

Annual General Meeting of the Wintergreen Woods Water Utility

7 p.m. The Snow Birds Chalet March 27, 2012

Present: David Deere, Mark Brown, Susan Norrie, Ron Lutz, Mark Chidwick., Ryan Bird, Patrick Majer, Gertie Griffith

- Duncan O’Nions 250 Mountain Lion Drive
- Albert Low 48 Wintergreen Way
- Darwin Perrier 106 Mountain Lion Drive
- Sue and Tim Grant 205 Mountain Lion Drive
- Susan Cameron
- Marilyn Ledingham 256 Mountain Lion
- Bryan Neubeker 188 Mountain Lion

Introduction and welcome by David with a review of the mission statement and roles and responsibilities of the Board.

The meeting minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2011 were presented.

Motion to accept – Duncan

Second – Mark C.

There was a brief overview of the topics to be discussed during the meeting:

- there has been progress on the repairs to the raw water line
- the contact list and the collection fees was discussed – only one member has failed to pay their fees and this caused the Board to review the Delinquent Account Policy – this member’s water access has been terminated
- the internal audit was conducted at the request of the Alberta Government
- the maintenance contract expired with Corix at the end of 2011 and the Board is exploring other options
- there are ongoing negotiations with RockyView concerning the transfer of the system

1. There were two items concerning the RockyView Agreement

(a) there is no incentive for RockyView to pursue the agreement with us – particularly with the potential leak in the raw water line

(b) the transfer of the water system to RockyView was approved by the membership, however, the draft of the contract has few details available as yet. There was an appeal of the Water Act concerning the water used by the new plant. This has been dismissed but it has held up negotiations. The government is presently working on obtaining some grants and the WWU provided them with a letter of support

2. Ryan made a brief presentation concerning the detection and repair of leaks on the raw water line.

- there has been extensive testing but we have been unable to locate the leak
- meters have been replaced and the relief valves on the water line have been hydrovacced (there is 3 ½ kms of line)
- the next step is to install meters on the lower half of the line to check for leaks. A permanent meter will be installed at the river and a second, portable meter will be moved along the line
- the meter being replaced at the pump house is called the Mag Meter

3. Ron made a brief presentation concerning the general operations of the system.

- a leak was repaired at the treatment plant
- a fan was replaced at the pump house
- Alberta Environment has advised us that we need to install data recorders for turbidity and chlorine at the plant
- we presently have a portable pump in the river because the ice diverts the water away from our intake

4. Patrick advised that RCR is presently exploring the possibility of developing the ski hill. RCR presently owns 380 acres

-there is an agreement in place between RCR and WWU – RCR presently pays 36% of the cost to treat the water although their share of water use has dropped to 6%. RCR also pays 50% of repairs

5. Cindy provided an overview of the financials – comparing 2011 and 2012

- mandatory audits have increased the accounting costs
- there has been an annual credit to RCR because of overpayment since 2009 – this is the last year for the allowance balancing this overpayment
- -there has been a major increase in costs for electricity
- there will be a major increase in water fees to reflect the doubling of the utility costs

There was a motion to accept the Financial Report.

Moved by Duncan.

Seconded by Mark C.

The new water fees were presented as follows:

- 12 months x \$175 per month
- 10 post dated cheques x \$175 each
- 1 payment of \$1600 per year

There was a motion to accept the fees as presented.

Moved by Susan

Seconded by Mark C.

6. Plans for 2012 were presented:

- curb stop mapping
- continued pursuit of the raw water line leak
- efficiency and cost reductions resulting in possible rebate cheques to the membership
- RVC proposal

7. New Business.

-Darwin Perrier offered to work on special projects for the WWU.

The meeting ended at 9:05