

**DBID PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS**

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY - 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

After Hours Water Emergencies: 250.951.8757

All other emergencies (INCLUDING SMOKE COMPLAINTS) dial 911

- Upcoming Meetings**
- Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (DBID Fire Hall)
  - Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (DBID Fire Hall)
  - Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 prior to board meetings. Meetings are subject to change, please check the website to confirm meeting dates and times.

**TCW Project update** - McElhanney engineers continue to work on project cost estimates with consultations with the Island Corridor Foundation, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and environmental studies done by Aquaparian Consulting.

**Water Restrictions – Stage 3 (Voluntary)**

As a result of the current drought conditions for the East Vancouver Island region, DBID is requesting that water users voluntarily restrict their water use to Stage 3 as identified by the RDN. This allows for the following water use:

- Sprinkling may occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses for a maximum of two hours a day between 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Vegetable gardens and fruit tree watering are exempt from watering restrictions.
- Drip irrigation and hand watering are exempt.
- Other water uses such as washing vehicles and pressure washing are permitted.
- Stage 3 also encourages residents to attempt to restrict their water use beyond what is permitted.

Your cooperation to restrict water use within or even better than the restrictions noted will help maintain the health of the water aquifer. DBID will continue to monitor the aquifer regularly to determine if further restrictions are warranted. There are many areas within the RDN that are facing severe water shortages and have more restrictive Stage 4 water restrictions. Please do not take our water for granted. For further information please see DBID.ca

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- **Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan is available for all financial institutions.**  
See [www.dbid.ca](http://www.dbid.ca) for applications.
- **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, transfer to [finance@dbid.ca](mailto:finance@dbid.ca)
- **Cheque or Cash** – Pay at the office. Cheques can also be mailed.

**Previous Water Use comparison April to June**

<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
4%	4%	of households used no water
51%	34%	of households used less than 40 m3
26%	27%	of households used between 40 and 74 m3
8%	12%	of households used between 75 and 100 m3
11%	23%	of 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](mailto:admin@dbid.ca)  
Thank you to those who have already responded.

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## Fire Department News

**Current Fire Danger is HIGH Burn Ban in effect, Category 1 (Campfires) are PERMITTED**

Wildfire prevention is about more than stopping human-caused wildfires. It can happen at home, in the backcountry and through collaborative fire and fuel management. Everyone has a role to play.

Although we have had a cooler, wetter Spring, there is still always risk of wildfire and we all need to take measures to be safe. The prohibition does not include the use of outdoor stoves. As per the Wildfire Regulation, an outdoor stove is a CSA-rated or ULC-rated device used outdoors for cooking, heat or ambiance that burns charcoal briquettes, liquid fuel, or gaseous fuel, and has a flame height that is less than 15 cm tall.

**RECRUITS NEEDED!!!** Have you ever considered serving your community by volunteering with our fire department? We are always looking for people willing to lend their skills to the department but especially so right now when several of our key members have moved away from the community. If you are interested, phone or email with questions or just show up on Monday nights at 6:30 PM to check us out!

**Category 1 fires:** Any fire no larger than 0.5 meters high by 0.5 meters wide.

**Category 2 fires:** This category refers to fires, other than a campfire, that burn: Material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width. Material concurrently in 2 piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width. Stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

**Category 3 fires:** This category means an open fire that burns: Material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width. Material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 metres in height or 3 metres in width.

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## DEEP BAY FIRE/RESCUE SOCIETY – DBFRS

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 October 2023 and March 2024 bottle drives raised a whopping total of **\$16,596.20!!! WOW!!!**
- **Garage Sale** – August 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, 5190 Gainsberg Road – watch for the signs at the mailboxes.
- The Society has been accepted as Parksville Beachfest Ambassadors. We have 4 shifts starting on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our amazing volunteers!
- **Please call Barb at 250-757-9902 with any questions or if you would like to lend a hand**

### DEEP BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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