

**Annual General Meeting  
Halls Harbour Water Cooperative Ltd.  
FundyView Community Centre  
16 August 2007**

Present: Fred Houghton, David Houghton, Jim Houghton, Gerry Dickie, John Skaling, Jennie Enman, Dave Davies, Dave Lacey, Heather Stephens, Diane Tedford-Little, Joyce Mosher, Howard Hutton, Richard Parker, Vilda Parker, Martha Crosby, Willis Moore, Marie Black, Bob Petrie, Community members Brad and Wanda Roy, Leon Sweet, Dean King.

Due to a miscommunication, some members thought the meeting started at 7:30, so the meeting was delayed until then.

There was a quorum.

In the absence of the President, Pam Petrie, V.P. John Skaling chaired the meeting.

It was moved by Martha Crosby and seconded by Willis Moore that the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting be approved, with some names corrected.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

The Chair reported that the directors will be using the community website as an additional resource to share information when the site is upgraded.

The **President's report** was read by the Secretary.

**Financial report**

The Treasurer reviewed the Financial statement for the year ending 31 May 2007, and presented the new budget for 2007-08. It showed that while we are projecting a loss, it could be absorbed by the surplus from last year's budget, without raising the fees.

**New Business**

**Delegation:**

Fred Houghton moved that the by-laws be amended to provide for a delegate. Marie Black seconded. The motion read:

*At all annual or special meetings of the Association, members may be present in person or by an appointed delegate who shall have all the powers of the member; and Members may appoint delegates by submission of that appointment in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall there upon record the name of the delegate in the place of the name of the member as the person entitled to attend meetings of the Association and to vote there at. The revocation of the appointment of a delegate may be made in writing, signed by the member and filed with the Secretary.*

Motion carried.

**Clarification:**

It was noted that some members who were not at the AGM might not understand that the motion re delegation means that there is still only one person – one vote: therefore, a delegate cannot be a member. This information will be shared at the next mail-out to members, as well as the clarification from the NS Cooperative Council about the voting of joint shares when one of the shareholders already owns another share.

**Review or Audit.**

Less than two thirds of members agreed to a review being done. Gerry Dickie moved that an auditor be appointed. Seconded by Willis Moore. Motion carried.

**Ownership of Land on which well # 3 is situated.**

Dave Davies moved that:

*The Directors of the HHWCL will explore the possibility of acquiring land for Well #3, to bring it into permanent ownership of the HHWCL, thereby limiting liability to existing parties, and that this would be brought back to the membership for authorization before proceeding..*

Seconded by Willis Moore. Motion carried.

**Wellhead protection.**

Some community members asked why they would not be able to keep farm animals if we proceeded with seeking wellhead protection. They advised that they had received a threatening letter, advising them of this. They were reassured that this letter was not from the Water Cooperative. If they can find their copy, they will give a copy to the Water Cooperative for information.

A member pointed out that education was the first step in wellhead protection.

The Chair reported that due to other pressing issues, the directors had not been able to put together an advisory committee. A member advised that copies of the documents that the directors had received at the only meeting they had with the municipality and Dept of Environment on wellhead protection are on the internet and available from the Department.

**Halls Harbour Community Development Association**

Dave Lacey moved that the HHWCL representation at the CDA meetings be ended. Heather Stephens seconded. Motion carried, 7 to 5.

**Power Outage.**

A member asked for the procedure in the event of a power outage when the operations manager was away from the community. While one director has just started to learn how to be back up, this was agreed to be not sufficient. The directors will look at this as soon as possible.

**Boil Order**

The directors have updated their procedures, and the NSEL are pleased with the results. A boil water kit has already been distributed to the directors, and copies are at the *C@P* site.

**The future:**

As the President pointed out in her report, the directors wish to be proactive, to ensure the best water possible. Some initiatives suggested by the directors and members present were:

- Exploration of UV treatment in addition to the chlorine, and any other new technology.
- Exploring funding sources
- Phone tree when the chlorine is boosted or when well is switched.
- Bring a speaker in to talk to the members about wellhead protection.
- Relocating water lines off private property.
- Upgrading aging lines that are starting to deteriorate

**Nominating Report.**

The Chair read the nominating report.

The terms for Pam Petrie and Jennie Enman have expired. Both are re-offering. As there were no further nominations from the floor, The nominating report was accepted.

The importance of communication was reemphasized.

Moved by Howard Hutton that meeting be adjourned.