

2020 Highway 41 Water Utility

Annual General Meeting

December 3, 2020

Graham White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Opening comments by Graham White.

The Chair presented the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes. Bob Macpherson moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Wayne Mason. Carried.

Graham introduced all those sitting at the head table. Graham White (H41WU), Dawn Bragg (Administrator – H41WU), Wayne Mason (H41WU), Rene Labrecque (H41WU), Bob Macpherson (H41WU), Kim Huffman (H41WU) Blaine Tomolak (Maintenance Operator – H41WU), Jeff Lynchuk (H41WU)
Missing: Wilma Marissen – Administrator Assistant

Resolution Committee:
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Graham White read the minutes from the 2019 annual meeting. Rene moved adoption of the minutes. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

Questions arising from the minutes: Was there any info about Wakaw, our water prices are comparable to that is Wakaw. Truckfill rate questions – Dawn brought up discussion from Board Meeting that Truckfill stations, there is no monthly volume limit at the Truckfill stations where there is a monthly limit for a subscriber. If a subscriber wants higher volume, they need to purchase a higher allocation. The Truckfill stations can deliver water easier in tanks, it is convenient.

Dawn Bragg read the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement as prepared by Michael Marchand of Cogent Chartered Accounts. Jeff moved adoption of the Auditor's report. Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Question from Bob, how much of an increase would we need to increase our rates to not have a deficit?

Overview by Graham White.

- We have some challenges facing us. Changing technology is creating an issue. Revamping meter reading systems and the truckfill equipment.
- Graham gave a report from 2019 at a glance, Truckfill totals for each location and for all stations. Total Water Subscriber Consumption. Total Subscribers using water, and total connections. Number of new infills for 2018. 2019 rates for Water Subscribers and Truckfill Subscribers, also Town of Aberdeen rates for comparison.
- No frozen lines this last year
- Last year we did finish getting Aberdeen Southwest on board and complete. Now we're working on Manhattan.
- We've had 8 new infills this year, it's been a good year.
- City of Saskatoon didn't increase in 2020, but we are certain that there will be one next year, but we can also expect a connection levy, amount uncertain.
- We need to get our water from SaskWater. They have been increasing our rates the last 6 or 7 years. There's nothing we can do about it. Ken mentioned that SaskWater didn't increase the full amount that City of Saskatoon did. Asked Dawn to expound on that. City of Saskatoon increase is 13% for potable water. This is 75% of the charges from Saskwater, they are increase only on this 75% resulting in the 9.75% increase for us.
- We were fortunate with only \$9435 for a cost, there will probably have higher costs for the Hwy 5 project, possibly in 2023.
- We will be needing to upgrade our equipment at some point in the near future. We would probably need to upgrade our meters as well.

Graham White asked for nominations for the board member election for RM of Aberdeen - 3 year term.

Bob nominated Martin Bettker.

Graham White asked for further nominations.

Jeff made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Rene

Graham White announced that since Martin Bettker is the only nominee for the RM of Grant position that he is elected by acclamation

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Rene nominated Wayne Mason.

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Bob made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Graham

Graham White announced that since Wayne is the only nominee for the Member at Large position that he is elected by acclimation.

No Resolutions at this time.

A time was opened up for questions:

No further questions

Closing Remarks: Graham White, on behalf of the board, we express appreciation Kim Huffman's involvement and participation in the water utility, and we will miss him. Graham, Rene and Jeff all expressed how much they value that the water was brought into the area

Graham White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.