



**Deep Bay
Improvement District**
Bowser, British Columbia

PIPELINE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

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

After Hours Water Emergencies: 250-218-8932

All other emergencies (INCLUDING SMOKE COMPLAINTS) dial 911

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 29th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (*DBID Boardroom*)

Tuesday, November 18th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (*DBID Boardroom*)

Tuesday, December 16th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (*DBID Boardroom*)

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.

Watermain Flushing to Start in November

DBID will be carrying out watermain flushing that is expected to start in November 2025. The water operator will be adding chlorine to the system and will then flush the water distribution lines at an appropriate flow rate to ensure proper scouring of the pipes. This work will help ensure that the water is refreshed and any minor sediment within the pipes is removed. If water users notice a change in water appearance such as discolouration, they can clear their water lines by running cold water until it runs clear.

Please note that the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has been informed that this work will be carried out and that chlorine will be temporarily added to the water system as a protective measure during this process. This water flushing work is expected to take several weeks to complete.

Please refer to the DBID website for up-to-date information as to specifically when the flushing starts and finishes. An email notice will be sent out to all DBID residents who have signed up (currently 450 residents) to the “Subscribe Now” DBID notification system that is on the front page of the DBID website. All residents are encouraged to sign up for this service as it would enable you to receive important information regarding the DBID water system.

Results from October 4, 2025 DBID Election

Results for the election of three (3) trustees, terms effective October 29, 2025.

Diane Koch – Elected to 3-year term expiring 2028

Colin Thompson - Elected to 3-year term expiring 2028

Lisa Sharcott – Elected to 2-year term expiring 2027

A total of 233 DBID ratepayers cast their ballots. Thank you to all of those that came out to vote!

Emergency Contact Information

The office maintains a contact **email list**. This is used for advising and updating during water events (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.

REMINDER: Quarterly Water Tolls Due November 21st

Your quarterly water tolls invoice must be paid by the due day to avoid a late payment penalty.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ◆ **Pre-Authorized Payment** 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** - Please include your account number, e-transfer to finance@dbid.ca
- ◆ **Cheque or Cash** - Pay at the office. Cheques can also be mailed - please do not mail cash.

Water Use Comparison July through September

<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	Water consumption numbers for this invoice period:
1%	4%	of all households used no water
27%	25%	of all households used less than 50 m3
48%	47%	of all households used between 51 and 100 m3
24%	24%	of all households used over 101 m3



Campfires are allowed without permit, all other open burning requires a permit, YEAR ROUND.

Category 2 burns must not exceed 3 meters wide x 2 meters high. No material other than **low moisture content garden refuse** may be burned.

Venting Index must be **GOOD** on the day you burn as per DBID Bylaw No. 262.

Confirm...before you burn! Check Environment Canada's daily ventilation index for Central Vancouver Island to confirm if burning is permitted. **Outdoor burning is prohibited in the DBID when the index is POOR or FAIR.**

Be considerate of your neighbours when burning so you don't impact their daily routine or health. Burn materials hot, infrequently and ONLY when venting permits so the smoke goes straight up.

Venting index information is available at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/venting.html> or call 1-888-281-2992 (Central Vancouver Island)

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 **\$232,670** 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.
- We now offer adult size full zip hoodies in Red and Navy in addition to DBFRS hats and t-shirts.
- Reflective street signs are available for purchase, forms are available at the DBID office.
- The last bottle drive raised **\$8,523.50!!!** The next Bottle Drive is scheduled for **March 28, 2026**. Please consider giving a hand!
- We have an account set up with the bottle depots so just reference phone number 250-757-9902 and your donation will go directly to the DBFRS fund! It's a win-win!
- Our wonderful volunteers covered our 4 shifts at the Parksville Beach Festival welcoming 4650 patrons. A grand total of **\$3,008** was raised for the DBFRS.

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

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