ETCHER CREEK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



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Annual General Meeting

January 18, 2025, 2:00 p.m. St. Andrew's United Church Kaslo

MINUTES

- 1. Call to order at 2:15 p.m. In Attendance: Karen Bergen, Dale Bysouth (guest), John Command, Robert Cunliffe, Shannon Dahl, Graham Gilbert, Thomas Gross, Brad Hartland, Heather Kelly, Neil Kelly, Barbara Lawrence, Melinda McKie, Barbara Neelands, Donna (guest), Warren Pashkowich, Laurie Rutherford, Steve Scott, Diane Schreiber, Jorg Schreiber, Eileen Teng, Craig Tucker, Margaret Wanke, Richard Wlosek, Val Woodmass, Donna Butt (CO)
- 2. Trustee's Report presented by N Kelly as it appeared in the AGM Information Package
- **3. Presentation of 2024 Annual Financial Statements –** Motion to accept the 2024 Annual Financial Statements as presented. G. Gilbert/D. Schreiber. Carried.
- **4. Bylaw 80 Indemnification of Trustees** The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs has requested that the sentence "This provision shall have effect commencing on the date of incorporation of the improvement district" be removed from item 2b. Bylaw 80 will be resubmitted to the government with the requested change.
- 5. Bylaw 81 Water Distribution Regulation (repeals bylaw 36) The edits to the repealed Bylaw 36 were explained to the members. There was a question about insurance to cover liability. None of the insurance quotes will cover the use of ground water due to contamination. W. Pashkowich explained the difference between general liability insurance and Directors and Officers Insurance. The government has some questions about the undertaking to get a legal opinion as per 2024 AGM Minutes. N. Kelly will answer the government's questions before FCID resubmits the bylaw. Survey proposed: FCID will resubmit Bylaw 81 to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. N. Kelly/ D. Schreiber. 14 for/1 opposed. Carried.
- **6. Volunteers Participation in Special Projects** Workers Compensation doesn't cover volunteers. Other options include buying insurance or volunteers to sign a waiver. The Finance Committee will sort out the options and make a recommendation.
- 7. Decision about Trustees' Honorarium
 - a) Current level:
 - Chair receives a \$500/year honorarium
 - Trustees receive a \$250/year honorarium
 - b) Motion: to keep Trustee honorariums at the current level. G. Gilbert/R. Cunliffe . Carried.
- **8.** Presentation of proposed 2025 Budget Proposal N. Kelly explained how the budget is calculated, starting with The Special Projects.

a) <u>Special Projects:</u> Survey proposed to fund the painting of the building. N. Kelly/H. Kelly. Carried.

<u>Paint Curbstop Markers</u>: The project was funded in 2024 and the cost will not be carried in the 2025 budget. Survey proposed to paint the curb stop markers. J. Command will source the orange paint. N. Kelly/ K. Bergen. Carried.

Repair curbstop access: the repair was funded in 2024 and the cost will not be carried forward on the 2025 budget.

<u>Shock & Rinse Procedure</u>: Shock and rinse procedures have been done with volunteer labour up until now. Survey proposed: FCID may need to hire help for future Shock and Rinse procedures which accounts for the budgeted cost. N. Kelly/S. Scott. Proposal Carried.

Repair Emergency Pump: The emergency pump appears to have the inlet of the submerged casing at least partially plugged. It was noted that the property where the emergency pump is set up has been sold. Survey proposed: Keep Emergency pump repair in the budget. D. Schreiber/N. Kelly. Carried.

Repair intake building roof: Survey proposed: repair intake building roof. H. Kelly/ K. Bergen. Carried.

<u>Dam and Sluice Rebuild</u>: The cost would be about \$6,000 to repair the dam and sluice at the intake basin. Annual routine maintenance has been working but is an ongoing expense. The added cost of rebuilding the dam and sluice doesn't justify the expense. Survey proposed: to not include the rebuild of the dam and sluice in the 2025 budget. N. Kelly/G. Gilbert. Carried.

- b) <u>Capital Reserve</u> A member asked why cash assets are lower than retained earnings. This is because retained earnings include the cash assets as well as the other FCID assets (the waterworks system and intake building). Survey proposal: to accept the contribution to our capital reserve as presented in the budget. N. Kelly/S. Scott. 14 for/1 opposed. Carried.
- c) 2025 Taxation Bylaw there was a question as to how we can estimate the number of members who will or won't sign the liability form. The 2025 tax calculations will be based on the full membership with no disconnects. Survey proposed: to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. H. Kelly/J. Schreiber. Carried.

9. Election of Trustees

Call for nominations and election of one Trustee position for Barbara Neelands for the term from 2025AGM to 2028 AGM. N. Kelly nominated Barbara Neelands to fill the vacant 3-year term. K. Bergen seconded this nomination. Two more times the chair called for nominations. Barbara Neelands elected by acclamation.

- 10. Recruitment of volunteers for emergency response, routine maintenance, and special projects sign up sheets were available at the check-in table for routine maintenance, special projects, emergency response, and the bylaw review committee.
- 11. Adjournment at 3:25 p.m. N. Kelly /H. Kelly. Carried.

Corporate Officer

John Chair