



# A Note from your Rescom



## COMMUNIQUE 21-2024

TOWNHALL MEETING - JUNE 2024

The meeting was well attended, but quite a few familiar faces were absent, perhaps due to ill health, other arrangements, or just disinterest. It would seem worthwhile to highlight some of the matters that Wilma outlined.

### **Alveo and Water**

We are all grateful for the virtually uninterrupted water supply that we now enjoy. The short pressure drops are due to the extra demand from the irrigation system that is running off the treatment plant whilst the borehole pump for irrigation gets replaced. The water hardness is being addressed, and a nano-filtration system is in place and ready to be fitted. Water samples have been taken and tested every two weeks, and that will continue. We should soon be able to see the reduced calcium levels and feel the change in the water. In the meantime, the hardness can vary as the calcium levels in the water have been varying, presumably because it is borehole water.

The work to join Phase 3 houses sidewalk gardens to the borehole system has been completed. This will start being used as soon as the irrigation borehole pumps is replaced and up and running.

As it is winter, a new irrigation schedule is being prepared and will be distributed to all.

### **Solar and Voltano**

The installation of the Solar supply is well underway. That may not be obvious as most of us only see stacks of solar panels ready to be taken up to the roof. In fact, two large inverters have been installed below Bushwillow, and large cables are required, and the channels, etc, are being prepared. They are slightly behind schedule as they are repairing tiles on the roof and awaiting safety equipment for the real work on the roof. The estimated completion is end August but that may depend on future unplanned issues and weather conditions.

Voltano will be scheduled to come around to all houses towards the end of June to have all pre-paid meters recoded in order to allow them to remain functioning. This requirement has been much advertised in the media of late that all pre-paid meters will require recoding or they will stop working at the end of July 2024. Meanwhile, the change to Voltano seems to have been a major benefit for those in the apartments where all sorts of incorrect measurements have been uncovered.

Many of us with pre-paid meters have extra units stored up. There will be no problem with these with the new changes nor when the solar installation kicks in. Those transitions should be seamless.

### **Evergreen Health**

Very recently, our health centre underwent a Department of Health inspection. Absolutely no changes were suggested, which represents a 100% pass. That is really encouraging, and we must congratulate them. We have been asked about obtaining a practice number for Evergreen Health. That has not been possible even invoking the help of Nicholas Crisp at the DOH. The block is with the Board of Health Funders, who, the clinical practitioners will tell you, are just about impenetrable. There can be no sense in a great pass from the DOH and no chance of a practice number. Surely, they should support a first-class health facility. In the meantime, Elize Porter, who heads up EH as MD, may be able to help using her practice numbers. However, if it works out, it requires nonetheless a great deal of administration, and we are grateful for their help.

Best

**David Presbury *Chairman***