

**70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE HEDLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Held on Monday, September 19th, 2022
At the Hedley Centre, 789 Scott Avenue, Hedley, BC**

Trustees Present: Wes Mufford-Chair, Stephen Alderson – Trustee, Dave Peers - Trustee
Administrative Officer: Sharon Carey Aide – Jodel Burk Returning Officer – Carol South
Fire Department: Michael South – Deputy Chief
Auditor: Ryan Schulz from Omland Heal
Water System Operator: Terry Leonard

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and introductions were made by Chair Wesley Mufford. There were twenty-one people in the audience and all but two were property owners.

Wes asked that anyone in the audience if they wanted to speak from the floor that they needed to introduce themselves with full name and be recognized by the chair. Next, speakers may speak once for 3 minutes. Only property owners can make or second motions.

We will start with Ken Hoyle's Motion from the floor:

Have the HID Establish an official Facebook Page and reestablish the HID Calling Tree by January 21, 2023, so residents of Hedley can get important information out in a timely manner, such as a water problem.

Ken Knutson – Seconder

Ken Knutson - Wes asked for Volunteers.

CARRIED

The Chair called to accept agenda.

Motion: Wes/Dave Peers.

CARRIED

Minutes: The minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting were read into the record by an administrator – Sharon Carey

Motion: Wes/John – To adopt the minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting as read. The Chair called for any errors or omissions in the minutes and there were none. All in Favor.

CARRIED

2021 Financial Statements – Ryan Schulz presented the 2021 Financials and directed that the board to answer questions from the audit.

There was an oversight – Sharon Carey forgot to add these financials into the packages. Thus, Sharon Carey and Carole South had to go to the office and print 10 copies.

Wes moved on the Reports: Annual Water Report 2021:

Terry: **The 2021 Water Systems Report** was presented by Terry Leonard - A copy of the report will be attached.

Motion: Gerry/Lois to accept Terry's Water Report

CARRIED

4 people opposed the report.

Gerry Wilkin questioned the arsenic level data presented by Terry and asked Terry for more definitive answers – Terry is going to look at that information and post it.

Terry was asked about his certification. Dave- Said he is still in process

Terry addressed the three major issues with the pumphouse:

- a) January 23, 2021 – An overcurrent sensor stop -Sensor, Fan, and Relay switches were replaced.
- b) September 21 – The telemetry cables were not sensing the reservoir levels, so an electrician was called in and he replaced the actual wire for a Treating wire. Still this system from the pumphouse to the reservoir need to be wireless.
- c) August 2-13 – an electrical cable burned in the panel in the pumphouse and so the cable was replaced and the pumphouse was fully operational.

Terry did mention the leakage problem. He talked about a solution which is to use an infrared drone to detect the leaks regardless of season. Pricing and availability still need to be discussed.

Terry was looking into a speciation testing lab to determine the type of arsenic we have, so we can look at ways to treat the problem.

The 2021 Fire Department Report was presented by Michael South. (A copy will be attached.)

Michael indicated that there is still a need for more recruits and FIRST RESPONDERS – as we only have 1 and there is a desperate need for more.

He also talked about the importance and use of FIRE PERMITS. – These are FREE, but there are rules attached that must be followed.

He also emphasized the Hedley Fire Department is a community service organization that is there to help the citizens of Hedley. Thus, they should be respected and not be subjected to verbal or physical abuse. They are VOLUNTEERING to help save lives and property.

Motion: Ken/Carol to accept Michael's Fire Report.

CARRIED

Auditor's Report: Presented by Ryan Shultz of Omland Heai – Chartered Accountants

Presented the Audit for the Hedley Improvement District. (A copy will be attached)

Motion: Lois/Wes to accept the Auditor's Report

CARRIED

Chair's Report 2021 - Wes Mufford – Chair (A copy will be attached)

He talked about the role, responsibilities, and compensation for Trustees.

Next, was the upgrades to LED lighting which cost less to operate than conventional lighting.

He mentioned Michael's report and added that the province collects money for all fire departments through taxes.

He noted the FireSmart initiative for the HID/FD hall which was through a grant.

He discussed the water system – 2 wells with 2 pumps, 100,000-gallon reserve, the town's two electrical grids that do not rely on a generator

He also explained why both the Parcel and Water Tolls increased – Upgrades and maintenance to the system.

He later said that the next projects will be a redesign of the pumphouse and leak detection using drone technology.

Motion: Lois/John to accept Wes's Chair Report.

CARRIED

Proposed Budgets to Approved Budgets: (A copy will be attached)

Wes- "Should have the budgets presented and approved at the AGM's?"

Sharon – "Not sure, as the AGMs are supposed to take place between January and May"

Gerry – Suggested that the board look at the various websites for 5-year budget templates.

Wes- Next year's project – The redesign of the pumphouse – Separate water from electricity.

Wes – The Parcel Tax should remain stable, but Water Tolls are tied to inflation. There was discussion about the Reserve Fund.

Wes- "We are putting away \$65,000 a year from the operating budget".

Gerry W – "What is the capital replacement money for?"

Wes- "For new Projects."

Gerry – "This is why some of us would like to see the RDOS involved, to sort this kind of thing out.

Terry L.- "Do you want to pay \$500/\$600 a year or \$2100 a year for your Fire and Water, that is the question?"

Carol S. – Is volunteering to help figure out the phone bill situation for the HID/FD.

Clive – Is volunteering to help with the Website.

John T. – A significant number of community members are needed to volunteer to keep costs low.

Motion: Dave/Clive to accept the Fire/Street Lighting Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Motion: Wes/Clive to accept the Water Budget as presented.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE HONORARIUM:

Motion: Lois/Clive make a motion for the Trustees to receive a \$100 honorarium per year.

Ken Hoyle, wanted to increase it to \$200, but Wes said that it was too much for the town.

CARRIED

Elections: Carol South – Returning Officer: Explained her position

Carol explained the requirements for the position of Trustee:

Resident of B.C. for over 6 months
Canadian Citizen
Landowner
18 years-old or older

Carol called for written nominations: None

She then asked for nominations from the floor for the 3-year position.

Wes nominated John Todd. on the condition that some meetings could be done via Zoom or TEAMS.

Ken nominated Gerry Wilkins. Gerry declined.

John Todd accepted the nomination, on the condition that some meetings could be done via Zoom or TEAMS. John was acclaimed.


Carol closed the Election as no one stepped up for the 1 2-year position.

Adjournment:

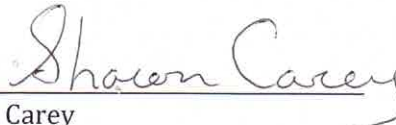
Carol/Lois

CARRIED

The 70th Annual General Meeting was adjourned by common consent at 8:28 p.m.



Wes Mufford, Chair



Sharon Carey