

## DEWDNEY AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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### 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday April 20, 2026

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:** 49 registered to vote

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair - Debbie McKay @ 7:02 pm

**Motion:** To adopt agenda for April 20, 2026 Annual General Meeting.  
Ray Boucher/Jim Loewen                      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

#### 2025 Auditors Report:

Vohora LLP merged with Doane Grant Thornton LLP; as per their Audit Report, there were no issues to report. Ratepayers in attendance were given a copy and asked to review the Financial Statement, and any questions DAID could not answer, those questions will be forwarded to Doane Grant Thornton LLC for clarification. There were no questions or concerns.

**Motion:** To accept 2025 Audited 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:

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| <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 2026 - 2029 (3year term):**

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| <b>Dewdney Zone</b>        | Ross Thompson and James Scarrow  |
| <b>Hatzic Lake Zone</b>    | Deborah McKay and Kenneth Stroud |
| <b>Hatzic Prairie Zone</b> | Donald Neste                     |

The Electoral officer called for attendees to complete their ballot to elect the trustees.

At this point Deb McKay, Chair continued with AGM agenda while ballot count was in progress.

**Finance Report:**

**Tax Bylaw No. 85**, read and passed at March 23, 2026 trustee meeting, has been submitted to Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs for approval and to be registered. The mil rate for 2026 will be set at .390 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

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| <b>Trustee Honorarium:</b> | Set by ratepayers.                                                   |
| <b>Ratepayers Motion:</b>  | Honorarium to continue at \$100 per meeting attended.                |
|                            | Ratepayers                      Opposed: None <b>Motion: Adopted</b> |

**Election Results**      **Donald Neste**, trustee for Hatzic Prairie Zone was elected by acclamation.

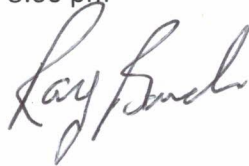
Count of votes by the Electoral Officer was as follows:

Ross Thompson – **25** votes; James Scarrow – **19** votes  
Electoral Officer declared **Ross Thompson**, trustee for Dewdney Zone.

Deborah McKay – **35** votes; Kenneth Stroud – **14** votes  
Electoral Officer declared **Deborah McKay**, trustee for Hatzic Lake Zone.

**Question Period:**      Dave Scott, Operation Manager answered questions from the public in regards to the upgrades to the old pumpstation and pumping capacity for new fish friendly pumps. The trustees were also asked what DAID was doing to guarantee that the current pumpstation would not be flooded in the event of another extreme weather event; response was that there is no guarantee, as no one can predict what the next event may look like, we can only go by the informational data supplied by the Flood Mapping charts from the Province and the FVRD.

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| <b>Date of next trustee meeting:</b> | <b>May 25, 2026 @ 7pm</b> |
| <b>Meeting adjourned:</b>            | 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 2025-2026 Term**

DAID Staff and Trustee continue to participate in meetings for:

**Hatzic Watershed Stewardship Team** – For past two years DAID has participated in meetings with FVRD, Leq'a:mel First Nations, & City of Mission. Urban Systems was engaged by FVRD to bring forth a governance model with a partnership between all parties to deal with Hatzic Watershed / Hatzic Lake. The draft governance model was show cased at a recent public engagement meeting and the final draft is near completion. Next phase will be consultations with Provincial Ministries.

**IAF Funding: Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF)** – IAF awarded \$5 million in funding to the partnership of Leq'a:mel First Nations and DAID.

**Flood Mitigation Plan: \$300,000** - Leq'a:mel First Nations is working with Associated Engineering and Urban Systems on this project. Real time monitoring stations are schedule for areas within the Hatzic Watershed. DAID is aware of one at the Fraser River, one on Hatzic Lake and one on the north (lake) side of the Loughheed Hwy white bridge.

**Pumphouse Upgrade project \$ 4.7 m:** The old pumphouse is being redesigned to replace one of the 1948 pumps with 2 new fish friendly pumps. Associated Engineering has the pumps on order, prequalified 3 contractors, bidding will take place over the next month, permitting is in final stage, expected start date is late August with completion date in November. Dave Scott continues to consult with Associated Engineering as needed on this project.

**High Water Events:** Even with below average rainfall, DAID experienced 3 high water events of 3 meters or greater in (December, January and March 3.35m). Luckily the weather systems were spaced far enough apart to mitigate major flooding as experienced in 2021.

**CPR Culverts:** If you are driving by and notice logs jammed in the CP Culverts there is a 1-800 # displayed on their website that you can call to report.

**Short Term Use of Water Application (STU)** - to use slide gates at the pump station to maintain a lake level of 2.5masl from June 16 to September 8, 2026 has been submitted and have been issued a tracking #.

You are welcome to attend DAID Trustee meetings held at Hatzic Prairie Hall and open to the public. Meeting dates are published two weeks in advance in the local newspaper and on DAIDs website [www.daidinfo.com](http://www.daidinfo.com). No meetings are held in July, August or December.