



The Pipeline

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Employment Opportunity

An immediate opening exists for an experienced, energetic person to fill the position of **Meter Reader**. This is a part-time position. DBID currently has 603 water meters that are read 4 times per year (January, April, July and October). Applicants must own a vehicle, be able to complete all readings within a reasonable time frame and be physically able to perform duties in all weather. Neat handwriting, accuracy with numbers and attention to detail are required.

Please submit resumes to the office (5031 Mountainview Rd, Bowser, BC V0R 1G0), by fax to 250-757-9312 or via email to admin@dbid.ca no later than 12:00 pm on November 26, 2014



Assessment Notices

Enclosed in this mailing is your Annual Assessment Notice. The DBID is required, under Sec. 754 of the *Local Government Act*, to send this notice annually to inform property owners of how their land is being assessed by the district. **This notice is for your information only and does not require any action on your part unless you disagree with your property classification.**

Deep Bay Fire Hall Replacement

The Deep Bay Improvement District (DBID) is considering the eventual replacement of the existing fire hall. The DBID has established a committee to review background information about the DBID fire hall project and provide recommendations to the board.

The **Fire Hall Replacement Select Committee** will be composed of: 2 DBID trustees, 2 members of the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department and **up to 4 members of the public**.

The board is still looking for interested individuals to complete an application for citizen appointment to this committee. Application forms are available from the DBID office and on the website at: www.dbid.ca.

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.

Emergency Contact Information

The office is compiling an emergency contact email list. This will be used strictly for advising and updating during emergencies (e.g. boil water advisories). To be included, please send your email contact info with your payment or send to: admin@dbid.ca

Thank you to those who have already supplied their information.

2015 Parcel & Fire Protection Taxes

To address the eventual need to replace the existing fire hall, the board of trustees have established a new "Building Renewal Fund". Monies collected under this new tax are to be used exclusively to fund renewal of the existing building.

Fire Protection Taxes fund all operating, training costs and renewal costs for all equipment and vehicles used by the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. This tax remains unchanged for 2015.

Parcel Taxes fund a "Renewal Reserve Fund" that is used for the replacement and upgrade of our existing water infrastructure. For example, in 2013/2014, Renewal Reserve Funds have been used for the installation of a SCADA system to replace and upgrade the aging (and failing) electrical at the wells and reservoir. The parcel tax rates remain unchanged for 2015.

Classification*	Parcel Tax	Fire Protection Tax	Building Renewal	Total Taxes
A (residential)	\$218	\$244	\$25	\$487.00
B1	\$246	\$249	\$26	\$521.00
B2	\$246	\$1379	\$138	\$1763.00
C	\$615	\$579	\$58	\$1252.00
D1	\$1353	\$829	\$83	\$2265.00
D2	\$1353	\$2079	\$207	\$3639.00
E1	\$218	\$244	\$25	\$487.00
E2	\$218	\$244	\$25	\$487.00
E3	\$218	\$244	\$25	\$487.00

*The majority of properties in the district are residential and fall into Classification A. Full definitions of the property classifications are included with your Assessment Notice.

2015 Parcel & Fire Protection Taxes invoices will be mailed out in January with the Quarterly Water Tolls invoice. Tolls will be due the first week of February and taxes are due on February 28th. If you are going to be away, please remember to arrange payment to avoid late penalties being applied to your accounts.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 19, 2014

DECEMBER 17, 2014

JANUARY 21, 2015

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:

DEEP BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

5031 MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD

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EMAIL: admin@dbid.ca

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - NOON MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WEBSITE: www.dbid.ca

Drips & Drops

- ◆ **Heading South?** Please remember to arrange payment for your Quarterly Water Tolls and Annual Parcel and Fire Protection invoices that will be mailed out in early January. **Pre Authorized Payment (PAP)** plans can be set up for any financial institution. **Post-dated cheques** are accepted at the office.
- ◆ **2015 Operating Budgets** and Capital Plans for Waterworks and Fire Protection were approved October 15, 2014 and are available in the office and on the website.
- ◆ In the case of a **power outage** we ask that you keep your water consumption to a minimum. Excessive water consumption during a power outage could draw down our reservoir, limiting our capabilities to deal with emergency water demands including fire protection.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

The Deep Bay Improvement District (DBID) has applied for and received registration as a “Qualified Donee” as determined by Canada Revenue Agency.

As a qualified donee, DBID is eligible to receive gifts from registered charities and to issue official receipts for gifts received. Within specified limits (as per the *Income Tax Act*) and if supported by official receipts, individual taxpayers may claim a credit against taxes payable, and corporations may claim a deduction in computing taxable income, for the eligible amount of a gift made to a qualified donee.

If you were thinking of making a gift of a donation this Christmas, please think of your volunteer Fire Department. Donations in support of our new fire hall will go directly to the Building Renewal Fund. If you wish to donate for some specific item, please contact the Fire Department for suggestions as to what may be needed.

DEEP BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas Food Hamper

Door-to-door Collection

On behalf of the Bowser Legion Ladies' Auxilliary

Saturday, November 29th

Starting 10:00 am

Please make any cheques payable to:
“Ladies’ Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion, Bowser”.

Thank you in advance for you generous support.

Deep Bay Fire Rescue Society



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The DBFR Society is holding a raffle with prizes to be drawn December 6th at 9 pm.

Tickets are just \$2.00 each and are available at Salish Sea Market, Bowser Builders, the Union Bay Credit Union in Bowser and the DBID office. Members of the fire department and the Fire Rescue Society also have tickets.

Win a fishing trip for 3, a beautiful Christmas quilt or a lovely gift basket.

Full information on the draws and prizes is available where tickets are sold.

BOTTLE DRIVE

The Deep Bay Fire Rescue Society will be holding a bottle drive on **Saturday January 10th from 10 am - Noon.**

Just in time for the empties from all your holiday festivities!

Please place bottles on the curb before 10 AM on Saturday for pickup by one of our volunteers.

Did you know? You may donate your bottles anytime by dropping them off at the Bottle Depot in Qualicum, Parksville, or Courtenay and just asking to have the proceeds (or any portion of the proceeds) donated to "Deep Bay Fire Rescue". All three locations have opened an account for us.

If you would like your bottles picked up at any time, call Zoe at 250-757-8694 and she will arrange collection.

