

## NSSWD Welcomes New and Returning Trustees

The District's April 21<sup>th</sup> AGM saw a turnout of 39 ratepayers and 1 non-ratepayer. Three candidates competed for two trustee positions with the following results: Chris Dixon (70 votes) elected for a three-year term, Les Howell (70 votes) also elected for a three-year term, and Jeff Thompson (35 votes) was defeated.

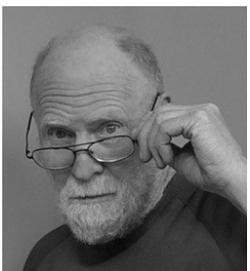
### Les Howell



Les is returning for another term having already spent 14 years on the Board since moving to Salt Spring Island 38 years ago. Les brings his experience as a firefighter and

Captain with the Vancouver Fire Department to the District. Les noted that he feels that a Trustee's greatest responsibility is to make decisions and act in such a way that honours the majority of ratepayers. This is a personal priority as the District faces future challenges.

### Chris Dixon



A resident and property owner on Salt Spring Island for thirty-one years, Chris was involved in negotiations between the Cedar Lane Water District and the Capital Regional District (CRD) which

resulted in a CRD takeover of the system and a five-year infrastructure upgrade. He served six years as Chair of the Cedar Lane Commission. Chris is familiar with many aspects of residential construction and the agricultural use of rainwater catchment systems. He's also the leader, teacher

and instrument builder for the local marimba band. He understands that our water system is deeply integrated with, and absolutely vital to a healthy community, and will encourage North Salt Spring to formally interface with focus groups like the Chamber of Commerce, Saltspring Community Alliance and the Islands Trust to craft a shared and sustainable response to the water supply and demand challenges we face.

### Jeff Thompson

Jeff is our outgoing Trustee having served the ratepayers and District administration for 12 years. Jeff was involved from the start with the planning of the St. Mary water treatment plant. Jeff's time and efforts have been much appreciated and we wish Jeff well in his future endeavours or more time relaxing. Thank you Jeff!

## Level 2 Watering Restriction Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>

Annual Level 2 watering restrictions per District Bylaw 282 went into effect on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will remain in effect through August 31<sup>st</sup> at which time, lake levels/drought conditions permitting, the District will revert to Level 1. Seasonal rates are also now in effect.

Levels 3 and 4 are dependent on the lake levels and drought conditions and will be enacted if necessary.

### *What can you do at Level 2?*

- ✓ Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered days.

- ✓ Watering times are 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and for no more than 2 hours in duration per period with a maximum of 4 hours of total allocated watering per day.
- ✓ Vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers are restricted to a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if watered outside of the times permitted for a maximum of 1 hour per watering day.
- ✓ Vehicles, RVs, and boats may be washed with water using a hand-held container or hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- ✓ Wading pools and hot tubs up to 500 gallons (2.27 cubic meters) in size may be filled with water.
- ✓ Swimming pools, garden ponds and water features may be filled with water upon application for and receipt of a filling permit from the District.

Visit the District’s website for complete information on watering restrictions, the District’s Leak Allowance Policy, summer watering restrictions, special watering permit applications, conservation and water-saving tips.

<http://www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca/>

Please be vigilant and ensure your outside taps and hoses are turned off when not in use.

## St. Mary Lake WTP

St Mary Lake water treatment plant continues to progress well. The trusses and roof are being installed on the upper floor of the main building.

Railings, doors and window installation are underway and backfilling around the buildings continues. The mechanical and



electrical work has started with much of the materials on site.

Plant commissioning is currently scheduled for mid July and is expected to take about a month. North Salt Spring Waterworks District is very pleased with the progress to date and would like to note that all contractors involved with the project have provided professional and quality work.

## Maxwell Watershed Protection

As islanders, you are helping to play a vital role in Maxwell Lake’s watershed protection by honouring the fact that it is private property and not open for swimming, picnicking, mountain biking or off-road vehicles such as motorbikes and ATVs.

These activities slowly degrade the watershed because the expansion of trails and pathways creates a direct route for nutrients and sediment to enter the lake during the rainy season. This nutrient loading negatively impacts water quality in both the short and long term. A healthy and intact watershed helps to filter and purify runoff before it reaches the lake.

The risk of wildfire during the summer months, especially in a drought situation, is significant and could cause devastating and permanent damage to the watershed and the District’s ability to supply water.

The District appreciates your cooperation in our ongoing efforts to preserve this valuable natural resource.

## New Staff Person at the District

Former office manager, Anne Williams has moved on to another local government, so we are welcoming Ken Roggeman into the office. Ken has spent the last 14 years working at the Resort Municipality of Whistler and is looking forward to life and work on Salt Spring Island.