



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

PIPELINE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

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

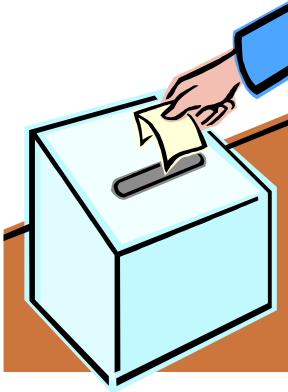
Tuesday, October 20th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (*DBID Boardroom*)

Tuesday, November 17th – 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting (*DBID Boardroom*)

Tuesday, December 15th – 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.

Trustee Election Notice



Three (3) Trustees positions, expiring in 2029 – each for a three-year term.

Nomination forms will be available on the DBID website and the DBID office.

Voting will take place at the DBID Office, 5031 Mountainview Road, Bowser.

Nomination Period opens – 9:00 am Thursday, October 22nd

Nomination Period closes – 12:00 noon Thursday, November 5th

Advance voting Opportunity - Monday, November 16th, 2026 - 3 pm to 7 pm

General voting Day – Saturday, November 21st, 2026 - 10 am to 2 pm

Watermain Flushing - November

DBID is planning to carry out watermain flushing in November. 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.

During flushing, residents may notice temporarily discoloured or cloudy water and fluctuating water pressure. This is normal and not harmful. Water may contain air bubbles or appear milky for a short time.

After flushing, if water appears discoloured, residents should run a cold water tap for 5–10 minutes until it clears. Water remains safe, but it's best to wait until it looks clear before drinking or cooking with it. Normal water pressure will return once flushing is finished.

Please note that the Island Health (VIHA) will be 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 a few weeks to complete. Please refer to the DBID website for up-to-date information.**

2027 Budget – Water and Fire Protection

The DBID Board is in the process of finalizing the water and fire protection budgets for 2027. The budget is scheduled to be completed at the October 20th, 2026 Board Meeting, and the information will be available on the DBID website.

DBID has had four water leaks that have been repaired in 2026. DBID had budgeted \$22,000 for major repairs in 2026 and it is now expected that over \$70,000 will be spent. This has necessitated a 17% increase in water rates. The minimum monthly water rate is projected to increase to \$31.50 per month, up \$4.60 per month from the \$26.90 charged in 2026. This amounts to a \$55.20 annual increase in 2027.

Water parcel taxes are used for the replacement and upgrade of all existing water infrastructure. The water parcel taxes have increased to continue to ensure the capital replacement plan is sufficiently funded for future infrastructure replacement projects, including all asbestos cement water pipes.

Fire protection taxes fund all operational, training, renewal costs (all equipment and vehicles) and building maintenance for the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department. Fire protection taxes are projected to decrease due to there being a \$457,157 surplus balance because of spending less than budgeted over several years. A portion of this surplus is planned to be used to help pay fire department operating costs in 2027.

Classification A	2027 Water Tax	2027 Fire Tax	2027 Total Tax
2027	\$519	\$411	\$930
2026	<u>\$473</u>	<u>\$481</u>	<u>\$954</u>
Change	\$46 increase	\$70 decrease	\$24 decrease

Payments for long-term borrowing for the fire hall are being collected by the Provincial Surveyor of Taxes on the annual Rural Property Tax Notice until 2041.

Water Use April through September

Water consumption numbers for this invoice period:

2026 2025

01.9% 02.1% households used no water
43.1% 45.1% households used less than 90 m3
29.1% 29.1% households used between 91 and 180 m3
25.9% 23.7% households used over 181 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.

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 **\$264,670** 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.
- DBFRS Garage Sale raised a total of \$2,138.75!!! Amazing team effort!!!
- DBFRS Bottle Drive raised a total of \$5,173.40!!! A Huge Thank you to all who were involved!!!
- The next Bottle Drive is scheduled for March 20, 2027. 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!
- Beachfest was a huge success, thank you to all involved!!!

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

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