



The Pipeline

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2019 Taxes & Tolls Information

Parcel Taxes fund a “Renewal Reserve Fund” that is used for the replacement and upgrade of all existing water infrastructure. To address the rising costs of infrastructure replacement, there has been a \$25 increase to Parcel taxes for 2019.

Fire Protection Taxes fund all operational, training and renewal costs (all equipment and vehicles) for the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Protection taxes have been increased by \$25 for 2019 to address the increasing costs of supplies and equipment. Funding for the capital plan will increase from \$60,000 to \$75,000/year. There has been no change to the **Fire Hall Building Renewal Taxes** and planning for the proposed new fire hall building continues to move forward.

Additional information regarding the budget decision making process is posted on the website with the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Classification*	Parcel Tax	Fire Protection Tax	Fire Hall Building Renewal	2019 Total Taxes	2018 Total Taxes
A (residential)	\$243	\$276	\$50	\$569	\$519
B1	\$274	\$282	\$52	\$608	\$554
B2	\$274	\$1562	\$276	\$2112	\$1942
C	\$686	\$656	\$116	\$1458	\$1327
D1	\$1509	\$939	\$166	\$2614	\$2373
D2	\$1509	\$2355	\$414	\$4278	\$3908
E1	\$243	\$276	\$50	\$569	\$519
E2	\$243	\$276	\$50	\$569	\$519
E3	\$243	\$276	\$50	\$569	\$519

*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.

THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE - 2019 Parcel & Fire Protection Taxes invoices will be mailed in early January along with the Quarterly Water Tolls invoice.

Tolls will be due the first week of February and taxes are due on February 28th.

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).
- ◆ E-Transfer – NEW! See your financial institution for details
- ◆ Cheque or Cash - in person at the office. Cheques can also be mailed - please do not mail cash.

Quarterly Water Tolls fund the operating budget for Waterworks. Rates have remained the same for the last 3 year and will see a small increase for 2019 to both the base rate the consumption tiers.

Base rate will increase from \$36/quarter to \$39/quarter. Consumption tiers will increase as follows:

1-50 cubic meters: from \$.50 to \$.51/m³

51-100 cubic meters from \$.60 to \$.62/m³

>100 cubic meters from \$1.00 to \$1.03/m³

These increases are effective January 1, 2019



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.**

2019 Infrastructure Renewal Projects

As part of the ongoing, scheduled replacement and upgrading of existing infrastructure, the DBID is planning to replace watermain on Seaview and Longview Drives in 2019. This was originally scheduled for 2018 but was moved to 2019 for operational reasons.

The board commissioned the drawings for the project in 2017 and obtained the required permits in 2018. Bid documents will be finalized by the end of the year to ensure that we can proceed quickly and efficiently in the New Year. Final timing of the project is still to be determined and will be dependent, in part, on the bids received as part of the tender process.

Homeowners that will be affected by this project will be receiving further detailed information directly as it becomes available.

Funds for this and similar projects come from the "Renewal Reserve Fund". This fund is built up through the annual parcel taxes.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- NOVEMBER 21, 2018
- DECEMBER 19, 2018
- JANUARY 16, 2019

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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DBID Privacy Breach

As many ratepayers are aware, a privacy breach occurred in October that affected the personal email addresses provided to DBID for the Emergency Contact List.

DBID has self-reported this breach to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of BC (OIPC) along with information regarding the subsequent unauthorized use of these email addresses.

OIPC has indicated that if ratepayers receive further unsolicited emails, they should complain directly to the sending organization referencing Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL). CASL governs all Canadian organizations including charities and not-for-profit societies and requires organizations to obtain consent (express or implied) prior to sending any communications (www.fightspam.gc.ca). If unauthorized communications still continue, complaints may be made directly to OIPC (www.oipc.bc.ca).

Fire Department News

Category 2 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.

Category 2 fires are no larger than 2 meters high x 3 meters wide and include the use of burn barrels.

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.

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 (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)** can be set up for any financial institution. **Post-dated cheques** are accepted at the office.
- ◆ **2019 Operating Budgets** and Capital Plans for Waterworks and Fire Protection were approved October 17, 2018 and copies are available from the office and on the website.



DEEP BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas Food Drive

Door-to-door Collection

On behalf of The Salvation Army

Saturday, November 17th

Door-to-door starting 10:00 am, donation drop off at the hall 10 am to 2 pm

Cash or cheque donations are welcomed

Please make cheques payable to “*The Salvation Army*”

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society

To date the society has contributed a whopping \$50,000 towards the Fire Hall Renewal project.

The society volunteered at the Beachfest this summer and has received \$4,400 as their portion of the gate donations!

Thank-you to the community for your continued support!

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



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



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 1, 2018, winners will be notified December 2, 2018

*Prizes include: Cowichan Sweater – knit by **Sam MacKay**, Handcrafted piece by **Tanglewood Cedar**, **BC Ferries Voucher**, **Relax and Pampered Package**, **Wooden Fire Engine** and more!*

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

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 Fire Department volunteers are not able to solicit for or accept donations directly.