

**2023 Highway 41 Water Utility  
Annual General Meeting  
RM of Aberdeen Office  
June 15, 2023**

Rene Labrecque called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Opening comments by Rene Labrecque, board Chair.

Rene Labrecque presented the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes.

***Martin Bettker*** moved adoption of the agenda, second by ***Mark Schaffel***; carried.

Rene Labrecque introduced all those sitting at the head table:

Graham White (H41WU), Christine Meachem (Administrator – H41WU), Dale Cousin (H41WU), Martin Bettker (H41WU), Mark Schaffel (H41WU), Blaine Tomolak (Maintenance Operator – H41WU), Robert Tutka (Assistant Maintenance Operator – H41WU), Wilma Marissen – Administrator Assistant.

Attendance: Robert MacPherson, Rochelle Blocka, Myron Romanchuk

Rene Labrecque spoke about the staff and their hard work over the past year.

Resolution Committee: A person to be in charge if there are any resolutions to be made, **Mark Schaffel** volunteered.

Christine Meachem read the minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

- Questions arising from the minutes: change on page 2 “4” hose to 3” hose.

***Dale Cousin*** moved adoption of the amended minutes, second by ***Graham White***; carried.

Christine Meachem read the Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements as prepared by Devin Berger, CPA of Jensen Stromberg Chartered Professional Accountants. Our financial position has been quite stable and relatively unchanged.

- Questions arising from the financials: none.

***Mark Schaffel*** moved adoption of the Auditor’s report, second by ***Martin Bettker***; carried.

**2022 Year in Review by Rene Labrecque**

- Rene Labrecque gave a report from 2022 at a glance, the utility had its first increase in water price since 2015. 6% for the utility and 4% to reflect the increase of water prices from SaskWater.
- Fees per 1000 gallons were \$21.33 last year and now they are \$23.46. Truckfill prices were \$22.25 and are now at \$24.48/1000 gallons.
- Revenue for 2022 was \$461,354.38 in subscriber sales and \$133,381.89 in truckfill sales.

- Rob Tutka had some slides available with Highway 41 Water utility consumption records.
  - There is a consistent water increase in sales.
  - Truckfill water usage is much less than subscribers, however, June is closer to subscriber usage.
  - Laniwici is our higher performing truckfill station.
  - Bergheim has increased this year because of all the construction around highway 41.
  - We signed our contract with SaskWater in October at a 6435 m3 per month/1.15 million gallons per month minimum purchase.
  - We sold less water than our minimum purchase from SaskWater in January, February, and March, however, water sales increased in April and we were over the minimum purchase price from SaskWater. In May we are well over our minimum usage. (11,783 m3 for May)
- We have 557 curbstops, 461 being used by subscribers. There were six new infills in 2022, and six new connections.
- Highway 5 construction – our lines run right through the ditch – Blaine Tomolak has been speaking with the engineers about line relocation and cost estimates. Could be an expense upwards of 700,000.
  - We may have to relocate seven km of line, however, may only have to lower six or seven crossings, therefore our hope is minimum expenses with this project.
  - The project may be delayed another year as they are working on other sections of the project with land acquisition, etc.
- Manhattan west group along Highway five is now part of the utility. It spans from the Manhattan Ballroom, the Fast Gas, and Pioneer Hi Bred. \$45,000 was included in the acquisition relating to the costs and maintenance of the line.
- Truckfills are busy with lots of line-ups of customers waiting. Upgrading the whole system was looked at, but a pilot project was considered for On-farm truckfill storage.
  - 3 in phase B – along Highway 5
  - 1 in phase A – Along Highway 41
  - 1 in phase C – based out of Aberdeen reservoir
  - There are increased pressures that have been monitored (2 gallons per minute) on the system. Rene Labrecque is part of the project. He has noticed a significant decrease in his time to load his water trucks – approximately half the time.
- Glenmaur and Lanwici will receive new pumps to help decrease the wait times at our busiest stations.
- Rene Labrecque and Blaine Tomolak have been in negotiations with Connie Jabusch to purchase more land at the Bergheim Truckfill. The Utility would like to install more tanks at that location to decrease wait times and provide more turnaround room for larger vehicles.

- Extra allocation has been given to the On-farm truckfill storage pilot project members. The charge for increased allocation is \$3000.00 per 1/2 gallon. That money will be used to increase the plumbing to 3" pipe and new pumps – planning work to begin by fall.
- Rene Labrecque asked if there were any question, none.

Rene Labrecque asked for nominations for the board member elect for **RM of Aberdeen**, 3-year term.

Mark Schaffel nominated Rochelle Blocka.

Rene Labrecque asked for further nominations.

Bob MacPherson made a motion for nominations to cease, second by Rene Labrecque.

**Rene Labrecque announced that Rochelle Blocka is elected for the RM of Aberdeen position.**

Rene Labrecque asked for nominations for the board member elect for **RM of Blucher**, 3-year term.

Dale Cousin nominated Myron Romanchuk.

Rene Labrecque asked for further nominations.

Bob MacPherson made a motion for nominations to cease, second by Graham White.

**Rene Labrecque announced that Myron Romanchuk is elected for RM of Blucher position.**

**Resolutions at this time: none**

Closing Remarks by Rene Labrecque: Yellow head water, Central Pipeline, Dundurn, Intervalley, and SaskWater were at our networking meet and greet – the staff went to Martensville to network. Rates will increase over the next two years due to water price increases from SaskWater. Thank you for every one that attended.

Rene Labrecque made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.