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TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
Monday July 14, 2014 – 7.00 PM
Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Deb McKay (Acting Chair)
Gus Derewenko
Ernest Loewen

Larry Wiens – project manager
Peter Hanslo – administrator and finance officer
Bruce Edwards – engineering consultant
Ron Beck – dike manager

Absent:

Doug McNeill (pneumonia)
Craig Brooks
Steve Dimond (out of province)
Peter Schalkx (work-related)
Doug Sinitsin (indisposed)
Brett Vander Wyk (on vacation)

**Ratepayers in
attendance:**

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Call to Order:

Chair 7.02 pm.

Notice:

Acting Chair Deb McKay gave notice to all meeting attendees that the presence of only three trustees failed to meet the requirements of a quorum to conduct district business (Improvement District Manual, section B page 24 paragraph 3), and that the evening's meeting would proceed on an "information only" basis to provide an update on agenda listed items : "Experience the Fraser", von Einsiedel vs DAID et al appeal and the Corix inspection of the old pump system. Staff reports would also be included. All other voting matters shown on the agenda would be tabled for the next board meeting.

REPORTS

Dike and pump station maintenance report:	Ron Beck	Refer appendix 1.
Administration and finance report:	P. Hanslo	Refer appendix 1.
Project management report:	L. Wiens	Refer appendix 2.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

“Experience the Fraser” project P. Hanslo

The following representatives met at the Dewdney Nature Park and boat launch location on Wednesday June 25, 2014 to discuss the Fraser Valley Regional District’s (FVRD) “Experience the Fraser” proposals:

FVRD: Christina Vugteveen (Parks Mgr.), David Urban (Parks Planner) and Troy Jones (Asst. Parks Mgr.)
 District local residents: Wayne Robertson, Fred von Hardenberg and Bob Scarrow.
 DAID board members: Brett Vander Wyk, Gus Derewenko and Peter Hanslo (administrator).

After inspection of the site the group decided to move their meeting to a location on River Road along the Slough due to pervasive mosquito problems at the boat launch. All local residents and board members expressed opinions, the main concerns being:

- the narrow access route from the Lougheed Highway along River Road to the Nature Park;
- the noise factor on River Road with an increase in traffic flow;
- general maintenance and clean-up issues after public visitation hours along River Road and at the boat launch;
- ecological and wildlife concerns with an expected increase in the number of visitors to the boat launch and nature park;
- improvements to park signage information to include dates and times of operation;
- watercraft exceeding the posted speed limit on the Slough;
- dike slope erosion caused by speedboat backwash;
- upgrading FVRD general maintenance and management of facility;
- improvement to park toilet facilities;
- Mosquito infestation.

Parks Manager Christina Vugteveen thanked everyone for their input, suggestions and opinions, and said that she would provide DAID with a written report of the meeting after she arrived back from vacation sometime in July.

CURRENT BUSINESS**Appeal: von Einsiedel vs DAID et al**

P. Hanslo

DAID's legal counsel, James Goulden, represented the District at the Court of Appeal on Monday June 23, 2014 when the Court (Mr. Justice Groberman) dismissed Mr. Von Einsiedel's application seeking to have his appeal removed from the inactive list. The appeal stands dismissed as of June 24, 2014. According to Mr. Goulden, Mr. Von Einsiedel can technically apply to have his dismissed appeal reinstated but that the test for such an application is even higher than the test seeking to have his appeal removed from the inactive list, that failed on June 23.

Corix inspection of old pump system

P. Hanslo

Corix inspected the old (1949) pump system on June 13, 2014 at the request of Bruce Edwards. Mr. Edwards reported as follows:

"Albert (Godin) said that he isn't concerned about the vibration/screaming noise emanating from the east pump, which he said may be caused by a resonance perhaps in the supporting structure which badly needs replacement and/or repair, but will investigate the west pump's excessive grease consumption of almost one cartridge per day, compared to about ten days per cartridge for the east pump. Excessive grease can spread to the windings, trapping dust and dirt which will act as thermal insulation raising the winding temperature leading to failure of the electrical insulating varnish.

I don't share Albert's optimism that the screaming noise is inconsequential, but share his confidence that the pumps can be relied upon to perform as spares during the remains of this freshet until the pumphouse can be upgraded/repared. Hopefully this can be done before the 2015 freshet."

Mr. Darrell McDonald said that he thought that the removal of the "packing" on subject pump by Corix some time ago, was now the cause of the excess grease consumption by that pump.

The matter was tabled for discussion at the next board meeting.

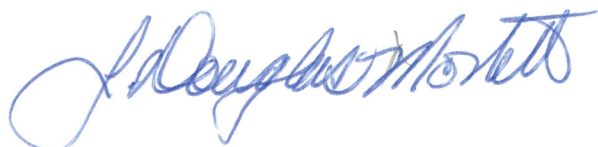
Ratepayers' question period

All questions raised by district property owners during the course of the evening's meeting, were responded to by DAID board members and staff.

Set date, time and location of next board meeting.

Next board meeting scheduled for Monday September 8, 2014 starting 7.00 pm held at the Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie. B.C.

Meeting adjourned: 8.28 pm



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APPENDIX 1

Dike maintenance manager report: R. Beck

- The pump log book shows that from May 6, 2014 to present date, the new pumps operated for a total of 71 days with 2 pumps being used for only 5 days during that period.
- All pumps were inoperative for 16 days during subject period.

End of report.

Administration and finance officer report: P. Hanslo

- DAID financial statements for period January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 circulated to trustees July 12, 2014.
- The second Intake 2013 update report (for June 2014) remitted to EMBC on time.
- Total 2014 diking taxes collected to June 30, 2014: \$78,500.
- Provided update on "Experience the Fraser" project.
- Reported on outcome of the von Einsiedel vs DAID et al appeal where the appellant applied to have his dismissed appeal reinstated by the Court. Appellant's appeal dismissed as of July 14, 2014.
- Follow-up on the Corix recent inspection of the old pump system. Matter tabled for next board meeting.
- Brenda Koop thanked for her ongoing volunteer work to have DAID's meeting notices posted on community notice boards.

End of report.

APPENDIX 2

Project manager report: L. Wiens

New Pump Station

- During the initial use of the pumps a problem with pump #2 was experienced. An electrical short with the monitors automatically turned the pump off. Weir and Bedford despatched a repair team and the problem was corrected under warranty.
- A total of 1500 pumping hours was needed from May 6, 2014 to July 13, 2014. 2 pumps were in operation in May for about 5 days, then no pumps were running for about 11 days and for the balance (to July 13) only one pump was in use.
- The new pumps are exceeding our expectations in the amount of water they can move with only about 60% of the electrical consumption that was required for the old pumps.

Intake 2013 – Hatzic Slough sand recovery stations (SRS's)

- The Transfer Under Agreement (TUA) document with EMBC was signed by DAID and delivered to EMBC on July 8, 2014.
- I was invited to become a member of the Sto:Lo Web Connect which is a private website set up to receive and distribute information on new projects to the combined "People of the River" First Nations communities. This website makes it easy for DAID to register its projects with First Nations.
- We have drilled 7 exploratory holes as deep as 50 feet at various points in the Hatzic Valley which will assist us in the planning of our sand recovery stations(SRS's).
- Darryl Grandberg our geotechnical engineer has explored a number of different options for the SRS structures, with input from Bruce Edwards and myself. A final design has been chosen and plans should be completed by July 23.
- An occupancy agreement document has been drawn up to receive permission from property owners to build our permanent SRS's on their property.

Questions from the floor

Some of the wide range of questions coming from the floor were:

Q: What level will the water in Hatzic Lake be during the use of the gates?

A: The water level will start at about 2.6 masl and moved down and held at about 2.4 masl.

Q: How long will the water level remain up?

A: We anticipate holding the water level up until September 3 at which time the water will be released slowly into the Fraser River.

Q: Can we be assured of water? What if the water level drops?

A: This should only happen if we need to drain water down because of a rain event that requires Hatzic Lake to be lowered as a water holding area. Another reason is that if the inflow due to the lack of rain and high irrigation use, depletes our water in Hatzic Lake.

End of report.