

**Krestova Improvement District
2023 AGM Cover Letter for May 10, 2023 Meeting**

Introduction

The Krestova Improvement District Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday May 10, 2023 at 7 pm at the Crescent Valley hall.

The AGM provides an opportunity to:

- provide the landowners with a report on the conditions of the improvement district's works;
- present the audited financial statements for the preceding year;
- discuss any matter relating to the works or finances of the improvement district;
- elect a trustee(s) to succeed any trustee whose term of office has expired,
- report on the previous year's accomplishments and discuss upcoming projects or concerns etc.

The following provides a synthesis of this information.

Improvement District Works

As a refresher for users, the improvement district draws water from McDermid Creek, approximately 300 m upstream from the end of Pine Road. Water is drawn into a 90 m³ balancing tank that feeds three main lines to the community. The KID also maintains two water storage reservoirs upstream from the intake that can supplement stream flows when creeks levels are low (ie. late July - late September). The smaller of the reservoirs was decommissioned in 2022 due to the difficulty of maintaining this dam under the Dam Safety Regulations.

Financial Statements

These are attached as a separate sheet. The proposed budget for 2023 is also attached.

Note: Improvement districts are required to have their financial statements audited, with a full audit completed every 5 years, and a 'Notice to reader' prepared for the remaining 4 years. Financial statements have been consolidated and notice to readers prepared up to 2017. However, the cost of these audits are substantial (up to \$5,000), especially for an organisation that has annual revenues of less than \$20,000 and has multiple other demands on its limited resources. For these reasons, the trustees have chosen to present the financial statements as is.

Trustee elections

The KID is required to have 5 trustees, and the AGM is normally when new trustees are elected. Trustees normally serve for a three-year term.

The current trustees are:

Joe Shaw (Chair), Harold Rezanoff, Ico de Zwart (May 2019)
Julie Fletcher and Clayton Roy (May 2021)

If there is any interest from other people to serve as trustees, please let the KID know.

2022 Summary

- System maintenance (intake screen replacement, cleaning, brushing etc) was completed in June. Thank you to all the people that helped out.

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- The smaller East McDermid Dam was decommissioned in September/October. The total cost for the project was \$255,871.42. A \$250,000 grant from the Province/Government of Canada covered most of the cost, the remainder (\$5,871.42) was paid by the KID.
- The KID started a project to secure a community groundwater supply source based on the feasibility assessment completed by WSA Ltd in 2020. The KID secured a Licence of Occupation from the Province to drill a well on a parcel of Crown Land on McKenzie Road, obtained a Community Works Grant of \$56,671 from the RDCK to complete this project. The well was completed in November 2022 and initial well estimates are 30 gal minute. Pump test and water samples to support licencing and IHA requirements were not completed in 2022 as the well took longer was more costly to drill and than anticipated, and because of the early November cold snap and heavy snow. Costs to date are \$62,809.29 (\$51,383 for the well drilling and \$11,426.29) for hydrogeological support. Anticipated costs to complete pump testing and ground water licencing are ~ \$25,000.

Upcoming projects and issues

Existing system

The water system is old and needs to be actively managed to maintain water year round. Low stream flows in summer when demand is highest means low water pressure or no water because the balancing tank does not recharge fast enough to meet demand. The extreme cold and low stream flows this winter (Xmas and in the New Year) also resulted in water being unavailable for 7-10 days.

The KID continues to be under boil water advisory as there is no treatment. This cannot continue and it is only a matter of time before the Province steps in and forces the KID to address this issue.

Well

A groundwater well has been completed as an alternative water source. There are several steps still to complete to allow this to be used as a water supply, as well as significant costs to connect this source to the distribution system. The KID's goal is to have this source available for an emergency backup supply initially, and then continue to work upgrading the water supply/distribution system.

Warden/Technician

The KID is looking for someone to take on the role of warden/technician to help with maintenance and repairs as required. The KID will support this person in completing a small water systems operator course (online), as well as provide remuneration for services. Interested people are invited to contact the KID via krestovaimprovementdistrict@outlook.com