



# FLETCHER CREEK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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## 2018 Annual Update Message from the Trustees

### **The Year in Review:**

This past year has seen a number of changes and steps forward for FCID including a new board member, a review of our bylaws and contracting for the design of a Water Treatment Facility.

### **New Board Members:**

We welcomed Kevin Jersey as our newest board member; Kevin was elected for the first time at last year's AGM, along with Laurie Hartland who has served on the board for the past 16 years. At our first meeting Laurie Hartland was elected as the board's Chair.

### **Interesting Board History Facts:**

Laurie Hartland has also been the longest serving Trustee in the almost 40 year history of FCID. Since 1980, there have been 43 different people (28 men and 15 women) who have served as Trustees. Only 4 have served for more than 10 years, with the average length of service being 5 years. Tina McLaren is the only Trustee whose parents have also served as Trustees; her father Warren Moon served in the early 1980s and her mother Jackie Moon served in early 1990s.

### **Financial Update:**

While we currently have a healthy financial position (see Financial Report included), we are also considering some major capital expenses as we consider constructing a centralized Water Treatment Facility as well as needing to assess the condition of our mainline to ascertain a timeline for its replacement.

### **Bylaw Review:**

We conducted an extensive review and revision of our Bylaws, including:

1. Bylaw Connection Moratorium Bylaw, that entrenches previous board's decisions to place a moratorium on any new connections to the system.
2. Bylaw 66 – Procedures Bylaw, that outlines in far greater detail than we had before, the role and functioning of the Board.

### **Water Treatment Facility Design:**

Last fall we entered into a contract with AquaDiversities and 9dot Engineering of Nelson, to collect flow data, to design a Water Treatment Facility and prepare an estimated construction budget.

While we anticipate being able to present some preliminary information at the AGM, including rough cost estimates, there will not be enough time before the AGM to prepare a detailed presentation. However, the advantage of this delay is that the question of the Facility and its funding will not be decided at the AGM, but will be presented at a special general meeting and will be decided by all the property owners thru mail-in ballots.

This should be of major interest to property owners as it could greatly impact annual water taxes as well as be a part of the overall solution for getting our Boil Water Notice lifted.

### **The Year Ahead**

Despite anticipating a major capital expenditure for 2019, we intentionally kept this year's taxes the same as last year. Our purpose was two-fold:

1. At the time of setting the budget we had not received the design or estimated construction budget from 9dot Engineering, therefore we did not want to factor the unknown capital expense into our operating budget;
2. The funds for the Water Treatment Facility will require both dipping into surplus fund as well as borrowing funds. Since both these require approval of the property owners, we felt it best to keep the decision on the Water Treatment Facility funding separate from the operating budget. To keep that decision in the hands of the property owners and not just with the Board.

At the AGM we will have more information about the design and estimated construction cost of the Water Treatment Facility, as well as an estimated timeline for a Special General Meeting where the property owners will be able to discuss the project with the Engineers.

Lastly, we are proposing that any decision on funding of this project will be conducted by means of a mail-in ballot, open to all registered property owners.

### **Volunteers and Staff**

FCID relies on its members to keep the water system up and running.

Alan Davidson is our new maintenance person this year. Thanks for stepping up and helping out Alan!

We are looking for another person who has interest in helping with maintenance, especially as we move closer to water treatment implementation.

Please phone a trustee or email the Secretary Treasurer at [fletchercreekwater@gmail.com](mailto:fletchercreekwater@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a board member or in water system maintenance.

## **Reminders**

Watering restrictions are in place from June 1 to Sept 30. During this period, please water with fixed sprinklers only every other day after 6 pm and before 9 am. Your tax notice indicates whether your household waters on odd or even days of the month.

Meeting minutes, AGM information and current bylaws are on our website at [www.flethcercreekwater.com](http://www.flethcercreekwater.com)

## **New Members**

The Board welcomes the following new members to the District:

- Danila Spitsyn
- Vadim Spitsyn
- Olga Moschenko
- Mark & Cheryl Price
- Neil and Heather Kelly

## **FCID's volunteer board requires 2 new trustees**

At this year's AGM there are two Trustees, Lance & Tina McLaren, whose positions expire; Therefore we need to elect two Trustees to fill these positions.

Trustees attend monthly meetings and are currently granted an annual honorarium of \$250, which is assessed and approved each year at the AGM. Trustees must own land in the FCID, be at least 18 years of age and be eligible to vote in BC, which means having been a resident of BC for at least 6 months.

Contact any of the Board members if you would like to know more about being a trustee, and please attend the AGM on May 01<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the Kaslo Seniors Hall.

### **CURRENT LIST OF TRUSTEES**

Laurie Hartland, Chair	(250) 353-3253
Lance McLaren	(250) 353-2963
Steve Julien	(604) 379-2036
Tina McLaren	(250) 353-2963
Kevin Jersey	(250) 353-8009

### **MAINTENANCE**

Brad Hartland	(250) 353-2966
Alan Davidson	(250) 229-4453

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Dan Knight	(250) 509-4215
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