

LOWER NIPIT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lower Nipit Improvement District will be held TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in the Kaleden Community Hall. (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND LOCATION). This promises to be an important and interesting meeting, so please plan to attend.

AGENDA

- * Minutes of the meeting held July 1, 1991
- * Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 1992
- * Trustees' Report
- * Water Committee Report
- * Area Planning Committee - Report from Jack Laisi
- * Correspondence
- * Appointment of Auditor for 1992/93
- * Election of one Trustee to replace Mac McClellan
whose three-year term expires.
- * New Business

After the business section of the meeting, we will discuss the feasibility of forming a VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT in our area. Darlene Baily, Kaleden Fire Chief, will be on hand to tell us what is involved. Other vitally interested people from around the Twin Lakes area will also be in attendance to contribute information on cost of equipment, land, buildings, etc.

Arch Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer

You are currently listed as an owner of property which fronts on Twin Lake, and are therefore automatically a member of the Lower Nipit Improvement District. A few of you will be receiving this notice for the first time. Or maybe you have received notices in the past and just ignored them. Or you may feel that your presence is not needed. The following remarks are addressed to you!

The Lower Nipit Improvement District was formed 27 years ago by lake-front property owners who were concerned about our water resource and the way it was being abused. Our trustees of the day were able, with a good deal of effort, to elicit the help of various government bodies to set controls over water level minimums for the benefit of the property owners.

Since that time, our District has been monitoring Twin Lake and has acted on behalf of property owners when any concerns arise regarding the water quality or the ecology around the lake - something we are all concerned with. As a group, are we able to deal more effectively with problems that affect us all.

There are sixty-odd property owners within our District. Unfortunately, however, it has fallen upon a few willing permanent and part-time residents to carry the load for everyone. The support and participation of ALL members is needed to enable us to continue to maintain some control of our precious water resource and the surrounding lands. If you have never attended our annual meeting or, for one reason or another, have not been a regular, please make the effort to come, if possible, and support the people who work on your behalf - even if you are unable to share the load and assume an executive position.

Find out what is going on in your area. Help to protect the value your property. Participate in making decisions and forming policies which affect you. Meet some new neighbours.

SEE YOU THERE!

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD JULY 7, 1992 AT THE KALEDEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Chairman, Mr. Alex McClellan, called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. There were 33 members present. Mr. McClellan introduced Mr. Ed Sims, Director of Area D of the RDOS and introduced the people at the head table. Each of the other members were then asked to introduce themselves.

The Chairman apologised to anyone who was inconvenienced because of the change from the usual Sunday night meetings and explained that the executive felt that more people could attend and it would be easier to get speakers at a week-night meeting rather than one in the middle of a long weekend.

The Chairman commented on the passing of an old-time member of the LNID, Mr. Tony Galloway, who had contributed much to the District while he lived on the lake.

The minutes of the 1991 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary. Moved by Mr. Glendenning, seconded by Mr. Hunter that the minutes be adopted as read. CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Secretary/Treasurer read the Financial Statement to the meeting. He reported that there was a closing balance of \$2929.01 in bank/term deposits and petty cash - indicating an excess of \$43.44 in expenses over revenue for the year. Moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Carter that the Financial Report be adopted as read. CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORT

The Chairman commented on the fact that because he did not live here during the winter months, he had relied on other members of the executive, who lived here year around, to take care of any matters needing attention. However this past year had seen very little activity.

He reported that Mr. Jack Laisi had agreed to remain our representative on the Area Planning Committee (RPC) for the coming year. Mr. Tate and Mr. Goldie also agreed to remain as our Water Committee.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Ed Sims, our RDOS Area "D" Director, to address the meeting on several concerns which carried over from the previous years minutes. Mr. Sims started by making an apology for the relationship between the RDOS and the members of the Lower Nipit Improvement District which he described as appalling. He felt that problems in the past were caused by a lack of communication but was confident that the appointment of Mr. Laisi to the RPC would ensure that we would be kept informed of any matter which would be of concern.

He expressed the desire that, although the Kal-Rec tax situation could not be changed, we could make the best of it. He referred to the agreement by Kal-Rec to pick up the garbage at the public access and the free use of the Community Hall as ways we could benefit by the association.

He reported that plans to install a house numbering system in the Regional District were stalled and that emergency response units continue to have problems locating some homes. However, because pressure is beginning to mount from sources other than the 911 Program and the Post Office, a fresh approach would have to be made soon.

Mr. Sims then reported on the solid waste management program initiated by the Provincial Government which calls for a 50% reduction of solid waste by the year 2000. Some meetings have already been held but public interest has been low. Possible dump sites are being looked at. The end result will be that the home owners will be paying more! It was pointed out that there was an alternative waste pick-up service which also offered optional recyclable garbage pick-up.

A question from the floor prompted further discussion regarding the proposed numbering system. Suggestions were made to initiate setting up our own numbering system until such time as a area-wide system was established. There was general agreement that this would be the way to go. A committee of Messrs Webb, Carter and Moran was formed to pursue setting up a local system. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Moran that the Directors of LNID write to the RDOS to express our concerns about the lack of progress in establishing a proper numbering system. CARRIED.

Mr. Jack Laisi, our representative on the Area Planning Committee, described the functions of the committee which monitors any applications for changes in land use throughout Area "D". With the Area "D" Director, Mr. Ed Sims, as Chairman, the recommendations of the committee are conveyed to the RDOS Board of Directors for final decision.

The Trustees were questioned regarding the posting of "No Overnight Camping" signs at the public access. Mrs. Purdy reported that she had again approached the Dept. of Highways in April and had been assured that this would be looked into. As there has been no response to date, this will have to be followed up.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mrs. Francis Peck was nominated from the floor and was elected by acclamation to the position of Trustee for a period of three years to replace Mr. McClellan.

The Trustees are now:

Mrs. Betty Purdy - to 1993

Mrs. Doreen Goldie - to 1994

Mrs. Francis Peck - to 1995

~~Mr. Hugh Goldie volunteered and was appointed Auditor for 1992-93.~~

The Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Reynolds, advised the meeting that, as the coming year would be his fourth year in this position, he intended to step down effective July, 1993.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Goldie advised the meeting of the receipt of information received from the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks which describes the contents of a soon-to-be-released discussion paper on the comprehensive review of water policy, as part of the ministry's plans to revise all of it's legislation. The paper will focus on the need for better management of all aspects of water use, including groundwater controls, improved water quality protection and integrated watershed planning.

In a change from our usual format, the meeting was then turned into an open forum with the intention of discussing the feasibility of pursuing the formation of a Twin Lakes Fire District. The Chairman stressed that this was an information-gathering forum only and that there would be no motions allowed from anyone on this subject.

Although this subject had been broached previously at LNID meetings, it was obvious that such a district would require a much larger support base, and would have to include an area from Marron Valley to Yellow Lake on Highway 3A and it's intersecting roads, Twin Lake Road and it's intersecting roads, White Lake Road to the White Lake Ranch, and Grand Oro Road. A considerable number of interested people from outside the LNID then joined the meeting.


It was pointed out several times during the meeting that:
(a) there was no specific information available now regarding costs to the property owners. Obviously the final figures would depend on how modest or elaborate a system was decided on and the number of property owners in the proposed district contributing through taxation

(b) the intent of the forum was simply to pass on to those interested, some preliminary information on costs, volunteer requirements, equipment standards, government standards, etc. (c) to determine whether or not there was enough interest in proceeding to the next step. This would entail assembling a committee which would obtain the necessary specific information which could then be passed on to everyone in the proposed fire district.

Ms. Darlene Bailey, Chief of Kaleden FD told of how their department got started after a referendum was approved in 1972 when Kaleden had a much smaller population that it has now. Our own Mr. Morley Carter presented information on the availability of used equipment which would meet insurance underwriters standards which is necessary to qualify homes in the area for decreased insurance rates. Both speakers presented much interesting information to the meeting which suggested that a modest start-up could be feasible. Many questions were asked and useful comments made. Debbie Shillitto, who represented the Twin Lake Golf & Country Club, gave full support to the proposal and stated that they would donate the necessary land on which to build a fire hall. It was pointed out that the main purpose of a fire department was to save lives, not property, and that they respond to any type of emergency within the fire district.

There was general agreement that the proposal should be looked into further. This was demonstrated late in the discussion when a motion by Mr. Goldie, seconded by Ms. Richards 'that any further discussion on this subject be tabled' was defeated. Mr. Goldie expressed a legitimate concern that the 15-18 people from outside the LNID voted on the motion. (It is the Secretary's opinion, and that of other's, that the meeting should have been adjourned at the close of the business portion and before the open forum started. This would have avoided any conflict and those who did not wish to join the discussion could have left.)

Because of the interest shown by a majority of people at the meeting and of the number of questions and answers, the meeting had run considerably later than normal. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:25, invited all to partake of the refreshments which had been prepared by Mrs. Goldie, and, if anyone wished, to continue the discussion on an informal basis. Mr. Carter expressed his appreciation to the LNID for the opportunity to hold the open forum at this regular meeting.


Arch Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer