

**NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 19, 2013  
ROCKING HORSE PUB**

**In attendance**

Bob Debuyssher

John Hardman

Lewis Vermeulen

REGRETS: Neil Watson

**Call to Order**

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**Review of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 19, 2013**

The AGM minutes were posted on the NNRA website and were therefore available for all residents to review. There were no issues identified. Moved by Lewis and seconded by John to approve.

**Firehall**

Neil Watson provided the following information:

All is well at the firehall and recruiting remains a priority. The Fire Underwriters Survey is now being completed. The AGM is scheduled for October 15. Public notices/invitations will be provided to the NNRA for posting on our bulletin boards to encourage attendance for all, to know and understand the fire service protection provided and the value we as taxpayers receive.

## NNRA WATERREPORT Sept. 2013

### WATER TREATMENT PLANT(wtp)

The wtp is now in service as of Oct.29 and is servicing all four red gap wells. The wtp removes 98% of all iron and manganese and ammonia. The plant is operating without issues.

### ENGLISHMAN RIVER WATER SYSTEM (erws)

The erws has chosen an engineering company called CH2M Hill. The initial work is underway on the intake structure. The fee for the preliminary engineering is about \$1 million and the time frame is to summer of 2014.

French Creek residents have chosen to bow out of the project. That would leave RDN Nanoose with 26% of the project and estimated costs of about \$10 million.

At the request of the NNRA through George Holme the RDN have had their consultants prepare an updated estimate of water demand going forward in the RDN. The estimate shows an excess of water supply depending on what assumptions are made re demand growth.

The current estimate for phase 1 is about \$38 million. Our share would be about \$10 million. George has taken the position that government grants are necessary for the project to go forward on the current scale. These grants would be applied for in 2014. Currently there are no infrastructure grants available to anyone.

The aquifer storage system report is now due in spring of 2014 and a decision on aquifer storage would follow. A large water injection has been made in the first well drilled and will be monitored. The site is Kaye Road by the

**weigh scales. There is a limit on withdrawal of 75 litres/sec imposed by M of Environment given the alternative of an environmental review. This is because the water now falls under the ground water regulations.**

**Referendum: Grants would fund up to 66.7% of the project. With them a referendum here in Nanoose may or may not be required as some money exists under the original appropriation. Now if grants are not available then a referendum would be required and may well fail. If this happens then the Ministry of Health (this is speculation) may well mandate the project go ahead for health reasons. These decisions will have to be made in about one to one and a half years.**

## **WATER ACTION AND STUDY PROGRAM**

**The long term water action program that we are funding will produce a water in and water out (water balance) and a detailed stream health monitoring program. There will be a report filed in Oct of this year on the water resources identified to date. The program manager is Dawn Keim .**

**John Hardman**

## **New Business**

The NNRA bulletin board at Acacia Road has been refurbished by Marvin Thompson with a proper foundation and a paint job. Marvin advised that he will maintain the board from now on. In recognition for his efforts and for materials used, the Board of Directors voted to reimburse him with a cheque of \$40. Moved by John and seconded by Lewis to approve.

## **Registration of the NNRA**

The yearly fee of \$25 for society registration, and a copy of the AGM minutes have been submitted to the government.

## **Next Meeting**

The next BOD meeting will be held on December 11, 2013 as scheduled, at Lewis' residence.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. Moved by John and seconded by Lewis.

Future meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in March, June (AGM), September, and December. The last one will probably be held earlier in December due to proximity to Christmas.