

2021 Highway 41 Water Utility

Annual General Meeting

June 8, 2021

Graham White called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Jeff Lynchuk. 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), Martin Bettker (H41WU) Blaine Tomolak (Maintenance Operator – H41WU), Jeff Lynchuk (H41WU)
Missing: Wilma Marissen – Administrator Assistant

Resolution Committee: Jeff Lynchuk

Graham White read the minutes from the 2020 annual meeting. Rene Labrecque moved adoption of the amended minutes. Seconded by Jeff Lynchuk. Carried.

Questions arising from the minutes: No questions

Dawn Bragg read the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement as prepared by Michael Marchand of Grant Thornton Accounts. Martin moved adoption of the Auditor's report. Seconded by Jeff. 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.

- Brief introduction of the Utility, selling water
- Graham gave a report from 2020 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 2020. 2020 rates for Water Subscribers and Truckfill Subscribers,
- We were fortunate with only \$9435 for a cost, there will probably have higher costs for the Hwy 5 project, some this year and more possibly in 2023.
- Overview of how the utility started and why it cost so much now to get a new connection. The grants available are more for big projects.
- Technology is old and is making things difficult, we will need to be upgrading meter reading and Truckfill stations. The software is old too and no longer proper support. Hard to keep up with the changing technology. Old tech doesn't have support. We are needing to upgrade tanks at the Fill stations, we've replaced the tanks at Laniwci and we will do the same at Glenmaur when we have opportunity.
- As we grow, we've had to upgrade our training for our Operator. Our population has passed the threshold of 1500, and Blaine needed to upgrade his certification to Level 2. Operational is very similar.
- Last year we added Aberdeen Southwest to our Utility, now we're working on Manhattan, it is almost complete.
- 8 new infills in 2020, total value \$236,735.74
- 6 confirmed new infills in 2021 valued between \$141,700 and \$167,600, 2 are complete with 4 still to be completed.
- 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 \$2000 - 2500.
- Questions about water for Fire fighting

Graham White asked for nominations for the board member election for Member at Large - 3 year term.

Jeff nominated Dale Cousin

Beverly Ann nominates Glen Laczko.

Graham White asked for further nominations.

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

Votes 4 Glen 7 for Dale

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1 vote for Glen

10 votes for Graham

Dawn Bragg announced that Graham White is nominated for Member at Large position

Graham White, on behalf of the board and the Water Utility, we express appreciation Bob Macpherson involvement and participation in the water utility, and we will miss him. Bob has been here from the beginning, he was the Administrator, did all the financial stuff and has been so helpful since then.

No Resolutions at this time.

A time was opened up for questions:

Beverly Ann brought up the property that she purchased. Her property is not set up the same, her tank was in the ground rather than in the house. She doesn't have water now, she has to haul. Beverly Ann asked if anyone had ideas, there was several ideas. Beverly is planning to renovate and will put a tank in the house at that time. She doesn't want to spend that money now. She would like to put the old meter in that does work outside. Blaine explained that there is a standard that needs to be maintained. The best suggestion is to put up a structure over the storage tank to keep everything warm. She won't make any changes.

Looking at how much it would cost to haul or get someone to haul water.

Glen brings up that he is not happy with the cost of the connection, he paid \$41,387, and now a new connection is being added on off the new connection he helped bring in for only \$23,000. He doesn't think that is fair. Barry Prochera is putting in off this line.

Subscriber suggestion to reduce minimum usage charge to possibly 1000 minimum gallon. We charge the minimum to bring in revenue, to pay for maintaining the infrastructure. We won't be changing the minimum at this time. The pipeline is getting older and there is maintenance that is needed that we don't charge for.

Closing Remarks: Thank you for every one that attended.

Graham White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.