

## **Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Hedley Improvement District  
February 26, 2024, at 10:00am

**Trustees Present:** Wes Mufford, John Todd, Dave Peers, Stephen Alderson

**Corporate Administrator:** Maria Manazza

**Water Operator:** Kathleen Conabree

**Fire Department:** Michael South -Deputy Chief

- 1) **Call to order:** Wes Mufford (Chair) called the meeting to order @ 10:00am
- 2) **Approval of Agenda: Motion** – Dave/Stephen motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried.
- 3) **Adoption and acceptance of the previous minutes: Motion** - Dave/Stephen to accept and approve the revised minutes from December 18, 2023.

The Minutes provided for signature from January 15, 2024, to be revised per John's request. 4a correction: Sharon Henderson is making progress with CRA.

#### **4) Business arising from previous minutes and unfinished business:**

- a) Update on the CRA issues delivered by Sharon Henderson
  - She is gathering supporting documents to send off to CRA.
  - Made a copy of the letters patent/local Government Act.
  - She prepared the final draft and would like to send it to CRA today if possible.
  - She noted that one board member signature was sufficient.
  - The board decided to sign the CRA document so that Sharon could send the documents to CRA immediately.

#### **5) Petitions and Delegations:**

None.

#### **6) Reports:**

Fire Report delivered by: Michael South

- Michael South read the Fire Report included in the agenda package.
- There were no questions.

Motion to accept: John Todd

Second: Dave

Carried

Water Report delivered by: Kathleen Conabree

- Wes inquired about HID's previous water operator - Terry's past arsenic reports.
- Kathleen clarified that our arsenic tests are for inorganic and organic arsenic combined & is looking into how we can test the two types separately.
- Kathleen suggested looking into water filters or reverse osmosis systems.
- Kathleen is putting together a cost/benefit analysis.
- Stephen noted that RO systems use a lot of water.
- Wes asked about the power usage for the pumphouse.
- Kathleen is still researching ways to mitigate arsenic in the water and spoke about the different types of systems she is looking into.
- Wes would like to find out how much power any system will draw to ensure our system can facilitate.
- Stephen spoke about his home filtration system and the filters that must be changed every 3 years.
- Kathleen will speak to Stephen later about his water system to see if it could be of benefit for the HID water system moving forward.
- Wes inquired if the hot tap was fixed.
- Dave noted that it was not fixed yet, but they are still working on it
- John inquired about the RDOS involvement.
- Kathleen explained that Tim Roberts had already been in contact with the previous water operator to discuss mitigation strategies for the HID and that Tim sent information from previous trustees that were inquiring about mitigation strategies and the arsenic issues.
- A report is being prepared for Tim Roberts by Kathleen and will copy the HID on that email.
- Wes mentioned that high levels of Arsenic in the water is not just an issue with Hedley, other districts in BC also deal with this issue.
- The Ministry of Environment is creating a report that includes all the municipalities dealing with arsenic issues.
- Wes reiterated that the solution for pollution is dilution.

- Gerry W mentioned that Terry has a summary of the 2023 Evaluation of the HID water system from last February.

Motion to accept: Dave.

Second: Stephen

Carried

Financial Report delivered by: John Todd

a) Nov 2023- Water

- John noted that when it is "billed" it goes into our revenue.

b) Nov 2023 -Fire

- Mainly expenses

c) Nov 2023- Balance Sheet

Motion to accept: Dave.

Second: Stephen

Carried

## **7) Bylaws and Resolutions:**

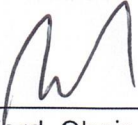
a) none

## **8) New Business:**

- FYI confirmation that Morine & Schindler is conducting the HID's Audit for 2023
- Clive's letter of resignation was presented to the board. It was decided that the Administrator would investigate the rules to confirm if a byelection would have to be called or not.

## **9) Conclude Meeting:**

- a) Next Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2024, at the Hedley Centre - Accepted
- b) Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 by Wes Mufford



Wes Mufford, Chair



Maria Manazza, Corporate Administrator