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DP/VR LSD Committee Meeting Agenda

December 12, 2023

7:00pm

Elks Lodge St. John's

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Dave Chaulk, who thanked all for attending

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Kevin O'Regan confirmed there were 56 people participating in the meeting, so the quorum was met.

INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT COMMITTEE

The Current Committee was introduced:

David Hiscock

Kevin O'Regan

Dave Chaulk

Jim Batterton

John Hussey

Charlie Noseworthy

Wanda Highmore

The Following committee members were not in attendance:

Jim Batterton

John Hussey

Charlie Noseworthy

Wanda Highmore

Jim Buckingham approved the meeting.

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

The Following topics were added under new business:

- The culvert between Hawksley Road and Healey's Pond Road wash out.
- Garbage Collection
- Snow clearing

APPROVAL of 2022 AGM MINUTES

The minutes of the 2022 AGM held on November 17, 2022 were circulated. Jim Buckingham made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated. Seconded by Terry Penney. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Kevin O'Regan opened by thanking Olga McWilliam Benson of the Law firm Benson Buffett, for legal services provided to the LSD during the past year and as well thanked Roger Coombs of Coombs and Associates for providing accounting advice and preparing the financial statements. Both members of the LSD provided these services at no charge.

Kevin then went then presented the reviewed the statements for the membership. Dave Chaulk mentioned that the fire fees would remain the same for the next year.

Kevin O'Regan made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Seconded by Ian Henderson. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Kevin O'Regan went over issues of chasing residents with respect to outstanding fees, meeting costs, grading/snow clearing costs and outstanding accounts and what we have done to collect

Kevin O'Regan updated the members on current financial information, from a slide presentation. In summary, current annual collections were \$ 168,770.93 and current expenditures totaled \$165,200, with other items due. There is significant work and costs to following delinquent property owners

The committee presented a list of projects that required immediate attention, with the projects totaling a cost between \$ 74,000 and \$89,000

David Hiscock presented a series of three scenarios for the 2024 fee structure. The LSD has stable costs for snow clearing, grading, and a small office expense. Any increase in fees goes directly into Road Work. If the members wanted an increase in the amount of work completed on the road, then there would need to be an increase in fees.

There was a question about the GICs that the LSD holds, currently \$ 55,000. It was explained that these are reserves to allow the LSD to respond to any extraordinary event immediately. The damage to infrastructure as a result of climate change are a concern for all LSD groups in our province.

Projects for culverts due to storms last year caused a lot of water issues. There were many questions on repair Hawco\ Road/Healey Road . It was indicated that these issues were ongoing due to weather change. Kevin O'Regan and Dave Chaulk explained the substantial cost of replacing/repairing culverts.

Dave Hiscock confirmed he had been in contact with government/municipal affairs to try and get funding for various culverts, roads, etc. He raised substantial issues with the government with respect to the requested funding and that it will review his request.

Rod works - 3 culverts - hoping for 50/50 with this program. He validated the request with pictures to them. We approached them with respect to the climate change issue.

Dave Chaulk commented that repair work was done on Pioneer Place and the costs. There was a question on the estimate of road repairs and Dave Chaulk answered with respect to today's estimates and the costly amount it was today.

Kevin O'Regan asked if there was a motion on the fee increase.

Bran Boland made a motion for a fee increase to \$525.00 for 2024 which should be revisited again in 1 year. Seconded by Darryl Spurrell. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

EMERGENCY NUMBERING UPDATE

Dave Chaulk confirmed that the numbering was almost completed, it was taking longer than expected because of the number of properties and a lot of new properties being found. There was a question on the replacement of the existing numbers, it was confirmed that all properties would have new numbers. There was discussion from the floor that it was not the business of the committee to put the numbers on the properties, it should be the landowner's responsibility. The cost of the signage - Dave Chaulk responded that it was approximately \$7.00 per property and that emergency services requested that the LSD provide the signs so they would be uniform, reflective and placed for visibility. This project has been previously approved by the members at an AGM. Ed Cooper made a motion that the numbering be the responsibility of the residents and not paid for by the LSD. Seconded by Lynn Squires. – A vote was taken, and the motion was defeated.

ROAD REPORT

Dave Chaulk presented the road report and updated members on some of the projects undertaken. There has been significant ditching throughout the network. The Vineland Road entrance has had culvert work and cambering to redirect runoff. Deer Park Road has had driveway drainage adjusted and ditching. Pioneer Line and Vineland Road has been reworked with blasted rock, class B, Class A, and been graded back in. Deer Park Road over has had trouble areas addressed with ditching for drainage, blasted rock, class B and Class A and cambering. Some of the side roads have had the required attention.

Dave answered questions including that areas are only graded if needed, areas where the road is bedrock cannot be graded, and that storm cleanup is completed by both affected residents and the LSD.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Garbage collection

There was a question with respect to the garbage in that area - the committee mentioned calling the forestry or police if there was a problem. From the floor a member said that it should be abolished. It was explained that as an LSD we are required to have garbage collection. Volunteers cannot collect garbage and it is not feasible for the LSD to provide the service.

2. Snow Clearing

A Member questioned why the snowplow operator would intentionally push snow into her driveway. Dave Chaulk assured her that it was not deliberate and he has talked to the snow plough operator

3. Culverts

The member who added this item was satisfied with the meeting discussions.

CONFIRMATION OF ACTS

The following motion was made by Terry Penney.

“ Be it resolved that all Acts, Contracts, By-Laws, Proceedings, Elections and Payments enacted, made, done, and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Association since the last meeting of the active members be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed”

Seconded by Marie Hussey. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Davie Chaulk asked Kevin O'Regan to conduct the elections. Kevin O'Regan explained the election process of the committee members.

The first series of nominations was for four full time resident positions.

- Brad Boland nominated Hazen Murphy, who declined the nomination.
- Jeff Wells nominated David Hiscock, who accepted the nomination. Second by Jim Buckingham.
- Darrell Spurrell nominated Dave Chaulk, who accepted the nomination. Second by Ian Henderson
- Dave Chaulk nominated Leo Parrell, who declined the nomination.
- Johann Chaulk nominated Matthew Daley, who accepted the nomination. Second by Jeanie Haynes

Kevin then called for additional nominations three times and there were none. He declared David Hiscock, Dave Chaulk, and Matthew Daley elected by acclimation, and said he would seek guidance from Municipal Affairs on filing the open seat.

The Second series for nominations was for the three seasonal residents seats.

- Dave Chaulk nominated Kevin O'Regan. The chair was passed to David Hiscock, and Kevin accepted the nomination. Seconded by Wayne Rose.
- Johann Chaulk nominated Corey Butler, who accepted the nomination. Second by Hazen Murphy.
- Kevin O'Regan nominated Tyler Spurrell who declined the nomination.
- Carolyn Penney nominated Terry Penney, who accepted the nomination. Second by Marie Hussey.
- Terry Penney nominated Scott Hussey, who declined the nomination.

David called three times for nominations, and there being none declared Kevin O'Regan, Corey Butler and Terry Penney were elected by acclimation.

There were further calls for nominations for the vacant full-time position but there were no response.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Brenda O'Regan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Seconded by Lisa Walsh. A vote was taken and the motion carried