

3RD OPEN HOUSE COMMUNITY MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON MAY 28, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Day, Courtney Robertson, Paula Rose, Frances Ladret, Tom Kiddey, Doug MacLean, Steve Suche, Wendy Larson, Simone Monckton, Colin Mallery, Mike Seymour, Simar Khoddam

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Tom Day called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Tom Day introduced himself; Courtney Robertson, Water Operator; Mike Seymour and Simar Khoddam, Engineers from MSR Solutions; Francis Ladret, Doug MacLean, and Tom Kiddey of the Lund Waterworks Advisory Committee.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PLAN UPDATE – FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:

Tom Day summarized the updated Engineering Report, noting that the report was actually qathet Regional District's Report as they applied for the grant to complete the Engineering Study and were the applicants for the Infrastructure Grant. Tom noted the report addressed all the key issues facing the sustainability of the water system and the water quality so that future water would meet the Canadian Drinking Water Standards.

Mike Seymour went through each budget item in the Estimate of Construction Costs and answered questions from the community members in attendance.

Tom Day wrapped up saying the report had a healthy contingency, particularly because the Engineers had costed key items with construction companies.

Mike Seymour noted the contingency may be particularly important if there were delays in constructing the system and inflation had a major impact.

4. NEXT STEPS FOR LUND WATERWORKS DISTRICT:

Tom Day indicated the next steps were up to the qathet Regional District and the Province represented by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. He anticipated a further community meeting would be held with the representatives from those two organizations hosting to discuss the transference from an Improvement District to a Regional Function.

5. PARCEL TAX:

Tom Day reported that the parcel tax was being established to comply with Provincial requirements to establish a Reserve for infrastructure replacement. This reserve could be utilized to cover local costs for the anticipated Infrastructure replacement project and to offset debt for same.

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It is expected that the tax roll information would be mailed in the next week or two and once the Court of Revision finalized the tax roll, tax notices would be sent out with taxes due the end of September.

6. BYLAWS:

Tom Day reported that he had made an effort to make the assessment roll and taxation bylaws clearer but the Ministry was not happy with the format so the two recently adopted bylaws had to be repealed and two new bylaws had to be adopted.

a. Repeal Assessment Roll Bylaw No. 50, 2023

Tom Day, as Receiver repealed Bylaw No. 50, 2023.

b. Repeal Taxation Bylaw No. 51, 2023

Tom Day, as Receiver repealed Bylaw No. 51, 2023.

c. Consider and Adopt Assessment Roll Bylaw No. 52, 2023

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7. QUESTIONS:

Tom Day and Mike Seymour responded to questions from the community members in attendance.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.