

**Deer Park Vineland Road Local Service District
530 Salmonier Line
Holyrood, NL
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**DP/VR LSD Committee Meeting Agenda
July 27, 2023 Kevin O'Regan's Cabin**

In attendance

Dave Chaulk
Kevin O'Regan
John Hussey
Charlie Noseworthy
David Hiscock

Regrets

Wanda Highmore
Jim Batterton

Call to Order of Meeting

Dave Chaulk declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Call for New Business

No new Business was added to the agenda.

Acceptance of minutes last Committee Meeting

John Hussey made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated. Seconded by David Hiscock. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Financial Update

Kevin O'Regan gave a brief financial update. The LSD as secured the service of a collection agency who has had success in collecting several of the large old balances owed.

Roads Update

Dave Chaulk has personally driven the complete road system in the last several days and found the roads to be in great shape. He ask committee members to report any road issues that they were seeing in their own areas and advise him of sections requiring attention.

Snow Clearing Contract

Dave Chaulk advised that the snow clearing contract was due to expire at the end of this current year. He has offered to explore other options and will report back to the committee.

Holyrood Contract

The contract with Holyrood is due as well. Dave Chaulk has tried to connect with the Town of Holyrood without success and said that he would renew efforts. The LSD has forwarded the fees collected thus far in the current year as standard practice.

Emergency Procedures Plan update

Our emergency Procedures Plan needs to be updated and Davis Hiscock offered to review. In conversation with the department, Dave Chaulk indicated that there may be funds available to restore the old fire exit from the LSD through the former prison camp property. This exit has not been maintained for years, and is currently passable by offroad vehicles only.

There was also discussion in the impact of climate change on the LSD road network. We have been made aware that many jurisdictions are preparing for significant impacts as seen recently in Nova Scotia due to excessive rains. (The LSD experienced the potential for such damage last year during a storm that flooded the causeway between Hawcos Pond and Oxleys Pond.)

Civic Numbering 911

Dave Chaulk reported that work is continuing on this project. He has recently been made aware of the methodology of correcting the road names as they appear on Google, which is key issue for proceeding with the project.

AGM

There was discussion around the 2023 AGM, and it was the consensus of members present that the contract issues outstanding needed to have solid proposals to be presented on and vote on. This is also an election year. The date to be discussed further with the intention to hold the event in the fall.

New Business

David Hiscock requested to add a new Business item, Emergency planning.

There was a continued discussion around the LSD's ability to respond to an emergency caused by a weather event or other disaster. Currently the LSD has a reserve of \$ 25,000. It was pointed out that these funds would be depleted quickly if there was significant damage to the road network. If extra funds were required, then a special assessment of the members would be need to cover a shortfall, a time-consuming and difficult project to undertake. There was discussion on the extra funds that the LSD has collected from the old balance accounts.

David Hiscock made the motion " Be it resolved that \$ 30,000 be transferred from the current account to a special reserve account, assigned for 'Emergency Response'. Funds from this account can only used if deemed necessary by the committee and approved by the committee". The motion was seconded by John Hussey. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Adjournment

John Hussey made a motion at 7:55pm to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kevin O'Regan. A vote was taken and the motion carried.