

**DEWDNEY AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
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**2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday April 14, 2025**  
**Hatzic Prairie Hall – 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance :** Debbie McKay, Chair                      Ray Boucher                      Steve Anderson  
Richard Astell                      Rick Dekker                      Greg Hawksby  
Jim Loewen                      Elske Von Hardenberg  
Ross Thompson  
Dave Scott – Operations Manager  
Heather Thompson – Administrator/Financial Officer  
Ron Beck – Dyke Manager

**Elections:** Electoral Officer - Jennifer McKeown  
Polling Clerks – Cheryle Hallberg and Paul McKeown

**Attendees:** 41 registered to vote

**Absent:** Representative from Vohora LLC, Auditors

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair - Debbie McKay @ 7:15 pm

**Motion:** To adopt agenda for April 14, 2025 Annual General Meeting.  
Ray Boucher/Elske Von Hardenberg    Opposed: None                      **Motion: Adopted**

**Introductions:** Of current board members, staff, electoral officer and polling clerks by the chair.

**Year in review:** Presented by Debbie McKay, Chair ..... see appendix I

**2024 Auditors Report:**

As representative from Vohora/SFH Accounting was not in attendance, ratepayers were asked to review Financial Statement, any questions that DAID could not answer, will be forwarded to Vohora LLC for clarification. Questions from the audience were answered by Heather Thompson, Administrator and Debbie McKay, Chair.

**Motion:** To accept 2024 Financial Statements as printed.  
Ross Thompson/Rick Dekker                      Opposed: None                      **Motion: Adopted**

## **ELECTIONS:**

### **Election of new trustees:**

Election for one trustee for each zone was conducted by the Electoral Officer Jennifer McKeown:

<b>Dewdney Zone</b>	3-year term
<b>Hatzic Lake Zone</b>	3-year term
<b>Hatzic Prairie Zone</b>	3-year term

Electoral officer made 3 calls for nominees in each zone. Nominees for each zone, accepted the nomination and agreed to sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

### **Nominees for each zone for 2025 - 2028 (3year term):**

<b>Dewdney Zone</b>	Rick Dekker
<b>Hatzic Lake Zone</b>	Jim Loewen and Kenneth Stroud
<b>Hatzic Prairie Zone</b>	Ray Boucher

The Electoral officer called for attendees to complete their ballot to elect the trustee for Hatzic Lake Zone.

At this point Deb McKay, Chair continued with AGM agenda while ballot count was in progress. DAID Property Assessment Notices have been mailed out and any owner who has contested their assessment with BC Assessment were reminded that the Court of Revision was scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Everglades Resort Hall, on Shook Road, from noon to 2pm.

### **Finance Report:**

**Tax Bylaw No. 84**, read and passed at March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 trustee meeting, has been submitted to Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs for approval and registered. The mil rate for 2025 will be .383 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

### **Trustee Honorarium:**

Set by ratepayers.

### **Ratepayers Motion:**

Honorarium to continue at \$100 per meeting attended.

Ratepayers

Opposed: None

**Motion: Adopted**

### **Election Results**

Dewdney and Hatzic Prairie Zone trustee positions were elected by acclamation. Count of votes by the Electoral Officer was as follows:  
Jim Loewen – **22** votes; Kenneth Stroud – **19** votes  
Electoral Officer declared Jim Loewen, trustee for Hatzic Lake Zone.

### **Date of next trustee meeting:**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7pm**

### **Meeting adjourned:**

8:00 pm



**Dewdney Trustees**

**Rick Dekker**

Ross Thompson

Elske Von Hardenberg

**Hatzic Lake Trustees**

Greg Hawksby

**Jim Loewen**

Debbie McKay

**Hatzic Prairie Trustees**

Steve Anderson

Richard Astell

**Ray Boucher**

**Staff**

**Administrator:** Heather Thompson

**Operations Manager:** Dave Scott

**Dyke Manager:** Ron Beck

**Electoral Officer:** Jennifer McKeown

**Polling Clerks:** Paul McKeown & Cheryle Hallberg

**Highlights of 2024-2025 Term**

DAID Staff and Trustee continue to participate in meetings for:

**Hatzic Watershed Stewardship Team-** FVRD, Leq'a:mel First Nations, City of Mission, various provincial ministries and Urban Systems. A draft governance model is near completion and public engagement is expected in the next few months.

**Emergency Flood Risk Mitigation Program** – a 2-year government funded program re: creek sediment removal and bank restoration. In 2023 Associated Engineering completed work in Carratt, Patterson, and Davies Creeks. In 2024 work continued on creeks in the Hatzic Prairie area.

**IAF Funding: Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF)** – IAF awarded \$5million in funding to the partnership of Leq'a:mel First Nations and DAID. The funding included \$300,000 for the Hatzic Flood Mitigation and Watershed Master Plan, aka Flood Management Plan, and \$4.7m for pump house upgrades and raising electric kiosk station.

**Flood Mitigation Plan:** Leq'a:mel First Nations is working with Associated Engineering and Urban Systems on this project. An **Open House** to obtain public input to guide the development of the Flood Mitigation Plan is planned for the **Hatzic Area community on April 23, 2025 @ 6:30pm at Hatzic Prairie Hall** and for the **Leq'a:mel community April 24 @ 5:30pm at Leq'a:mel Development Corporation's boardroom**.

**Pumphouse Upgrade project:** DAID's operation manager, Dave Scott, is working closely with Associated Engineering throughout the design and permitting process and will continue as the project progresses. Draft time line is for completion planned for December 2025.

**Short Term Use of Water Application** - to use slide gates at the pump station to maintain a lake level of 2.5masl from June 25 to September 6, 2025 has been submitted and we have received a confirmation of a tracking number.

**UBC & Resilient Waters** – 3year project to review and test local pumps for fish friendliness will continue monitoring and running tests at DAID pumpstation for the second year.

If you want to keep up with what DAID is working on you are welcome to attend DAID Trustee meetings that are open to the public. These meeting are held at Hatzic Prairie Hall and meeting dates are published two weeks in advance in the local newspaper and on DAIDs website [www.daidinfo.com](http://www.daidinfo.com).