

Minutes of August 16th, 2022

A Meeting of the Gillies Bay Improvement District Board of Trustees

1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Chuck Childress (Chair), Keith Franklin, Larry Dawe, Rolly Thorpe, Roger Kimmerly, Rob McWilliam (Fire Chief), Ken Taylor (Water Operator), Theresa Beech (Administrator), Carol Robertson (finance)

Guest: Sandy McCormick

1) Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2) Motion to approve the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees, **CARRIED**

3) Approval of July 26th, 2022, Trustee meeting

Motion to approve the Board of Trustee Minutes of July 26th, 2022, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

a) Business Arising from the minutes

- i) Surveyor/appraiser update – Chuck approached the representative from Selkirk regarding obtaining permission to have a survey and appraisal done. He is awaiting their response. Theresa contacted the Stillwater Corporate Officer and received the contact information for the surveyor and appraiser that they used.

4) Reports

VFD Report – Rob McWilliam presented the Fire Chief report.

The GBVFD is hosting an Open House on August 28th at the Fire Hall in conjunction with BC ambulance, ESS, Fire smart and the VAID FD. A campfire ban has been imposed for our region as part of the Provincially imposed ban.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief report moved, and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

Water Operator – Ken Taylor read the Water Operator report.

Ken Taylor presented his report. A peat bog has come loose and needs to be removed from the dam area of Cranby lake.

Motion to accept the Water Operators report moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

Corporate Officer Report – Theresa Beech presented the Administration report.

Motion to accept the Corporate Officer report moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

5) New Business

a. Texada Road Rescue – Rob McWilliam

Rob presented a position paper on the Road Rescue situation.

Motion to initiate a meeting with the Van Anda Board of Trustees to discuss the Texada Road Rescue and potentially related issues, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

b. Finance Committee Recommendation

Motion to appoint a Select Capital Charges Expenditure Committee, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

Motion to appoint Chuck Childress, Larry Dawe, Keith Franklin, Carol Robertson, and Theresa Beech to the Select Capital Charges Expenditure Committee, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

Theresa will send out dates to schedule the first meeting.

c. Water Committee Recommendations

i. Public Engagement

The Board discussed the idea of having a town hall type of community meeting. A meeting in February, after we receive word on the grant funding was suggested. Roger suggested including a proposal from the Board as to the general priorities such as those from the KWL report that are still relevant. Using the opportunity as a listening meeting and to engage with the community. Chuck is putting monthly submissions into the Express Lines. Further discussions on public engagement will be brought back to the Water Quality Committee.

ii. Motion from Larry Dawe

Motion Refer to the Water Quality Standing Committee the question of water purification; Specifically, to compare (a) purification chemical in nature based on the outcome of the Res Eau pilot to (b) molecule level nanofiltration as proposed by B I Pure. AND, to consider the question of (1) resulting water quality, and (2) short term cost (capital) and total cost over the life expectancy of the system (operation and maintenance, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees **CARRIED**

Chuck commented that the Committee should be looking at other alternatives as well as those suggested in the motion. Keith commented that the reason that Res Eau did not study nanofiltration was because of the costs associated with using it and the problem of filters clogging with debris due to the quality of the lake water. Keith also said that looking at the numbers would still be a benefit when communicating with the community as to why certain elements of the treatment process were or were not used.

d. Internet Options – Chuck Childress

Chuck suggested that the GBID investigate using Starlink as our internet provider, rather than Gillies Bay Internet. Due to outage issues that we have experienced and the need to have a reliable internet service, especially for the fire department and first responders.

Motion to have the C.O. investigate Starlink as a possible replacement internet provider, moved and seconded by the Board of Trustees`` **CARRIED**

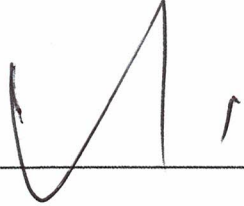
e. Peat Island removal

Motion to authorize Ken to deal with the Peat Island in conjunction with the VCH officer


CARRIED

Motion to adjourn – 2:40 p.m.

Approved By: _____

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(Board Chair)

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(Corporate Officer)