



The Pipeline

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Please see enclosed Trustee Election Notice and AGM Notice

**DBID OFFICE IS OPEN FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED
PLEASE DO NOT COME IN IF YOU ARE SICK OR REQUIRED TO SELF-ISOLATE**

Deep Bay Fire Hall Project

After several delays (including COVID related supply chain issues) over the past few months, the fire hall is almost finished. Both the lower and upper floors are substantially complete (97%). The exterior deck is done with guard railings and stairs recently completed.

There are a few outstanding items to be addressed with the last of the HVAC/Plumbing upstairs, final electrical work and some identified deficiencies to be addressed.

As of this printing, we are anticipating receiving an occupancy permit from the Regional District of Nanaimo near the end of October.

We are on the home stretch and everyone will be very excited to see this project completed!

The move-in will be an "all hands on deck" affair that the Fire Chief will be coordinating. We hope to hold a Grand Opening but with indoor gathering restrictions, dates & details are still pending.

2022 Budget Information

The DBID trustees have been meeting over the last several weeks to review the 2022 operating budgets and the capital budgets, line by line, for both Waterworks and Fire Protection.

The board will be considering the 2022 Waterworks and Fire Protection budgets including revenue requirements for 2022 at the October 20th board meeting.

Due to in-person meeting space constraints, ratepayers are encouraged to submit questions/feedback in writing in advance of the meeting, rather than attend in person.

These submissions will be presented to the board and responses will be provided and will form part of the meeting minutes.

Draft budget packages will be available from the office and on the website by October 15.

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, send transfers to finance@dbid.ca
- ◆ **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:

- 3% of all households used no water
- 29% of all households used less than 40 m³
- 23% of all households used between 40 and 74 m³
- 13% of all households used between 75 and 100 m³
- 32% of all households used over 100 m³

FireSmart Economic Recovery Grant

The Deep Bay Improvement District (DBID) has received a \$150,000 grant under the FireSmart Economic Recovery Grant Fund. This grant is part of a job creation program and will be used to hire 3 employees to conduct BCFireSmart Home Ignition Zone Assessments within the DBID.

3 Job opportunities are available - 1 FireSmart Coordinator and 2 FireSmart Labourers. Full job descriptions and remuneration are available on the DBID website (www.DBID.ca). The term for these 3 positions is November 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 or earlier if funding is depleted. If you are interested in applying, please submit a resume and cover letter which clearly outlines your suitability by October 15, 2021, either by email to DBIDfiresmart@shaw.ca or by mailing/delivering to:

Deep Bay Improvement District, 5031 Mountainview Road, Bowser, V0R 1G0.

This grant will be used to fund FireSmart home assessments for eligible Deep Bay Improvement District Home Owners. The FireSmart Coordinator and FireSmart Labourers will work within the DBID community to assist eligible homeowners to assess and provide FireSmart recommendations to reduce wildfire hazards on their properties and take reasonable measures to mitigate these hazards.

Eligible homes include residential properties within in the Deep Bay Improvement District, owned by seniors (65 and older), elders, people with limited mobility or vulnerable populations who cannot undertake mitigation activities themselves. We are currently accepting applications from eligible DBID home owners to have your home assessed. Application forms are available on the website, and are also available at the DBID office, 5031 Mountainview Road. Completed applications should be emailed to DBIDfiresmart@shaw.ca or delivered to the DBID office. Home assessment appointments are scheduled to begin in early November.

Visit FireSmartBC.ca for detailed information on how to reduce the potential impacts of wildfire on your home.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

OCTOBER 20, 2021

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 (REVISED DATE)

DECEMBER 15, 2021

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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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - NOON MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WEBSITE: www.dbid.ca

Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society

- ☛ **Memberships**-The Society needs to maintain a good level of members so anyone in the community who would like to purchase a \$10 membership would be appreciated.
- ☛ **Next Bottle Drive** is scheduled for **Oct. 23, 2021**. No garbage please! Only items on which there has been a deposit paid. Clear bags only please. Community volunteers are needed for this excellent fund raising activity.
- ☛ **The July 10th** bottle drive raised \$10,604.70!
Many thanks to all involved!

Please call Barb at 250-757-9902 with any questions

