



The Pipeline

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2017 Parcel & Fire Protection Taxes

Fire Protection Taxes fund all operational, training and renewal costs (all equipment and vehicles) for the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. The fire protection tax rates remain unchanged for 2017.

As planning for the new fire hall building progresses, rates for the “**Fire Hall Building Renewal Fund**”, established in 2015, have increased. The residential rate has increased from \$25 to \$50. Monies collected under this tax are used exclusively to fund renewal of the existing building.

Parcel Taxes fund a “Renewal Reserve Fund” that is used for the replacement and upgrade of all existing water infrastructure. The parcel tax rates remain unchanged for 2017.

Classification*	Parcel Tax	Fire Protection Tax	Fire Hall Building Renewal	Total Taxes
A (residential)	\$218	\$251	\$50	\$519.00
B1	\$246	\$256	\$52	\$554.00
B2	\$246	\$1420	\$276	\$1942.00
C	\$615	\$596	\$116	\$1327.00
D1	\$1353	\$854	\$166	\$2373.00
D2	\$1353	\$2141	\$414	\$3908.00
E1	\$218	\$251	\$50	\$519.00
E2	\$218	\$251	\$50	\$519.00
E3	\$218	\$251	\$50	\$519.00

*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.

2017 Quarterly Water Tolls: There is no change to the quarterly water tolls for 2017

2017 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

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

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)** can be set up for any financial institution. **Post-dated cheques** are accepted at the office.
- ◆ **2017 Operating Budgets** and Capital Plans for Waterworks and Fire Protection were approved October 19, 2016 and copies are available at the office and on the website.



Assessment Notices

Enclosed in this mailing is your Annual Assessment Notice. The DBID is required, under Sec. 709 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.**

Fire Department News

Open burning allowed Oct. 15 – Apr. 15 without permit - conditions apply

Open Burning: no material other than *low moisture content garden refuse* may be burned.

Favourable Weather for Smoke Dispersion: burning must not be initiated unless the Environment Canada Ventilation Index is forecast as “good” for the burning period. Prior to burning check the venting index at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/venting.html> or call 1-888-281-2992.

Propane Torches for Weed Control: use is not permitted during periods when the igniting of a fire in any area may create a hazard to persons or property.

Burn Permit info

Campfires (no larger than .5 meter x .5 metre and used for recreational purposes) are permissible at any time without a permit unless a total burn ban has been implemented.

Category 2 fires (no larger than 2 meters high x 3 meters wide) do not require a permit from Oct 15 – Apr 15 unless proclaimed otherwise by the fire chief.

Category 3 fires (larger than 2 meters high by 3 meters wide) require a permit at all times.

Please note that it is the responsibility of all rate payers to be familiar with and abide by all district bylaws.

Fire Regulations Bylaw No. 223 is available for viewing at the office and is posted on the website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 21, 2016

JANUARY 18, 2017

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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

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Shock Chlorination

As many users are aware, DBID was recently required, by Vancouver Island Health Authority, to perform a “shock chlorination” to the water distribution system to address (low) background counts detected during regular water testing.

Users may have noticed a chlorine taste or odour in the water. Residual chlorine in the distribution system is monitored by our operator throughout the process to ensure that the water remains safe to drink and that the treatment is successful.

Notification to water users (should this be required again) include:

- Notification via email (please contact the office to have your email address added to our emergency contact list).
- Notice and updates posted on the website.
- Notice and updates posted at the office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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 (like the Deep Bay Fires/Rescue Society) 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 the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. Donations in support of our new fire hall will go directly to the Fire Hall Replacement Fund. Donations can also be directed to equipment purchases or vehicle replacement. Please note that our volunteers are not able to accept donations directly.

Many thanks to the Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society for their donation of \$5000.00 presented to the board on October 19, 2016 in support of the Fire Hall Replacement Fund.



DEEP BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas Food Hamper Door-to-door Collection

On behalf of The Salvation Army

Saturday, November 26th

Starting 10:00 am

Please make any cheques payable to:
"The Salvation Army"

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society

October 19, 2016: The Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society made a donation in the amount of \$5000.00 to the Deep Bay Improvement District.

These funds have been directed towards the Fire Hall Replacement Fund.

This donation was made possible through the sale of t-shirts, hats, and address signs and through funds raised from the bottle drives and hot dog sales at the Bowser Summer Market, as well as from direct donations received.

Thank-you to the community for your continued support!



(Left to Right) Michael Smith, Candace Cowan, Barb Nixon

Volunteers are always needed for these fundraising events. If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities, please contact Barb at 250-757-9902.

Reflective Address Signs: House numbers continue to pose problems for our Volunteer Fire Department. Please take a few minutes one evening to drive up to your driveway in the dark; can you clearly see your house number in the light of your vehicle? If not, First Responders will have trouble locating you in an emergency. Please consider buying a reflective sign from the DBFRS. Order forms are available at the DBID office. If you are not able to install the sign, members of the fire department have offered to assist.

T-SHIRTS & HATS FOR SALE

Youth (Small to Large) - \$18.00

Adult (Small to XL) - \$20.00

XXL and over - \$22.00

Colours available: Red, Navy and Grey

Hats: \$20.00 (Colour: Navy)

These will make great Christmas gifts and you will be supporting our hard working volunteers!

Call Barb at 250-757-9902 to purchase



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets are just \$2.00 each and are available at businesses in Bowser and the DBID office. Members of the fire department and the Fire/Rescue Society also have tickets available.

Draw date December 3, 2016, winners will be notified December 4, 2016

Prizes include: Cluxewe Resort – 7 nights camping with full hook-up, CK9S Dog Training Course, The Word on Nature – Hand Painted Wall Plaque, Tigh-Na-Mara – 2 Mineral Pool Passes to Grotto, Surfside Hair Salon Gift Certificate and More!

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

Next Bottle Drive: Saturday February 4th from 10 am – 2 pm: Please place your refundable containers on the curbside (before 10 am) on Saturday, February 4th for pickup by one of our volunteers or bring them by the Fire Hall, on the day of the drive (before 2 pm).