

## Landowners Update – January 2012

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Wishing that the lights of the New Year 2012 bring new dreams to fulfil.  
new goals to reach and new joys to discover.

### **From the Chair** – Carol Molstad



As the new year dawns it is time to reflect on the previous year and look forward to the future. 2011 was a challenging year for UBID with considerable conflict, and significant changes within the Board and the administration. Now that our Administrator has completed her probationary period and she has become familiar with UBID functions we will begin to see some streamlining of operations. Ongoing management of the KIP-UBID water agreement and construction of a water treatment plant will continue to require attention. As well, two important plans have been finalized – a 5 year strategic plan and the 2012 budget. These two documents will provide the blue print for UBID as it moves forward. For the past several months the priority has been on the administration and the waterworks service and this will continue into 2012. The Board is looking forward to approving a capital plan for our waterworks service later this spring. After the Annual General Meeting we will turn our attention to the fire department. So all in all, 2012 promises to be a busy and interesting year for Union Bay.

Have you seen our website? It contains information about meetings, plans and happenings at UBID. Check it out at [www.union-bay.ca](http://www.union-bay.ca)

## **It Takes a Community to Run UBID**

*It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us* is a book published in 1996 by then First Lady of the United States Hillary Rodham Clinton. In it, Clinton presents her vision for the children of America. She focuses on the impact individuals and groups outside the family have, for better or worse, on a child's well-being, and advocates a society which meets all of a child's needs. The book's title is attributed to an African proverb: "It takes a village to raise a child." It has been in existence in Africa for centuries. Indeed, the saying previously provided the source for the title of a children's book entitled *It Takes a Village* by Jane Cowen-Fletcher, published in 1994.

UBID has borrowed this proverb and adapted it to be the title of its 5 year strategic plan. Based on the Board's strong commitment to find ways for landowners to be involved a number of opportunities have been created. The expertise and input of our volunteers has already saved UBID considerable sums of money and provided a welcomed contribution to the Board's decision making. To see the strategic plan go to:

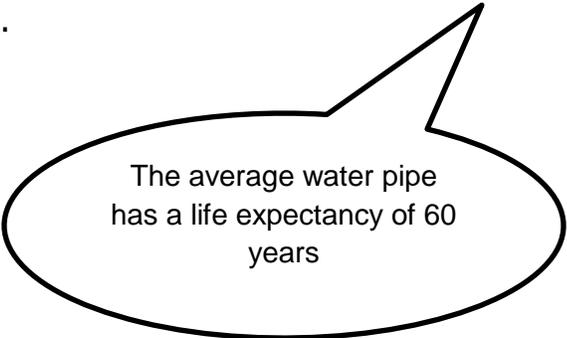
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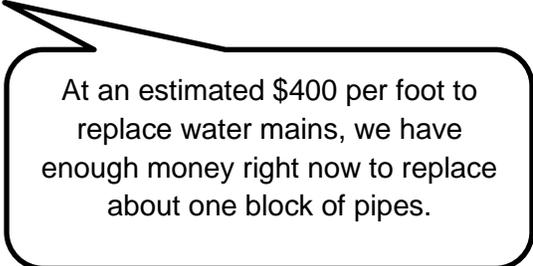
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## **Capital Planning in Process** - Bruce Livesey and Cleve Goldswain

The Board has asked the Public Works and Finance and Capital Planning Committees to prepare a comprehensive capital plan for our water works department. They will begin work on this project in the new year with their first joint meeting scheduled for January 5th.



The average water pipe has a life expectancy of 60 years



At an estimated \$400 per foot to replace water mains, we have enough money right now to replace about one block of pipes.

## **Upcoming Meetings**



The following meetings which are open to the public are set for 2012:

- Regular Board meeting – the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM
- Public Works Committee – first Thursday of each month at 10 AM
- Fire rescue Committee – first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM
- Finance and Capital Planning Committee – Jan 5 - joint meeting with Public Works, Jan. 11 Finance & Planning only, Feb 2 joint meeting with Public Works
- Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Committee – February 14 and March 27 at 10:30
- Drop –in with the Trustees – January 10 from 1-2 with Anne and Allan
- Annual General Meeting – April 21

### **Fire Rescue Committee** – Anne Alcock

In my last report to the landowners, I indicated that Bill Alcock and some other volunteers from the community were going to do much needed repairs to the Fire Hall with regard to drainage issues. I'm pleased to report that the work has now been completed. The cost for machine rentals, and all supplies was \$3,600.

We would like to sincerely thank Bill and his hard-working volunteers: Norm Hilton, Larry McDonald and Bruce Livesey. They all worked really hard for 5 days. A big "thank you" also to Nick Webb, who helped out with the backhoe work, and Mark Jackson, Fire Chief for all his cooperation.

The Fire Hall is now a safer place to work for our volunteer Firefighters. We estimate that we saved the community almost \$15,000 by not hiring a contractor to do the whole job. We're currently obtaining quotes for the asphalt work, which will be done in early spring.

### **Question of the Month**



**Q:** The UBID-KIP Water Agreement was completed before the last AGM by the Board of Trustees. There continues to be some controversy regarding the process used to pass this agreement. Will the taxpayers be informed as to the status of the agreement?

**A:** The Board inherits contractual obligations put in place by previous Boards and the UBID-KIP Water Infrastructure Agreement is one of those contractual agreements. The Board had the power to enter into this agreement. We queried, having passed the agreement bylaw in-camera, whether this bylaw was properly passed. While it is not considered best practice to pass a bylaw in-camera, UBID is not subject to provisions of the Community Charter that would prohibit this practice. The bylaw entering into the Water Infrastructure Agreement is valid and the Board is working toward completion of its obligations.

## Firefighters Awards Banquet



The Union Bay Firefighter's Association holds its annual Awards Banquet every year in December or January. The Association invites the UBID Board as a protocol, as well as retired members. They may also invite members of the public.

The Annual Awards Banquet is to show recognition to members who have served their community for a certain length of time and to one member who the membership feels deserving of the Firefighter of the Year Award. This award is voted on by the

members themselves and reflects who they feel is most deserving for the year. The Awards Banquet was held on Dec. 10 this year.

This year's awards went to:

FF Susan Hargreaves - 5 years' service

Capt. Joe Tarnowski -10 years' service

Deputy Chief Ian Ham - 15 years' service

Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Asst. Chief Mark Veness



Susan Hargreaves



Ian Ham



Mark Veness