



The Pipeline

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2016 Parcel & Fire Protection Taxes

Fire Protection Taxes fund all operating, training costs and renewal costs for all equipment and vehicles used by the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. To address the rising costs of replacement equipment, there has been a 3% increase for 2016. This tax has not been increased since 2010.

Rates for the "Building Renewal Fund", established last year, remain unchanged. Monies collected under this tax are to be 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 our existing water infrastructure. The parcel tax rates remain unchanged for 2015.

Classification*	Parcel Tax	Fire Protection Tax	Building Renewal	Total Taxes
A (residential)	\$218	\$251	\$25	\$494.00
B1	\$246	\$256	\$26	\$528.00
B2	\$246	\$1420	\$138	\$1804.00
C	\$615	\$596	\$58	\$1269.00
D1	\$1353	\$854	\$83	\$2290.00
D2	\$1353	\$2141	\$207	\$3701.00
E1	\$218	\$251	\$25	\$494.00
E2	\$218	\$251	\$25	\$494.00
E3	\$218	\$251	\$25	\$494.00

*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.

2016 Quarterly Water Tolls

The base rate for the quarterly water tolls will increase from \$33 to \$36 per quarter effective January 2016. Consumption charges remain unchanged. Water tolls are used to fund the operating expenses for the waterworks - this is the first tolls increase since 2011.

2016 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 RBC or National Bank).
- Cheque or Cash - in person at the office. Cheques can also be mailed - please do not mail cash.

Employment Opportunity Upcoming

There is a position opening up for a **part-time Administrative Assistant** for the Deep Bay Improvement District.

Job posting details are being finalized and will be available at the office and on the website shortly.



Assessment Notices

Enclosed in this mailing is your Annual Assessment Notice. The DBID is required, under Sec. 754 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

Updated Fire Regulations Bylaw

Fire Regulations Bylaw No. 223 was registered with the province on November 2, 2015 replacing the previous bylaw passed in 2001. Some updates of note:

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. The full bylaw is available for viewing at the office and is posted on the website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 16, 2015

JANUARY 20, 2016

FEBRUARY 17, 2016

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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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.
- ◆ **2016 Operating Budgets and Capital Plans** for Waterworks and Fire Protection were approved October 21, 2015 and copies are available in the office and on the website.
- ◆ **Fire Hall Renewal Open House** – the Fire Hall Renewal Committee held a presentation and open house on October 21st. If you were unable to attend, the presentation information is available on the website.

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 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.

RBC EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING GRANT

A big **THANK-YOU** to **RBC Royal Bank** and community volunteer **Don Milburn**. By volunteering both as a trustee of the Deep Bay Improvement District and as a member of the Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society, Don was able to successfully apply for an Employee Grant provided by RBC Royal Bank.

As part of their **Employee Volunteering and Fundraising** program, RBC Royal Bank has provided a cheque to the Deep Bay Improvement District in the amount of **\$500** and Don has asked that these funds be directed towards our building renewal fund.

DEEP BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas Food Hamper

Door-to-door Collection

On behalf of the Bowser Legion Ladies' Auxiliary

Saturday, November 28th

Starting 10:00 am

Please make any cheques payable to:

*"Ladies' Auxiliary,
Royal Canadian Legion, Bowser"*



Thank you in advance for you generous support.

Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society

BREAKING NEWS! After considerable effort by both the current and previous society directors, the Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society is now a Canadian Registered Charity. The designation as a Registered Charity will allow the society to access additional grant monies and to issue tax receipts for donations made directly to the society. Remember – every dollar that is collected through grants and donations to support our volunteers is one less dollar that has to be collected through your taxes.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Youth (Small to Large) - \$18.00

Adult (Small to XL) - \$20.00

XXL and over - \$22.

Colours available:

Red, Navy and Grey

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

Call Barb at 250-757-9902 to purchase t-shirts



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 5, 2015

Prizes include: 1 nights stay in a Spa Studio suite at **Tigh Na Mara**, 1 week stay with free hook ups at **Cluxewe Resort** in Port McNeil, Strawberry Tea for 2 & tour of the **Deep Bay Marine Field Station**, \$110 gift voucher for **Arrowsmith Golf & Country Club**, 1 Chimney Clean & Inspection by **Oliver's Power Vac and Chimney Sweep**, your choice of a Kids or Christmas quilt, \$20 gift certificate from **Independent Shipwrights** and a Christmas Hamper full of Goodies!

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

BOTTLE DRIVE

Start the New Year with a clean sweep!

Saturday January 23rd from 10 am – 1 pm

Please place your refundable containers on the curbside before 10 AM on Saturday, January 23rd for pickup by one of our volunteers.

Would you like to get involved or help out with fund raising activities?

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