

April 2026

DEEP BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PIPELINE NEWSLETTER

DBID PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY - 9:00 – NOON

After Hours Water Emergencies: 250.218-8932

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

Tuesday, April 21st – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 30th – 6:30 pm Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 19th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting

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.

Annual General Meeting - April 30th, 2026 – 6:30 pm

Lighthouse Community Centre, 240 Lions Way, Qualicum Bay

- ❖ **Presentation of 2025 Annual Report**
- ❖ **Auditors Report and Presentation of 2025 Financial Statements**
- ❖ **Approve the Trustee Honorarium for 2026**



Water Revenue – Tolls and Consumption - Water tolls (base rate) are budgeted to increase 12% over 2025 rates, with total revenue to increase \$21,802, to \$204,000. The individual property monthly base rate is \$26.90 in 2026 compared to \$24.02 in 2025. This is a \$2.88 increase per month.

Water consumption revenue is budgeted to increase \$8,600 over 2025 budget (from \$106,400 to \$115,000). DBID is now billing water tolls and consumption twice per year (six-month billings) rather than four times per year (three-month billings) in previous years.

Water Sample Testing - DBID normally tests the water quality in three locations per week. If an issue arises with a test result, DBID follows the direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority in terms of next steps which could include notification to residents. There is a link to VIHA water test results on the DBID website in the Water Reports Tab. The test results are normally taken early in the week and are displayed on the website at the end of the week.

Water Leaks - There have been two DBID water leaks that have been repaired so far this year. One was on Thompson Clarke West and the other on Shoreline Drive. There are also three water standpipes that have small leaks that are in the process of being repaired. In addition to this, four individual properties had leaks that were identified through the water reading process. This is consistent with previous meter readings.

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** – Please reference your account number with payment, transfer to finance@dbid.ca
- ◆ **Cheque or Cash** – Pay at the office. Cheques can be mailed - please do not mail cash

Water Use October 2025 through March 2026

Water consumption numbers for this invoice period:

4% of all households used no water

85% of all households used less than 95 m3

8% of all households used between 96 and 190 m3

3% of all households used over 191 m3

Important/Emergency Contact Information

The office maintains a contact **email list**. This is used for advising and updating during emergencies (e.g. boil water advisories) and other important water issues. To be included, please send your email contact info with your payment or send to: admin@dbid.ca. DBID has approximately 450 residents signed up for this notification. Thank you to those who have already responded.

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

Category 2 Open Fire and Category 3 Open Fire burns require a permit at all times.

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! Please 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 available on the DBID website and at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/venting.html> or call 1-888-281-2992 (Central Vancouver Island)

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spring is here and it's always a good time to remind everyone to burn ONLY on **GOOD VENTING INDEX DAYS**. You can request a Free burn permit from the Fire Department. Contact information is available on the firehall answering machine at 250-757-2030. An open invitation, if you are interested in serving the community as a fire fighter, first responder, please join us. This is a very satisfying way to help people in their time of need. I would encourage you to join our phenomenal group of volunteers. We train Monday evening 6:30 till 9:00 (except long weekends) contact us at deepbayfire@dbid.ca or just show up. Our dedicated crew is always ready to respond to the community's emergencies, providing dependable support when needed most.

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.

- 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, t-shirts and reflective hoodies for sale. Reflective street signs can also be purchased.
- The DBFRS has an account with our local bottle depots, you can reference phone number 250-757-9902 - your donation will go directly to the DBFRS fund!!! It's a win-win!
- To date, The DBFRS has raised a total of **\$264,670!** Our volunteers rock! Many thanks to all involved!

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

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