

The Pipeline

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Deep Bay Fire Hall Project

Fire Hall Borrowing Referendum Results:

- Voting was held on July 9 & July 13 from 8 am to 8 pm on both days.
- A total of 384 ballots were cast. The total estimated number of eligible voters in the DBID is 990 resulting in a voter turnout of just over 38%.
- 242 ballots (63%) were in favour of the borrowing.

The board is now proceeding with the next steps to move the fire hall project forward.

A borrowing bylaw was approved by the board at the July 17, 2019 board meeting and sent to the province for approval, registration and filing. Bylaw No. 239 has now been approved allowing DBID to arrange construction financing with RBC.

The building permit package is being finalized for submission to the Regional District of Naimo and pre-qualification documents are being accepted from firms interested in bidding on the supply and erection of the steel building.

2020 Budget Information - October 16, 2019

The DBID trustees have been meeting over the last several weeks to review the 2020 operating budgets and the capital budgets line by line for both Waterworks and Fire Protection.

The board will be considering the 2020 Waterworks and Fire Protection budgets including revenue requirements for 2020 (Parcel and Fire Protection tax rates and quarterly water toll rates) at the regular October board meeting.

Rate payers are encouraged to attend the **October 16, 2019** board meeting (7:00 pm start). There will be an opportunity for ratepayers to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed budgets. Draft budget packages will be available from the office and on the website by October 11.

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** – See your financial institution for details
- ◆ **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:

2% of all households used no water

40% of all households used less than 40 m³

25% of all households used between 40 and 74 m³

10% of all households used between 75 and 100 m³

23% of all households used over 100 m³

Fire Department News

Recent Structure Fires

On August 4th and 12th the **Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Dept.** attended two serious house fires. The first one, on Deep Bay Drive, came at 1:30 am and the 14 firefighters from DBVFD were on scene in 11 minutes. Also attending to assist were the Bow Horn Bay VFD, BC Ambulance and BC Hydro. The call was over by 6:30 am with further monitoring needed. The fire was knocked down quickly but the house involved sustained serious damage and will be torn down.

The second one on Gainsberg Rd. was in the evening at 9 pm. Part of the department was on scene at a Motor Vehicle Incident when the call came but all 16 members and apparatus responded within 12 minutes. The house involved was under construction and so was fully involved very quickly. Again, Bow Horn Bay Fire VFD, BC Hydro and BC Ambulance assisted. This call was over by 1am with further monitoring after that.

Neither fire has been deemed suspicious with electrical problems and oily rags possibly involved. No one was injured in either fire.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

OCTOBER 16, 2019
NOVEMBER 20, 2019
DECEMBER 18, 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:

DEEP BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

5031 MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD

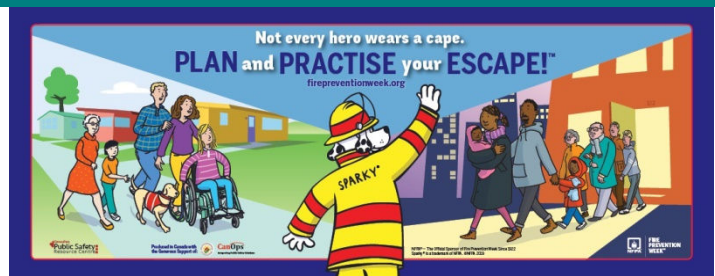
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Burn permits required until October 15th!

Confirm...before you burn! Check Environment Canada's daily ventilation index for Central Vancouver Island to confirm if burning is permitted. Outdoor burning is restricted when the index is POOR or FAIR. The conditions must be GOOD on the day you burn as per DBID Bylaw No. 223. Be considerate of your neighbours when burning so you don't impact their daily routine or health. Burn materials hot, infrequently and ONLY when venting permits so the smoke goes straight up.

Venting index information available at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/venting.html> or call 1-888-281-2992.

Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society

- ☛ **The July 6, 2019 bottle drive** raised a record \$3585.25 and an additional \$90 in donations! **Thank you, thank-you!**
- ☛ **Next bottle drive is October 19th**
- ☛ **Accountant?** The DBFRS is looking for someone who would be willing to donate their time to audit their financials, call Barb: 250-757-9902

Check DBFRS Facebook for more details



Drips & Drops..

- ◆ **2020 Parcel & Fire Protection Tax** invoices will be issued in January in addition to the Quarterly Water Tolls invoices. Please be sure to arrange payment if you will be away (taxes are due Feb. 28, 2020).
- ◆ **Assessment Notices** will be mailed out in November. These notices will tell you how your property has been classified per DBID Assessment Bylaw No. 220.