

**68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE HEDLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Held on Saturday, November 14, 2020
At the Hedley Senior's Centre, Scott Avenue, Hedley, BC**

Trustees Present: Lynn Wells, Wes Mufford, Ralph Olund and Ross Grant
Administrative Officer: Alice Christensen

Guests: Fire Department Manager: Ken Hoyle, Auditor: Chris Newton from Omland Heal via telephone, Water System Operator: Simon Harris

Regrets: Dave Peers

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and introductions were made by Chair Lynn Wells. There were 21 people in the audience and all were property owners.

The Chair called for changes to the agenda. First change will be in voting procedures. Should the need arise to cast votes, it will be done by a show of hands. This will reduce traffic and risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Motion: Lynn Wells/Ralph Olund - To allow voting by a show of hands if two nominations received for the same position. 11 votes in favor, 2 opposed

CARRIED

The other changes include Ken Hoyle's interim report for 2020 and to the order of the reports presented. The water and fire department reports will go first and the Chair's report will be last.

Motion: Lynn Wells/Ralph Olund - To adopt the agenda with changes noted. All in favor.

CARRIED

Minutes: The minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting were read into the record by the administrator.

Motion: Ruth Woodin/Penny Escott - To adopt the minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting as read. The Chair called for any errors or omissions in the minutes and there were none. All in Favor.

CARRIED

2019 Financial Statements - Due to Omland Heal's COVID-19 policy, the auditors were not able to attend the AGM in person. Lynn Wells called Chris Newton, BBA, CPA, Senior Accountant with the firm Omland Heal Chartered Accountants on the telephone number provided. Chris presented the 2019 Financials via telephone and answered questions.

Motion: Ralph Olund/Wes Mufford - To accept the 2019 Financial Statement as presented by Chris Newton from Omland Heal Chartered Accountants. All in favor.

CARRIED

Penny Escott - What is the vehicle insurance for? The water employees are no longer on contract? What is Street lighting for?

Lynn Wells: Vehicle Insurance is for the fire trucks. Water employees are employees and not on contract. Streetlighting is the electricity cost to have the lights on.

Lynn Wells thanked Chris for the very thorough and informative way in which the financials were presented. The phone call with Chris Newton ended at this time.

The 2019 Water Systems Report was presented by Simon Harris. A copy of the report will be attached.

Simon went over the usage and repairs from 2019 and also gave a brief report on 2020.

Tony Bedford: Has anyone done calculation on electricity usage for running the 30hp pump to keep up with the demand?

Simon: No, I haven't.

Penny Escott: You said you take samples from known sources without bacteria. Where are these sources?

Simon: HID is only responsible up to the curb stop. We only want to sample our water system, not what's between the curb stop and residences. Sample sites are the residences of Lynn Wells, Rick Patterson, Simon Harris and the well. During COVID, the samples are taken from Simon Harris residence, the well and the firehall.

Karen Cummings: Is \$25,000 enough of a budget for such a decrepit system? Is there an area we are focusing on?

Simon: It is just a base amount. Hard to budget for unforeseen incidents. We are focusing on the well for arsenic filtration.

Karen: Why is it taking so long?

Wes: We have been looking into treatment systems and cost for revising the system. The pumphouse has to be replaced or rebuilt.

Gerry Wilkin: Be wary of raising fees. Why hasn't the board raised the parcel tax? How many years will it take?

Lynn Wells: We are saving \$30,000 this year. We hope the new board will invite the RDOS to take over.

The 2019 Fire Department Report was presented by Ken Hoyle. Ken also presented a 2020 interim report. A copy will be attached.

Wes Mufford: Why did the fire department stop flushing the hydrants?

Ken Hoyle: We do them at practices. As far as I know, it's not the fire department responsibility.

Wes: Is there enough emergency lighting in the firehall?

Ken: There is no backup generator for the fire department. Board of Trustees will have new emergency lighting installed.

The 2019 Chair's Report was presented by Lynn Wells. This is her final report as Chair and Trustee for the HID as her term has ended and she will no longer be volunteering. A copy of the report will be attached.

Gerry Wilkin: What happened to the relationship with the USIB sharing water?

Lynn Wells: We are working with them. Both Simon and I have been attending meetings. USIB is conducting their own studies for drilling new wells.

Gerry: Is the Board willing to do a resolution to join the RDOS?

Lynn: That will be up to the new board. We have to follow guidelines and procedures.

Simon thanked Lynn for her work and services over the years. Ruth Woodin agreed her knowledge is invaluable.

Honorarium

Motion: Ruth Woodin/Gerry Wilkin – To approve an honorarium of \$100 paid to each of the trustees for the year 2019

CARRIED

Elections

Lynn Wells handed the floor over to Andy English, Elections Officer to proceed with the election of three new trustees.

Election: For three positions, two full 3 year terms and one 3 year term with less than 1 year remaining, a nomination form was accepted for Dave Peers. Gerry Wilkins nominated John Todd from the floor but John Todd refused. No further nominations were received. Another nomination request letter will be mailed out to the property owners after the AGM.

Dave Peers was declared elected by acclamation. Dave was elected as trustee for one of the full 3 year terms.

Andy English (Elections officer) declared the election portion of the meeting closed.

Adjournment

CARRIED

The 68th Annual General Meeting was adjourned by common consent at 4:13 p.m.

Wes Mufford, Newly Elected Chair

Alice Christensen, Administrative Officer