

**HMC Management  
Island Manager Report  
Board Meeting  
February 12, 2005**

**Summary**

**Administration**

- For Board discussion: consider changing the HMC letterhead logo.
- For Board discussion: sale of the Water Department truck is underway. It will be placed up for bids in the next Beachcomber. Selling it will save approximately \$800 annually on insurance.
- For Board discussion: consider requiring members with a single island property who are in the process of selling (in escrow) being on a cash-only basis for current billing items.

**Information items**

- The island road at the far north end, where there have been land-slippage problems in the past, appears to be close to being adversely impacted by construction and grading on a property just to the north of the road. Heavy rains could cause the road to wash out into the lot. A letter to the property owner, indicating HMC's concern, is recommended by staff.

**Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department**

- A report to the Board has been prepared by FD volunteer EMT Michael Jones.

**Land Use**

- Work on the mainland parking lot "wetland buffer delineation" is nearly complete. Drift logs will mark the edge of the parking area and signs will be purchased, as required by the County. The signs will need to be placed in concrete per requirements.
- The agency known as "Pierce County Responds," which helps rural areas clean up old vehicles and junk, contacted the office recently. They are going to try to set up a plan with HMC during the summer to help island residents who wish to get rid of cars, etc. In certain instances they will probably be able to offer some financial assistance to accomplish this.

**Legal**

- No report.

**Transportation**

- Pierce County contacted HMC and requested that an engineer's inspection of the mainland ferry terminal be conducted, as specified in the long-standing agreement between the County and HMC (they are also named as additional insured on our liability policy that covers the ferry ramps). The Island Manager met with two engineers from a firm that often works with the State ferry system. The meeting was to allow them to

observe our mainland terminal and follow up with a bid to do the inspection. During this meeting they recommended that, in addition to the inspection work, an inspection of the steel cables also be done, even though they are relatively new. This type of inspection is done by a firm that specializes in that.

- The engineering report that was done on both ferry terminals in 2001, following the Nisqually earthquake, recommended keeping a close watch on the ferry berthing dolphins at both terminals and repairing the concrete abutment wall and timber pile wing wall on the island side. The dolphins are now four years older and some of the piles are looking pretty bad. While we recently installed a new 12-inch drain that moves water beyond the wing wall, water previously fell behind it. Both it and the adjacent concrete abutment wall are due for repair/replacement soon.

### Roads

- Aspen Surveying completed their survey of the Ferry Road area. It shows that, as some earlier information had indicated, that there is a 60-foot wide HMC right-of-way there.

### Water

- A barge shipment of gravel and sand, needed to construct the new reservoir, is expected late in February. The shipment will also include gravel for use on island roads.
- Recent informal discussions regarding the timing for installing the replacement piping for upgrading the water distribution system, as well as how to finance it, have taken place among staff and Board members. Work on the Small Water System Management Program had to be set aside temporarily while resources were concentrated on the design, purchase and installation of the new reservoir. Plans are to start work again on the Program as soon as time permits, and finish it in order to allow HMC to apply for a State water loan this calendar year, if it appears that the timing would be right.