

Dear Taxpayers

Trustee Vacancy

Dan Heinrich has decided to step down from his position as Trustee with the Improvement District. This has now created a vacancy.

However, given that we are approaching the conversion vote, a call for nominations will be made after the conversion vote. This will ensure that the candidates will have a clear understanding of their role as Trustee after the results of the conversion vote. We encourage all interested candidates to review the Trustee Handbook and reach out to the current trustees to obtain a good understanding of the role.

Trustee Role

Skaha Estates Improvement District provides a service to residents. Water service, park service these items must align with Federal and Provincial and Regional rules for consistent service delivery. Consistent delivery allows for process and procedure for in the event of an unforeseen and catastrophic incident SEID will rapidly expand and contract our administrative process by using mutual aid.

Trustees have a Stewardship role, policy making role, and law-making role. We make decisions, we implement bylaws, and we must respond to community members inquiries. At times it is normal to expect up to 30 emails per day. The Trustees currently perform the pumphouse checks on the weekends to ensure that the system is operating well. We usually rotate who is assigned weekends. We also handle the park and any needs there as well. There is also a monthly reporting to Interior Health that we are required to do. SOWW does not run the Improvement District, they are only the contractor to operate the actual water system (i.e. pump house etc.) The rest of the operations of the district falls upon the trustees and our staff.

Right now, we are in a challenging time with a lot that we are required to do to meet the requirements of the health authority. Being a Trustee now is not the same as it used to be. Should the conversion vote not go through, there will be a lot of tough decision making that will need to be done and projects to be completed. Any incoming Trustee needs to be prepared to make hard decisions that not everyone will be happy with. including our own needs but in the interest of achieving common collective goals for potential rapid expansion and contraction of services. Again, for the ability to expand and contract resources in the event of an unforeseen and expansive emergency.

Conversion Vote

This is a friendly reminder about the upcoming vote on May 31, 2025. If you would like to request a mail-in ballot, please email skahaestateswater@gmail.com

We encourage everyone to review the information available on the RDOS Regional Connections <https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/skaha-estates-improvement-district-conversion-project>

Scrutineer

If anyone is interested in serving as a scrutineer during the vote, please reach out via email to skahaestateswater@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation and commitment to our community.