

# The Pipeline

Issue #26

July 2011

## How do you compare?

Some comparison numbers for this invoice period:

4% of all households used no water

47% of all households used less than 40 m<sup>3</sup>

30% of all households used between 40 and 74 m<sup>3</sup>

9% of all households used between 75 and 100 m<sup>3</sup>

10% of all households used over 100 m<sup>3</sup>

## 2011 Water Tolls

### New Water Toll Structure:

**Quarterly base rate: \$33 (includes no consumption)**

**First 50 cubic meters: \$.50/cubic meter**

**Next 50 cubic meters: \$.60/cubic meter**

**Remaining Consumption over 100 cubic meters:  
\$1.00/cubic meter**

Your July 2011 invoice includes the base rate of \$33 for July, August and September and consumption for April, May and June.

If you have any questions regarding your invoice or the new rates, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

## Our Water - let's use it with care

As a rule of thumb, follow the 3 R's of Water Conservation: **Reduce, Repair, Retrofit**

1. Reduce: make changes to water use habits.
2. Repair: fix those leaks.
3. Retrofit: adapt or replace less water efficient fixtures or appliances with water saving devices.

**Toilet Rebate Program** - RDN is once again offering rebates for replacing your toilet with a new low flow model. See details at: [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca) or call toll free: 1-877-607-4111

**Watering gauges** are available at the DBID office. Remember, lawns need only 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall.

### **Xeriscape - Design An Energy Efficient Garden**

Xeriscape gardening is a systematic concept of saving water in landscaped areas - this means using fewer resources while still having a beautiful landscape.

Practicing xeriscape can reduce water use by 70% or more. You can visit the RDN's Xeriscape Garden (pictured here) at 846 Yambury Road, Qualicum Beach.



## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

**Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan** - applications

- available from the office and on the website. **PAP Plan is available for all financial institutions.**

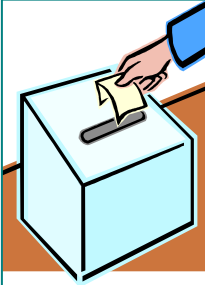
**On-line/Telephone banking** - set up for most financial institutions (not available for RBC or TD).

- **Cheque or Cash** - in person at the office. Cheques can also be mailed - please do not mail cash.

## Annual Report for Drinking Water Systems

The DBID 2010 Annual Drinking Water Report is now available from the office and on the website.

If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact the office.



## NOTICE

**September 21, 2011** - Special Meeting for Election of 1 trustee for the remainder of a 3-year term (expires AGM 2014)

Registration starts at 6:30 pm  
Election at 7:00 pm followed by regular board meeting  
Location: Fire Hall, 5031 Mountainview Road

The public is welcome to attend all regular board meetings to discuss any and all issues.

## Longview & Shoreline Main Replacement Completed

Estimated costs for this project (based on the 2008 McElhanney report) were: \$315,131

### 2011 Longview/Shoreline Main Replacement Project

(GST/HST not included)

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Design/Drawings*	\$17,900	\$15,215.00
Tender amount**	\$258,871	\$237,058.04
Eng. Construction Services	\$34,000	\$38,728.48
	<u>\$310,771</u>	<u>\$291,001.52</u>



\*Design/Drawings done in 2009 for a two phase project at a total cost of \$30,430 cost split 50 percent to each phase.

\*\* Tender amount of \$258,871 included \$21,515 of optional work that was not required.

***Thank you to all our rate payers for their patience & cooperation during this construction project!***

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

JULY 20, 2011  
AUGUST 17, 2011  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

LOCATION: 5031 MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD (DEEP BAY FIRE HALL)

TIME: 7:00 PM - PUBLIC IS WELCOME

Regular board meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates can be confirmed at the office and on the website.

## CONTACT US:

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## Fire Department News

**Backyard Burning:** Due to the Fire Hazard rating permits are not being issued for open burning until further notice. Please contact the Fire Department at 250-757-2030 with any questions or concerns.

***Campfires are still allowed and do not require a permit but if a total burn ban is put in place, it also applies to campfires.***

Check the website and Fire Hazard signs at the top of Jamieson and Gainsberg Roads for indication of the fire hazard rating and notice of total burn ban.



If you see an illegal burn, dial 911 to have the Fire Department dispatched