

The Pipeline

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Can you spare a few hours a month?

Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department has been doing an amazing job supporting our community. Now we need to support them. Equipment to run a fire department, trucks, Jaws of Life, oxygen, uniforms and much more is very expensive to maintain and replace. The smaller items are funded through our regular fire services tax dollars and a levy was added a few years ago to start putting aside money to replace the trucks. This money will fall far short of the actual cost, and our current projection is to borrow half the money (\$300,000) to replace our main pumper truck when it becomes mandatory in 2018. Other items that are not currently funded for replacement include the Jaws of Life which will cost \$40,000.

Years ago there was an auxiliary to the fire department. Those volunteers, mostly spouses of firefighters spent a lot of time and energy holding bake sales, pancake breakfasts, garage sales and the like, raising over \$80,000. It was heart-felt, financially successful but exhausting and eventually unsustainable. Very few of us have that much time to commit to any volunteer position!

The Fire Services Committee would like to see a non-profit society re-formed with a slightly different mandate. We envision a small group of people with the skills to focus attention on grant applications, gaming funds and donations, all of which are readily available in large amounts, but inaccessible to our fire department because it cannot be registered as a non-profit.

The skills needed include someone to be the public face of the society, someone with adequate bookkeeping skills to manage the donation receipts and file the regular paperwork with the government and someone to write the grant applications, which are pretty straight-forward. A creative thinker to suggest other opportunities would also be an asset to the society. This could even be done by a snowbird since most of the work is computer-based. The time commitment would not need to be significant but the rewards would be huge for our community.

If you think you would like to help with this project, please contact Leslie at the DBID office.

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

How do you compare?

Some comparison numbers for this invoice period:

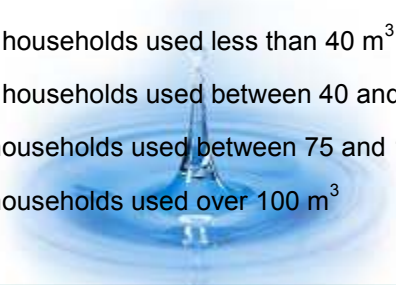
4 % of all households used no water

52 % of all households used less than 40 m³

28 % of all households used between 40 and 74 m³

7 % of all households used between 75 and 100 m³

9 % of all households used over 100 m³



Drips and Drops

- ◆ **Rain Gauges and toilet tabs** – available for pick up at the office. Rain gauges allow you to monitor how much water your lawn or garden is actually getting. Lawns require only 1 inch of water per week including rainfall. Toilet tabs can detect a running toilet when it may not be obvious.
- ◆ **AGM Reports** – for those of you that were unable to attend the AGM held on April 26, 2012, copies of the 2011 Annual **Report and Audited Financials** are available at the office and on the website.
- ◆ **Election results from AGM** - Elections were held at the AGM to fill two 3-year terms. Pam Smyth and Linda McKay were elected to fill the terms that expire in 2015.
- ◆ **Pre-payment of accounts** – Rate payers that are having difficulty with the annual parcel & fire tax invoice, may make pre-payments to their accounts to reduce the balance owing once invoices are issued. Please contact the office for further details.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

JULY 18, 2012

AUGUST 15, 2012

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

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 at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates can be confirmed at the office and on the website.

CONTACT US:

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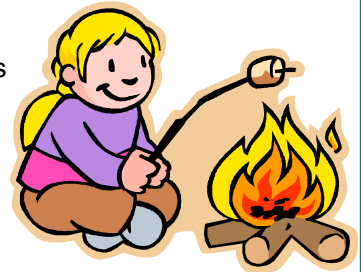
WEBSITE: www.dbid.ca

Fire Department News

Burn permit info

A burn permit is required for any backyard burns, including the use of a burn barrel. Please contact a member of the Fire Department at 250-757-2030 to obtain a permit. This requirement stays in effect until October 15th each year.

Please note that campfires do not require a permit. (Campfires are defined as an open fire that burns piled material no larger than 0.5 m in height and 0.5 m in width and is used for recreational purpose.)



Whenever you are burning outdoors always take proper safety precautions. The burn pile should be no larger than approximately 4 cubic meters (2 x 2 x 1 meters) in size and should be at least 15 meters away from any structures.

Fires must never be left unattended and a source of water (e.g. garden hose) should always be readily available.

If the fire hazard is deemed dangerously high, permits will no longer be issued. If a total burn ban is imposed, this ban will include campfires.



Water Tolls Information

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 2012 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 your consumption please do not hesitate to contact the office.