



# The Pipeline

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## 2018 Parcel & Fire Protection Taxes

**Fire Protection Taxes** fund all operational, training and renewal costs (all equipment and vehicles) for the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. The fire protection tax rates remain unchanged for 2018.

Planning for the new fire hall building is progressing. There has been no change to the rates that go directly to the **"Fire Hall Building Renewal Fund"**. Monies collected under this tax are 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 all existing water infrastructure. The parcel tax rates remain unchanged for 2018.

Classification*	Parcel Tax	Fire Protection Tax	Fire Hall Building Renewal	Total Taxes
<b>A (residential)</b>	<b>\$218</b>	<b>\$251</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$519.00</b>
B1	\$246	\$256	\$52	<b>\$554.00</b>
B2	\$246	\$1420	\$276	<b>\$1942.00</b>
C	\$615	\$596	\$116	<b>\$1327.00</b>
D1	\$1353	\$854	\$166	<b>\$2373.00</b>
D2	\$1353	\$2141	\$414	<b>\$3908.00</b>
E1	\$218	\$251	\$50	<b>\$519.00</b>
E2	\$218	\$251	\$50	<b>\$519.00</b>
E3	\$218	\$251	\$50	<b>\$519.00</b>

\*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.

**2018 Quarterly Water Tolls:** There is no change to the quarterly water toll rates for 2018

2018 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 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).
- ◆ **Cheque or Cash** - in person at the office. Cheques can also be mailed - please do not mail cash.

### 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.
- ◆ **2018 Operating Budgets** and Capital Plans for Waterworks and Fire Protection were approved October 18, 2017 and copies are available at the office and on the website.



## 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.**

## 2018 Infrastructure Renewal Projects

As part of the ongoing, scheduled replacement and upgrading of existing infrastructure, the DBID is planning to replace watermains on Seaview and Longview Drives in 2018. The existing watermains and service lines from the main to the water meters have experienced several breaks over the years and are undersized for today's engineering standards.

The board has commissioned the drawings for the project in 2017 so that we will be able to 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 paid by all ratepayers.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 20, 2017  
JANUARY 17, 2018  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018

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

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In addition to the main replacement project, the district is also planning on replacing two fire hydrants on Faye Road and installing an additional hydrant on Thompson Clarke Dr. West.

Again, customers expected to be affected by any water shut-offs, etc. will be contacted directly.

## Fire Department News

### 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.

**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.

**Fire Regulations Bylaw No. 223** is available for viewing at the office and is posted on the website.



## DEEP BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Christmas Food Hamper Door-to-door Collection

On behalf of The Salvation Army

**Saturday, November 25th**

**Starting 10:00 am**

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

*Thank you in advance for your generous support.*

## Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society



**Pictured:** Mick Smith DBVFD Officer (left) and Barb Nixon, DBFRS President (right) presented a cheque for \$8,000 to Tom Plensky, DBID Chair (centre) on August 16, 2017. These funds will go towards the cost of building a new fire hall and will reduce taxes for us all!

To date the society has contributed a whopping \$31,000 towards the hall cost.

The society volunteered at the Beachfest this summer and has received \$3300 as their portion of the gate donations!

**Thank-you to the community for your continued support!**

***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 2, 2017, winners will be notified December 3, 2017**

**Prizes include: *Kwa'ilias Hotel* – 2 nights stay, *Tanglewood Cedar* – Wooden Planter Box, *BC Ferries* - Certificates, *The Word on Nature* – Hand Crafted Pieces, *Comtech* – Certificate, and More!**

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

***Next bottle drive: Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm***

### 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.***