



Lower Nipit Improvement District

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Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting

May 21st, 2017 – 10:00 am
Kaleden Community Hall - Lakehill Drive - Kaleden

1. **Call to order – Val Windsor**, chaired the AGM
 - a. Parliamentary Procedures were explained
 - b. Agenda – Moved by **Dale Clark** and seconded by **Eugenie Toews** to accept agenda as updated (see items under new business) – Carried
 - c. Appointment of scrutineers – **Dale Clark** and **Ron Roth** – moved by **Jim Mann** and second by **Eugenie Toews** – Carried
 - d. Welcome to all and Introductions
2. **Minutes** of the 2016 AGM – Moved by **Glen Clark** and seconded by **Bill Toews** to accept the Minutes of the 2016 AGM as corrected – all in favour – Carried

3. Reports

- a) **Trustee Report – Coral Brown**, presented *the Revised Trustee Report & Water Report*, see attachments. *A major flood has occurred this spring in Okanagan, Similkameen Valleys and also the Twin Lakes Waterway.* – **Coral Brown** moved the acceptance of her reports and **Noreen Minish** seconded, – Carried. Thanks to Coral for being the driving force behind the saving the Twin Lakes area.

Area 'D' RDOS Director **Tom Siddon** arrived at the meeting at 10:15 am. He spoke to those in attendance about flooding concerns at Twin Lakes and to thank all residences for their support and endeavours to provide sand bags to their lake front properties. Tom reported that on May 19th & 20th the storage in Horn Lake had been increased by 18 inches with sand bags on the spillway sill.

Tom discussed the prospect of alternative solutions to the problem of flooding and the pumping of Twin Lakes in times of exceptional levels of high water. He acknowledged that storage of water over the aquifer #261 would be a benefit in the dry years.

- b) White Kennedy Review – **Pam Mann** explained the process to the members present and proposed that White Kennedy continue to do a review engagement – Moved by **Pam Mann** and seconded by **Glen Clark** to accept – Carried
- c) Proposed Budget was presented by **Pam Mann**, Treasurer. Budget Summary is attached. **Pam** explained in some detail how the budget was

prepared and the need to be prepared for any emergency such as the flooding of 2017. The Budget includes Legal fees of \$3000.00, a \$1000 fund to be used with grants for a Watershed Plan (we have no actual plan to manage Twin Lake only the high & low lake level from the 1973 Botham Report - never meant to be a management plan). \$3000.00 is set aside for reserve funds, the 2018 annual assessment must be raised to \$300.00 per property due to the 2017 expenses necessary for pumping Twin Lake - necessary to prevent contamination of the lake & aquifer. At this time we have no way of knowing the pumping costs. The honoraria are the same since 2015 - for the Chair will be \$1250 and the Trustees, Secretary and Treasure will be \$1000. Moved by **Pam Mann** and seconded by **Dale Clark** to accept the proposed budget for 2017 & 2018. Some discussion followed about the annual assessment. Rick Brown asked if the \$300 assessment is not necessary would it decrease? All were in favour to accept the Budget Summary moved by **Pam Mann** and seconded by **Dale Clark** to accept the proposed budget for 2017 – 2018. Carried unanimously

- d) Water Report – Coral & Alex Brown Lake monitors included in the Trustee Report.

4. Ongoing Business

- a) Twin Lakes Triggers documented (2003 to 2016) as circulated and attached as a draft for a preliminary Twin Lakes written Water Storage & Release Plan. The draft Trigger Document will be the basis for a Water Engineer to document a written plan for the Twin Lakes.
- b) Next steps – the Water Engineer, **Don Dobson**, who is willing to assist us will prepare a proposal, to be presented for Ministry approval.
- c) The history booklet not yet completed.

Moved by **Coral Brown** and second by **Janet Hooge** to accept above business reports. – **Carried**

5. Election of two Trustees

- a) One Trustee (1) – two year term – **Coral Brown** (taking the two remaining years of Pam Mann's tenure as a trustee, who finds the treasurer position to be sufficient).
- b) One Trustee (1) – three year term – **Glenda Stewart-Smith**

6. New Business

- a) **Flooding - Jim Mann** reported on the recent flooding at Twin Lakes - there are about 24 residences with retaining walls or foundations in some water. It is not just the strata properties.
- b) **RDOS - Coral Brown** announced that because of the explanations given by our Director Tom Siddon on May 18 the RDOS designated the Twin Lakes Area as an Emergency. As a result, sand bagging was done on the spillway sill of Horn Lake Storage Area with the province accepting the

liability for the 18 inches of increased dam storage. There may be some assistance for the operation of the gas pump that was set in place May 18 - thanks to **Jim & Pam Mann**. We are thankful for the support and insight of our Area 'D' - Director **Tom Siddon** at the RDOS Board Meeting of May 18.

c) **Plan to Mitigate Flood/Drought for Sustainable Water** in the Twin Lakes/Park Rill Areas. - **Coral Brown**. This is a Provincial matter since the Province owns the water. Flood & Drought at Twin Lake is a bigger picture. **Don Dobson** will write up terms of reference to take to RDOS, our MLA and the Ministry of Forest Lands & Natural Resources.

d) We thank one of our members for a donation to begin this project

7. Questions

none

Next AGM date – **Sunday May 20, 2018**. Place and time to be announced at a later date, and no later than 30 days before the actual AGM. **Betty Purdy** to arrange facility.

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by **Dale Clark** and seconded by **Gary Hooge** to adjourn the AGM for 2017–
Carried

Owners in attendance (19/69 properties represented or 28% attended the AGM)
Keri Arthur (representing G. Choma), Alex Brown, Coral Brown, Richard Brown, Dale Clark, Glen Clark, Kathy Frizzi, Gary Hooge, Janet Hooge, Carolyn Jager, Harvey Jager, D.F. (Dan) Kilgore, P.A. (Pat) Kilgore, Patricia Lee, Jim Mann, Pam Mann, Noreen Minish, Dave Myles, Dr. Cynthia B. Mylrea, Betty Purdy, Ron Roth, Glenda Stewart-Smith, Bill Toews, Eugenie Toews (representing the Pottinger property), George Windsor, and Valerie Windsor.

Greater Twin Lakes Area Stewardship Society AGM to follow.

Coral Brown
Chairperson

Date



May 29, 2017

George Windsor
Secretary

Date

Mandate of the LNID

We are a Land Improvement District (not an Irrigation District) “to divert or impound water to protect property, to facilitate development of a park or to reclaim or drain land for similar purposes”. We are a stewardship group of the Twin Lake. We monitor and check the Horn Creek waterway for debris/blockages, record lake levels, do clarity tests, and take a water sample for a biannual lake water analysis to Caro Lab in Kelowna. We have a members list, and history of the area. We provide some water education – “Protect our water. aquifer and watershed”. We are concerned about water quality and quantity. We communicate with RDOS and different Ministries as necessary – MoE, MoFLNRO, MoCSCD, MoTI and OBWB . We attend relevant meetings and respond to decisions which affect us.

The LNID has 2 diversion water licenses. The 1973 Botham Report gives a history and describes a cooperative system for some control of the Twin Lakes Waterway.

FYI **“Water Stewardship” branch** is responsible for Ground Water Protection Regulations. They also have well data available online: Twin Lakes monitoring wells # 403 ID 34383 (256 ft. to bedrock with static level at 120 ft) and Horn Lake south well is # 404 ID 34382 (113ft. deep to bedrock with static level at 80 ft pumped at 10 US gpm with 6 inch pipe).

<https://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/wells/public/indexreports.jsp>

The Ministry of Environment, now called Forests Lands and Natural Resources also enforce the following regulation (available online at bclaws.ca)

The Water Protection Act,

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_96484_01

Protects British Columbia's water resources by:

- Re-confirms the ownership of surface water and groundwater in the Province
- “The Province owns the water in British Columbia and has the proprietary right to ensure its protection and sustainable use. The Water Protection Act reconfirms that surface water and groundwater are one, and always have been vested in the Crown, except in so far as private rights have been established.”

Any questions call Coral at 250 497 8550 or Betty at 250 497 8264.