



The Pipeline

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COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

Office & Fire Hall Closed to Public: DBID is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our staff, volunteers and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure district staff and volunteers can continue to provide services, the District office and Deep Bay Fire Hall have been closed to the public effective March 19, 2020 and will remain closed until further notice.

Board meetings may be rescheduled or cancelled as necessary or held via conference call and will not be open to the public.

In the meantime, DBID staff is still in the office to help you with any questions you may have via telephone or email. **We encourage on-line banking or e-transfer for payments to your DBID accounts**, or you may drop off payments at the office through a secured mail slot in the front door. Payment receipts can be mailed out upon request however if you are due any change from a cash payment, this will be added as a credit to your account. Using electronic payment options will limit contact with office staff to keep them healthy and available to maintain operations of the water system and fire department.

We will continue to provide information to our residents and businesses by telephone, email and provide updates on our website.

DBID AGM & Elections Postponed: DBID has postponed the 2020 AGM scheduled for April 7, 2020. This decision is a result of the advisories issued by the BC Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Health regarding the risk of spreading the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Trustees whose terms are due to expire will continue to serve until an election can be scheduled in conjunction with the AGM. These decisions are supported by the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Division.

Thank you.

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 – through mail slot at the office. Cheques can also be mailed - please do not mail cash.

How do you compare?

Some comparison numbers for this invoice period:

7% of all households used no water

74% of all households used less than 40 m³

12% of all households used between 40 and 74 m³

3% of all households used between 75 and 100 m³

4% of all households used over 100 m³

Fire Department News

All Open Burns are Banned as of April 15 Campfires OK

As of April 15, 2020 there will be a burning ban in effect for any fires that would normally require a permit to do so.

Burn ban signs will be visible at the top of Jamieson Rd and Gainsberg Rd.

Any burning done before this date should NOT be done before visiting the BC government venting index page. If the venting index for Central Vancouver Island says poor or fair for the day you plan to burn you should NOT be burning. <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/>

Camp fires will be allowed using only dry timber - **no green or wet wood** as this produces high volumes of smoke.

These restrictions come as a result of people possibly struggling with current COVID-19 respiratory illness and others who have current respiratory illnesses that are isolating at home like all of us should be doing.

Be kind to your neighbours. We are all in this together.

Thank you,

George Lenz, Fire Chief

Drips & Drops..

- ◆ **Spring Flushing:** DBID will be conducting a spring flush of the mains around the time of this mail out (early April). Users may notice some fluctuating pressures during this time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

APRIL 15, 2020

MAY 20, 2020

JUNE 17, 2020

FOR HEALTH REASONS, ALL MEETINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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.

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"BE KIND, BE CALM AND BE SAFE."

Dr. Bonnie Henry

Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society

- ☛ **Society AGM Postponed** – Watch for notices at your community mailboxes for rescheduling.
- ☛ **The February 29, 2020 bottle drive** raised almost \$2700. **Thank you, thank-you!**
- ☛ **Next bottle drive date is still to be determined. The recycling depots are currently closed and physical distancing requirements cannot be met.**

Once it is safe to do so, notices with date, time and location for the next bottle drive will be posted at your community mailboxes.

No Early Bottle Drop Off – Residents are asked to please hang onto their empty bottles until the next scheduled bottle drive.

With current health concerns, empty bottles and cans cannot be dropped off at the fire hall.

- ☛ Please call Barb at 250-757-9902 if you would like to lend a hand to this (or any) fund raising effort

Check DBFRS Facebook for more

