collection in Area G.

AGM Meeting was adjourned by common consent at 9:10 p.m.

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Lynn Wells, Chair

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Diane Wood, Administrative Officer