



North Salt Spring Waterworks District

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Denis Russell Stepping Down After 18 Years



After 18 dedicated years, past Board Chairman Denis Russell has announced he will be stepping down from his position as District Trustee this April.

Mr. Russell has served on the District's Board since

1999, serving as Chairman from 1999 to 2013, and has overseen many changes within the District during his tenure.

He will be missed by Board and staff members alike and on behalf of all the ratepayers we would like to thank him for his significant contribution to the governance of the District.

Do You Have What it Takes?

The District's trustees are elected officials working under the auspices of the *Local Government Act*. Elected by the District's ratepayers, Trustees serve a three-year term and represent the interests of all District ratepayers making decisions on their behalf in the best interests of all ratepayers.

Trustee Don Hodgins has recently confirmed that he will not be seeking re-election when his three-year term is up in April. Therefore, the District will be seeking to fill two vacant Trustee positions at the District's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, April 25th (7-9 pm at Community Gospel Chapel): one full three-year term and one two-year term, completing the remainder of Mr. Russell's term.

If you're interested in becoming a Trustee for the District visit our "*Becoming a Trustee*" page on the District's website to see what's involved, what the qualifications are, or attend a meeting to see the Board in action. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17th at 1:30 pm in the District office.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District is currently facing a number of serious challenges. Concerns over

water supply continue which requires the moratorium to remain in place for the foreseeable future. The need to conserve during the summer has impacted the District financially which means completing needed projects continues to be a challenge. In addition, the possible change of governance structure will have a dramatic impact on how the District operates. District Trustees will have an opportunity to be part of the strategic planning process that will guide the District through these, and many other challenges.

Trustee nominations will open March 25th and close on Monday, April 10th at 12:00 noon. Nomination forms are available from the office and on our website.

Mandatory Conservation Starts April 1st

Annual Conservation Regulations per District Bylaw 274 go into effect beginning at Level 1 on April 1st and remain in effect until October 31st. Level 2 goes into effect May 1st, while Levels 3 and 4 are dependent on the District's reservoir/lake levels.

Customers are limited to watering gardens with either a hand-held hose with a shut-off or a micro-drip system on either odd or even numbered days, depending on their civic address, and between the hours of either 6:00am to 10:00am or 6:00pm to 10:00pm for no more than six (6) hours a day in Level 1, three(3) hours a day in Level 2, two (2) hours a day in Level 3, and one (1) hour per day in Level 4.

Visit the District's website for more information on summer watering restrictions, special watering permit applications, conservation and water-saving tips.

Annual Flushing

The crew will be carrying out the District's annual system flushing commencing March 28th to May 5th. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure or discoloured water. Customers who have special needs will be called in advance when it is their area's turn. For more information visit our website.