

April 2024

DEEP BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PIPELINE NEWSLETTER

DBID PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 9:00 – 12:00 PM

After Hours Water Emergencies: 250.951.8757

All other emergencies (INCLUDING SMOKE COMPLAINTS) dial 911

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility, especially during a drought. By conserving water, you can help to protect our natural resources.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, April 18th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (DBID Fire Hall)

Wednesday, April 24th – 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting (**Lighthouse Community Centre**)

Thursday, May 16th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (DBID Fire Hall)

Regular Board Meetings are open to the public. To be added to the agenda as a delegation or petition please contact the office at least 4 business days prior to the meeting. The question period at the end of each regular meeting allows attendees to ask questions relating to any agenda item. Agendas are posted on the website 3 working days prior to meetings.

DBID Employment Opportunity – There is an immediate opening for a Part-Time District Administrator for the Deep Bay Improvement District. Full job posting details are available on the website at DBID.ca

DBID Volunteer Opportunity – The DBID Board of Trustees has created a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and is looking for 2 ratepayers who are interested in sitting on this committee. Additional details available on the website at DBID.ca

Reservoir Update – the external and internal inspections were completed in February 2024. With a few minor exterior repairs engineers estimate another decade of serviceable life.

TCW Update – contacted engineering firms are developing cost estimates to relocate the water main currently under threat from a failing steep slope. RDN Parks Dept was recently onsite and is very interested in realigning their now closed ravine path to the new route of the relocated water main that would link Ocean Trail to TCW and to Faye Rd. via an existing road allowance.

Annual General Meeting - April 24th, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Lighthouse Community Centre, 240 Lions Way, Qualicum Bay

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ◆ **Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan** is available for all financial institutions. See www.dbid.ca for applications.
- ◆ **On-line/Telephone banking** - set up for most financial institutions (not available for HSBC, National or RBC).
- ◆ **E-Transfer** – transfer to finance@dbid.ca
- ◆ **Cheque or Cash** – Pay at the office. Cheques can be mailed

- ◆ **Quarterly Water Tolls** fund the operating budget for Waterworks.
- ◆ **New rates in effect:**
- ◆ Base rate: \$64.35/quarter (no water allowance)
- ◆ Consumption tiers are as follows:
- ◆ 1-50 cubic meters: \$.58/m³
- ◆ 51-100 cubic meters: \$.72/m³
- ◆ >100 cubic meters: \$1.19/m³

Reminder: Annual Parcel and Fire Protection Tax Due on May 15th – invoices are included with this mailout.

How do you compare?

Some water consumption numbers for this invoice period:

8% of all households used no water

73% of all households used less than 40 m3

13% of all households used between 40 and 74 m3

2% of all households used between 75 and 100 m3

4% of all households used over 100 m3

Emergency Contact Information

The office maintains an emergency contact **email list**. This is used strictly for advising and updating during emergencies (e.g. boil water advisories). To be included, please send your email contact info with your payment or send to: admin@dbid.ca
Thank you to those who have already responded.

Fire Department News – 8-5 has arrived!

It's here! Our new engine, to be called 8-5, arrived on a snowy early March day to the delight of the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department members who have been anxiously awaiting its arrival. 8-5 is looking like it will be all that was hoped for. Much work is happening to get it operational, putting on the equipment such as hoses and configuring the communication equipment. In late spring the department will be holding an open house (date TBA) for the public to come and pat the bumpers. She's a beaut!!!



DEEP BAY FIRE/RESCUE SOCIETY

The Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society (DBFRS) is an independent entity and operates separately from the DBID and the Fire Department. The DBFRS is a non-profit society and a registered charity able to issue tax receipts for donations. All monies raised stay in the community and directly support the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. DBFRS have donated a total of **\$207,670** since 2014! Well done everyone! Many thanks to all who support the DBFRS.

- 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. A reminder that we have hats and t-shirts also for sale.
- Reflective street signs are available for purchase, forms are available at the DBID office.
- The next Bottle Drive is scheduled for July 6, 2024. The March 16th bottle drive raised **over \$5,000!**
- 2nd Annual Garage Sale is in the works - more information will be posted on signs at the mail boxes.
- We have applied to be Gate Ambassadors once again for Parksville Beachfest July 15 – August 18.

DBFRS AGM – April 23, 2024 – 7:00 pm at the Firehall.

Please call Barb at 250-757-9902 with any questions of if you would like to lend a hand

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