

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE HEDLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Monday, January 18, 2021 held at the Hedley Seniors' Centre at 10:00 am.**

Trustees Present: Ralph Olund, Dave Peers, Wes Mufford, Stephen Alderson, Terry Sawiuk

Administrative Officer: Alice Christensen

Guests Present: Simon Harris, Ken Hoyle, Karen Cummings and Penny Escott

CALL TO ORDER

Wes Mufford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion (Ralph/Stephen) to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION and ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: (Ralph/Dave) To accept and approve the December 21st, 2020 minutes as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

HEDLEY WATER SYSTEM

Dan Miller from McElhanney requested some additional information. Administrator sent them the latest water quality readings from both wells and requested the list of action items from Interior Health. The trustees will need to determine the type of arsenic in the water system. Simon will request Caro to breakdown the arsenic in the next sample. Wes will call Dan Miller to discuss further.

HID BULLETIN BOARD

The administrator bumped into the carpenter on the street and talked to him about the project. He will submit a quote for supplies and will start the job soon.

COMPUTER/PRINTER

The spare computer has been set up and also has Zoom installed. Any trustee can use the computer for online HID meetings/business.

RDOS MEETING REQUEST

The request from Anne Benn, Emergency Program Coordinator to meet with the HID to discuss the intention of the HID's emergency response plan on Jan. 18th has been postponed until Feb. 8th. Wes spoke with Anne and confirmed that not all trustees need to be in attendance. Wes will take this task on and meet with the group.

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FIRE & WATER OPERATIONS REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The fire department report for December 2020 was presented by Ken Hoyle.

Motion: (Dave/Ralph) To approve and accept the Fire Department report as presented.

CARRIED

The HFD is required to have 16 firefighters and currently has 8 active members. They are continuing to seek new members. Terry Sawiuk questioned the cost of first aid and AED training. Stephen Alderson questioned the pending lighting upgrade. The administrator explained that Doug Nimchuk had said the cost of the upgrade was not necessary and the lights were fine the way they are. However, this has now changed and the lights will now need to be upgraded to LED. Wes will talk to Grant Ross to see if he will upgrade the lights in the firehall bays.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

The water department report for December 2020 was presented by Simon Harris.

Motion: (Dave/Wes) To approve and accept the Water Report as presented.

CARRIED

Simon has suggested the Trustees increase the liability. The risk of back-siphonage is quite high due to the water leaks in the system. Wes, Ralph and Simon will have a meeting with Bob Pearce on Friday, Jan. 22nd. Bob has stated he has almost all the components needed for the 30hp pump replacement. A notice regarding the disinfecting of the water system will need to go out in time to warn the residents. The leak at the Nickelplate Diner has been repaired.

Karen Cummings: Pumps are electric dependent. Could a generator handle the 60hp pump?

Simon: Yes Wes: The trustees have looked into it. Penny Escott: What is the board's contingency plan should the 60hp pump fail? Wes: We don't have one. Penny: Why not? What are you going to do to keep the town in water? How will toilets flush? Wes: We have an emergency plan but not a contingency plan. Simon: A tanker will not be able to access the reservoir and will not be able to keep up with demands.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

The account balance sheet for December 2020 was presented and reviewed as well as the GST Building Maintenance Fund balance sheet. This fund is comprised of all GST rebates received from 2014 to current year.

Motion: (Dave/Stephen) To approve and accept the balance sheet as presented.

CARRIED

FIRE PROTECTION & STREET LIGHTING YTD EXPENSE REPORT

The December 2020 year-to-date expense report was presented and reviewed by the trustees.

Motion: (Dave/Wes) To approve and accept the YTD expense report as presented

CARRIED

WATER OPERATIONS YTD EXPENSE REPORT

The December 2020 year-to-date expense report was presented and reviewed by the trustees.

Motion: (Ralph/Wes) To approve and accept the YTD expense report as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS

Bylaw No. 255 - Water Tolls Bylaw 2021 was presented to the trustees for review and approval. This bylaw enables the trustees to bill out the water tolls for 2021. The water toll rate is based on the approved 2021 water department budget.

Motion: (Dave/Ralph) To accept Bylaw 255 as presented

NEW BUSINESS

RDOS WATER SYSTEM ACQUISITION

Katrina Wong from Interior Health forwarded an information package. Wes asked the trustees to review the package to discuss at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 10:00am

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Wes) To adjourn the HID regular board meeting at 11:29am.

Wes Mufford, Chair

Alice Christensen, Administrative Officer