

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Hedley Improvement District
May 26, 2025, at 10:00am
Hedley Centre

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

Corporate Administrator: Maria Manazza

Water Operator: Kathleen Conabree

Fire Department:

- 1) Call to order:** Wes Mufford (Chair) called the meeting to order @ 10:00AM
- 2) Approval of Agenda:** Dave/Stephen moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried.
- 3) Adoption and acceptance of the previous minutes:** Dave/John moved to accept the previous minutes from April 21st, 2025.
Carried.
- 4) Petitions and Delegations:**
 - Alice Christensen's Letter – It was decided that Maria would contact Pineview Services to inquire about tree removal in the area between the fire department and Alice's house.
 - Key Hoyles Questions – Wes stated that an engineer has been hired and that the cost of digging a new well or relocating the pumphouse would be too high. However, the project must proceed regardless, as our well will continue to be used for fire services in the future.

Reports:

- 1. Administrative Report Summary:** Maria Manazza read the Administrative Report.

Administrative Report Summary

Date: May 26th, 2025

Prepared by: Maria Manazza

Subject: HID Monthly Report Highlights

1. Update on the Revenue Enhancement Committee

There are currently no new updates to report

2. Pumphouse Update

Wes to provide an update on the status and any developments.

3. Update: FortisBC – Proposed Public Safety Shutoff (PSPS)

Fortis BC has proposed a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy during wildfire season. The policy is currently under review, and the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) has issued a temporary suspension. A decision is expected in early June. In preparation, Maria is researching the cost of renting a generator for the months of June through September, during peak fire season.

2. Fire Department Monthly Report Summary:

We had 2 FR medical assist calls outs this past month. And currently at full capacity with 18 fire fighters, 1 member still on probation and 2 new recruits. Numerous members will be undergoing s100 and s185 training and recertification this coming month. We continue to look for donations to help aid the purchase of much needed new equipment.

Thanks Corey Pelletier

HVFD Deputy Chief

3. Water Report: Kathleen Conabree read the water report:

Water Report: April 17–21, 2025

1. Water report was given to Trustees at the monthly board meeting by the Water Operator, as usual.
2. Weekly Tuesday bacteriological water tests were taken and delivered to the Keremeos lab, all with clear results.
3. April arsenic test was taken on April 30 by Gary Ross and delivered to the Princeton lab. The result was **8.66 PPB**, which is **0.43 PPB higher** than March.
4. Aquifer levels:

- April 1: 55' 6" below surface (a 2 ft 4 in rise from last month)
 - April 15: 51' 9" below surface
5. On April 21, I was invited to a Zoom meeting by the CAO of the RDOS regarding challenges with our water system, particularly historical mining operations and their potential impact on the Hedley aquifer.

The meeting took place on April 28 while I was in the UK and included:

- Tim Roberts (Area G Director)
- Jim Zaffino (RDOS CAO)
- Allen Fillion (RDOS Managing Director of Development & Infrastructure)
- Lara Fletcher (BC Abandoned Mines)
- Jeanien Carmody Fallows (BC Director of Mining Operations)
- Deb N. Epps (Executive Director, BC Provincial Water Monitoring Authorizations & Remediation Branch)
- Jaclyn Jacobsen (Sr. Program Assistant, Ministry of Environment)
- Luc Lachance (Senior Environmental Protection Officer, BC Ministry of Environment)

This was a one-hour introductory meeting where Tim Roberts and I outlined potential issues and discussed possible impacts of mining/tailings on the aquifer.

Barrick Gold was not present, but Ms. Epps confirmed a follow-up meeting will occur after **May 15, 2025**, with Barrick in attendance. She also stated that groundwater data requested by Gerry Wilkins will be required from Barrick at that time.

The next meeting will include Gerry Wilkins, any interested Trustee, and myself. Date TBD.

6. On March 31, the Water Office learned that the Federal Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee's Regulatory Response Taskforce was collecting feedback on proposed changes to the **Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality**, specifically lowering the arsenic MAC from **10 PPB to 5 PPB**.

A meeting was held on April 7 with the Administrator and Trustees to discuss the implications.

A letter was sent to Health Canada on April 21 (ahead of the May 6 deadline), outlining the challenges this change would pose and requesting reconsideration.

7. Item 5 also led to a full revision of the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** to the RDOS funding body, which has agreed in principle to fund a **feasibility study for a new well** due to rising arsenic levels.

The Hedley aquifer has not tested below 5 PPB since 2013 (except once on March 1, 2021, at 4.77 PPB).

The revised RFP was submitted to Liisa Bloomfield (RDOS Superintendent of Operations) for confirmation that it meets funding criteria.

Once confirmed, it will be presented to Trustees along with a list of engineering firms for approval.

8. As part of the March maintenance plan, a new valve was installed at **5349 Webster Street** to replace the inaccessible Valve 39E under the east end of Webster St Bridge. Work occurred from **May 19–22, 2025**. The new valve (W39E) isolates a potential leak under the creek in the old 3" galvanized steel line.

See attached Works Report for details.

9. A second maintenance dig to re-seat **Valve 55** (behind the museum) was scheduled for **May 22**, but was postponed due to a gas line hit in Keremeos. The BC One Call gas engineer could not attend, so the work has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 28, 2025**.
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Pumpage Data:

- **March 18 – April 17, 2025 (31 days):**
Total: 4,475,500 gallons
Average: 144,370 gal/day
- **April 21 – May 25, 2025 (34 days):**
Total: 6,144,000 gallons
Average: 180,706 gal/day

Difference:

+1,668,500 gallons total
+36,336 gallons/day increase in May over April

4. Financial Report Summary: John Todd read the Financial Report.

Note: The full financial report is available at the HID office.

Hedley Improvement District

Income Statement

January 1 to April 30, 2025

Water

- **Total Revenue:** \$125,722
- **Total Expenses:** \$41,929 (*Budget: \$189,200*)
- **Net Income:** \$83,792

Fire and Street Lighting

- **Total Revenue:** \$18,022
- **Total Expenses:** \$52,424 (*Budget: \$134,100*)
- **Net Income:** -\$34,402

Balance Sheet (as of April 30, 2025)

- **Total Assets:** \$771,573
- **Total Liabilities:**
- **Equity:**

5) Bylaws & Resolutions: Assessment Bylaw Approval - Dave/Stephen moved to approve the Assessment Bylaw. Carried. The trustees set the date for the Court of Revision for June 16th @9:00AM.

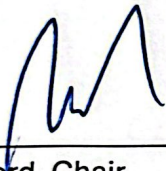
6) Old Business: Audit Statement Approval – Dave/Stephen moved to approve the Audit Statements as presented. Carried.

7) New Business:

a) Set AGM date – It was decided that the AGM would be on July 9th, 2025 @ 6:00PM at the Hedley Centre.

8) Conclude Meeting:

- a) Next Meeting scheduled for June 16th, 2025, @ 10:00AM at the Hedley Centre
- b) Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 by Wes Mufford



Wes Mufford, Chair



Marja Manazza, Corporate Administrator