



Beaver Creek Improvement District
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Chairman’s Report

Beaver Creek Improvement District is bidding a reluctant farewell to two high contributors, with the recent resignation of Trustee and Chair Ted Maczulat, and the upcoming retirement of Janice Klein, Corporate Financial Administration Officer.

Janice has served the District for 32 years and is now looking forward to a well-earned rest. Ted, in addition to his public service duties as an elected trustee, contributed his computer expertise and lent assistance to the District in many other ways. Most recently, he served as chairman.

The Board continues working toward our goal of meeting VIHA’s 4-3-2-1 requirement; examining questions of governance; and as always, providing safe affordable potable water.

With regard to governance issues, on

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March 23 we approved moving forward with two studies related to possible conversion to a Local Service Area of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

One study is an analysis of our water system, necessary to measure the potential impact of conversion. As well, it will provide an up-to-the minute inventory of assets – a great tool for projecting future budget requirements.

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2011 Election of Trustees

Six candidates are vying for one of three Trustee positions currently open on the Beaver Creek Improvement District water board. Two incumbents - **Ron Barclay** and **Kelly Schutte** - face challenges from four nominees: **Brian Clossa**, **Stephen Forrest**, **Wayne Hasler** and **Bradley Roberts**.

Interest in serving on the board has run high for the first time in several years; a seventh nominee withdrew just prior to publication of the list.

Voting will be take place at the Annual General Meeting, Monday, May 2, 2011. The AGM starts at 6 p.m. sharp in the Ballroom. Voting will be held in the Small Stamps room beside the Ballroom between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Results will be announced before adjournment.

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The second study is a cost analysis of infrastructure, including a review of policies and bylaws of both organizations. Together these studies will provide a draft set of budgets for comparison between remaining current or converting. The results of these two studies in comparing systems of governance will be made public when they are completed. A reminder that any question effecting a change in governance will first go to the people in the form of a referendum. As we continue to examine all ways of meeting the 4-3-2-1, the Board is also considering a new proposal involving a private partnership to bring our water treatment plant and distribution system into compliance. As always, our first priority will be cost per household. Corix Utilities will be making a presentation of their proposal at the Annual General Meeting, May 2 at the Barclay. We're hoping for a high turnout, not only because we have elections this time, but to give as many people as possible a first hand look at this interesting proposal.

Bob Haynes, Board chairman

Corporate Financial Administration Officer Janice Klein retiring

After 32 years of continuous service, Janice Klein will close up shop for the last time on Friday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m.

Janice jokes that her retirement "will not include a cruise to Alaska."

Instead, she's looking forward to just enjoying her first free summer in years and sharing time with the family.

For now, her retirement plans only include "doing some gardening, attending boot camp and spending more time in the gym."

BCID board members are unanimous in their appreciation of Janice's long commitment of service and their best wishes for a happy retirement.

Beaver Creek Improvement District water board regular monthly meetings are on the third Monday of the month, starting at 7 pm in the Improvement District Office, B-6038 Beaver Creek Road. Public attendance and input is welcomed. Upcoming meetings are: April 18, May 16, and June 20, 2011.



Annual General Meeting: 6 pm sharp, Monday, May 2, 2011,
Best Western Barclay
Election of new trustees; Water plan presentation.

Maintenance & Upgrades

Bruce Forsyth, Supervisor

The North End upgrade . . .

The North Reservoir project went out to tender and the work has been awarded to Knappet Industries. It's expected to take two weeks, beginning the second week in April, and will see a full upgrade of pumping and plumbing.

While in progress, residents in the North Reservoir area may notice a slight drop in water pressure for about a week.

We're pleased to report there's a local connection with Knappet – their engineer is a Beaver Creek resident.

Isolating the source of a leak . . .

By now we're hoping everyone knows how costly and wasteful water leaks can be. A slowly leaking toilet, for example, can drain more than 30 litres of water a day without anyone noticing because it's not noisy enough to be annoying.

If your water meter is still moving after you've turned off every tap in the house, chances are it's a slow leak in the toilet. One way to check is to add food coloring to the water in the bowl and let it sit undisturbed for a couple of hours. If the color gets lighter or disappears altogether, you know you have a leak to deal with.

Other leaks may be a bit harder to find. A slow leak in a sprinkler system set in good drainage soil may not pool sufficiently to make a visible puddle on the land surface.



Over time hundreds of gallons may trickle away. Or, a leak between the meter location and the house may fool you into hunting down a non-existent leak inside the home.

Here's how to isolate whether the leak is in the home, in the garden, or in between.

1. Turn off all taps, indoors and out. Then check the water meter. The water indicator should not be moving. If it is, you've got a leak somewhere in the system.
2. Now turn off the valves that supply the garden and the house. If the meter is still moving, you know the leak is somewhere in the pipe between the meter and the two valves.
3. If the meter is not moving, open the valve that supplies the garden. If the meter starts moving, you know the leak is somewhere in the garden supply. If not, you know that the leak must be located in the house, because all other areas have been eliminated.

Where are we in the 4-3-2-1 Compliance process? *Tracey Neuwirth, Trustee*

As we approach the 2011 Annual General Meeting, the board realizes that the process of reaching compliance with VIHA's 4-3-2-1 standards is both complicated and not well understood by those not directly involved on an on-going basis. Here's a bit of a timeline on what has happened so far, and where we plan to be in the very near future.

The people of Beaver Creek have a decision to make about a lot of money coming out of our pockets. There's no choice; it must be done. Like every other jurisdiction in the valley, our water system doesn't measure up and must be fixed.

The 4-3-2-1 program was implemented by the federal and provincial governments about ten years ago.

The first step of this water monitoring process was a change in water quality regulations in 2005.

The second step was a call for Compliance with these regulations. Deadlines for Compliance vary throughout the valley.

The Beaver Creek Improvement District must submit an upgraded plan by the end of April, 2011. The deadline for the Cherry Creek Improvement District is 2013; for the City of Port Alberni, 2015.

The third step for Beaver Creek has involved studies in governance. We've undertaken a conversion/partnership analysis, necessary

before opening discussion with the Provincial Government. We needed to review potential costs, and the bylaws, policies and procedures of both the BCID and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

The fourth step was to inventory the water system and examine the potential impact of converting it to a Local Service Area. It provides a complete inventory of physical assets, identifies necessary upgrades and maintenance. It is also useful when projecting future budget requirements.

This is where we are now.

The fifth step is to inform the public. At the May 2, 2011 Annual General Meeting, the Board will present the facts as we understand them. Corix Utilities will make a presentation on a proposal for a new water system.

The sixth step will be a referendum, where the ratepayers will decide which option they can accept and are willing to pay for. The Board has worked very hard throughout this process to ensure it will be a fully informed decision.

The seventh and final step will depend on the ratepayers' decision. It could mean a change in governance, or working with known or new partners, but one thing is known for sure. We will be in Compliance and meet the objective: abundant, safe drinking water for every householder within the Beaver Creek Improvement District.

Short notices

- With the recent heavy rainfall, a number of residents have had problems with backed-up ditches. If you need help with a flooded ditch, please call Emcon at 250 724-2888.
- Knowing where your water meter and cut off valves (both outside and inside the home) are located can save a lot of time and damage in case of an emergency. Take a moment to find them, and always keep the area around your meter clear of debris.
- It takes seven hours to complete telephone notifications for boil advisories. It takes only a fraction of that time to email the same information. To receive email notification, call the office at 250 723-9371.