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Notice to Members

To: NCYC Members
From: Leighton Roslyn, Commodore
Date: 2022-05-19
Re: Pump House Issues

Dwight reports today that the water system had to be turned off due to overheating of the pumps and other issues. Upon investigation it was found that:

1. The water pump in the Pump House was running continuously – likely due to the pump having lost its’ “prime”.
2. The continuously running pump overheated causing plastic parts on the pumps to melt.
3. The temperature in the pump house was quite high
4. The “Pad Tank” tap had been opened and left dripping
5. The inlet to one pump had been shut off

One possible reason for this is that someone had tried to “fix” what they thought was a problem with the system and inadvertently created a worse situation than was originally the case. We have no way of knowing for sure. But what happened has resulted in no water for a period of time as well as unnecessary work hours spent repairing the system and some cost for replacement parts.

There is a sign in the pump house that says that **only authorized members should make any adjustments to the equipment**. Mike Dupuis can attest to the fact that it is a complicated and sensitive system that requires a certain degree of understanding to operate properly. Tinkering with the system leads to equipment failure and “down time” and loss of water pressure in the buildings, in the rail yard, and at the docks, not to mention work party hours and the cost of replacement parts.

Please, Please, Please do not attempt to adjust the water system in the Pump House unless you are fully trained and authorized to do so.

If some member did attempt some “self-help” over the last few days and inadvertently caused some damage, it would be helpful for that member to identify himself/herself. That is not so any consequences can be meted out, but rather so that the member can be properly trained on the system to prevent a recurrence.

I understand that Mike is supportive of having a training session for the Pump House system, and I fully support that idea.

In the meantime, please respect the directive in the Pump House that only qualified members access the Pump House and that no adjustments or changes be made except by qualified members.