

2015 Highway 41 Water Utility

Annual General Meeting

April 30, 2015

Kim Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Kim introduced all those sitting at the head table. Ken Kruger (H41WU), Janet Buhler (Administrator – H41WU), Wayne Mason (H41WU), Rene Labrecque (H41WU), Blaine Tomolak (Maintenance Operator – H41WU), Wilma Marissen (Administrative Assistant – H41WU).

Opening comments by Kim Huffman.

The Chair presented the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes. Real Hamoline moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Rene Labrecque. Carried.

Janet Buhler read the minutes from the 2014 annual meeting. Bob Macpherson moved adoption of the minutes. Seconded by Real Hamoline. Carried.

Questions arising from the minutes – what is happening with Pinnacle Ridge, the golf course? We have allocated them water for their first phase.

Janet Buhler read the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement as prepared by Courtney Skrupski of C.S Skrupski Accountants. Real Hamoline moved adoption of the Auditor's report. Seconded by Bob Macpherson. Carried.

Questions arising from the financials:

Do these numbers include the office purchase? Yes, office was purchased beginning of December, so that is reflected in the financials.

Explain what meter installs, connection payments and interest income are? Meter installs are all the meter installations done in developments where it is not part of the connection cost and the subscriber pays that upon installation. Connection Payments are the cost a rural subscriber pays to have the water connected at their property. Interest income is the income we get from loans to subscribers as well as interest charged on late bill payments.

How were the additional bins at Laniwici purchased? We went through the RM of Aberdeen and got a grant, they got 2/3 of the cost paid for, and Highway 41 Water Utility paid the remaining 1/3 of the cost.

A brief project review was given updating the subscribers on progress of the project.

Kim Huffman asked for nominations for the board member election for a Member at Large 3 year term.

Rene Labrecque nominated Graham White. Seconded by Real Hamoline.

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Sustainability Fee:

Do we know what our future costs are going to be for maintenance so we have a better idea of what we are going to need in that fund? We have been given rough estimates on how long our equipment should last, but we don't really have a number to go on. We have been told we should have as much as our yearly amortization being put into an account for this purpose.

Real Hamoline made a motion to assign a Sustainability fee to subscribers at the proposed rates and look at this fee again at the meeting next year. Seconded Bob Macpherson. Carried.

A time was opened up for questions:

- Monthly curbstop fee not made known to homeowners purchasing from developers.
 - We give each developer a package to give to new homeowners explaining all the fees for subscribers. They also receive an agreement shortly after purchase, and the monthly fee is on the Fee Schedule on the last page of the agreement.
- Saskwater rate increases, do we know when those are going to stop?
 - They raised it the past 3 years, and are now raising it for 2 more consecutive years
 - We currently have an under-utilized pipeline. We are only using approximately 20% of our capacity in the pipeline. We are going to have to look at this and see how we can better use the volume we currently have. If we could allocate more of this water to more subscribers we could keep our costs down.

Bob Macpherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.