



The Pipeline

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Drips & Drops

- ◆ **Watering Restrictions** – Vancouver Island is currently at **Drought Level 4** (out of 4) indicating extremely dry conditions. The [BC Drought Response Plan](#) recommends a maximum reduction in water use. DBID has not imposed mandatory watering restrictions but asks users to please continue to use our water resource responsibly and wisely. In 2014 (also a dry summer) **two-thirds of households used less than 75 cubic meters** over the summer period (July – September) – let's see if we can beat that for 2015! The RDN website (www.rdn.bc.ca) has extensive information on using water efficiently and information pamphlets are available at the office along with water gauges to help determine how much water is actually being used on your garden.

Many neighbouring communities are facing severe water shortages. Don't take our water for granted!

- ◆ The DBID participated recently in a consultation process regarding draft Provincial groundwater guidelines including: *British Columbia Guidelines (Microbiological) for Maintaining Water Quality within Distribution Systems (Secondary Disinfection)*. The DBID board has clearly communicated that it is opposed to any initiative that would require secondary disinfection (chlorination) regardless of a pristine water source, system size or management practices. More information is available on the Ministry of Environment website under "[Drinking Water Quality](#)".

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.

Have you heard the latest?
"Blonde is the new green"
(For lawns that is)

Deep Bay Fire Rescue Society

House numbers (or lack thereof) continue to pose problems for emergency responders. Reducing response time can literally mean the difference between life and death. Please consider purchasing a **reflective address 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.

A big THANK YOU to all for the excellent turn out for the **Bottle Drive & Spring Clean** event that was held in May. The bottle drive brought in over \$1500 and the society also received \$700 in donations! It was a lot of work for the volunteers but the community support made it worthwhile!

Summer Bottle Drive is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th from 10 am to 2 pm.

As with previous bottle drives, place your clean, empty, refundable containers at the curb prior to 10 am for pick up by one of the society volunteers.

Also, a reminder that 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".

For more info on
Deep Bay Fire
Rescue Society
activities call
Barb at
250-757-9902



Fire Department News

Total Burning Ban

Effective Friday, June 26 and until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, is banned in the Deep Bay Improvement District fire protection area

This ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, tiki torches and burning barrels. The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that do not meet these conditions are prohibited.

The Coastal Fire Centre also implemented a campfire ban due to dry forest fuel conditions and rising temperatures. The ban is intended to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.

Please contact a member of the Deep Bay Fire Department at 250-757-2030 if you have any questions. Nearly half of the wildfires that occur each year are human-caused.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!

Fire Hall Renewal Project

The Fire Hall Renewal Committee has met several times and is working on developing options that will address the needs of the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department cost effectively.



The Committee and DBID board will be holding a presentation/information session in conjunction with the October board meeting. This will be an opportunity to meet the volunteer members of the committee and to ask any questions you may have on the work done to date.

Please check the website for information closer to the meeting date of October 21, 2015.

Rate Payer Tip:

Be sure to turn your outside taps off at the faucet when hoses are not in use. Sprayer nozzles can fail and pressure can build in the hose causing leaks and water waste. L.M.

Thanks for the tip! Do you have a tip you would like to share? Let us know!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

JULY 15, 2015

AUGUST 19, 2015

SEPTEMBER 16, 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.

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Water usage up almost 20% from 2014 and summer is just starting!

Households for the April – June period:

2014	2015	Water use
4%	4%	used no water
45%	41%	used less than 40 m ³
29%	25%	used between 40 and 74 m ³
10%	11%	used between 75 and 100 m ³
12%	19%	used over 100 m ³ (That's 117 households in 2015 up from 73 in 2014)

Total water use for April – June 2015 was **39,553 m³** up from April – June 2014 use of 33,444 m³. The additional 6109 cubic meters can be accounted for almost exclusively by the increase in users that used over 100 m³. **Voluntary conservation now will reduce the need for mandatory restrictions and help maintain the health of our aquifer. Be WaterSmart!**