

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 pm
Diamond Hall

TOWN OF LADYSMITH – WATER CONTRACT

As of the writing of this newsletter, we still are negotiating with the Town of Ladysmith for a new water contract. The Town's position continues to be that the residents of the Diamond Improvement District should not pay less than the residents of the Town of Ladysmith for their water. This amount includes paying a percentage of the Town of Ladysmith's water parcel tax. The Town has also asked that the agreement include a provision that any future subdivision developments would be charged the same water DCC as if they were building in the Town of Ladysmith plus the connection charges the Diamond Improvement District charges. The Town is also requesting that the new contract rates be retroactive to the end of the old contract. We are doing our best to negotiate the best agreement possible for the Diamond.

When the terms of the Agreement have been finalized and an agreement at hand, the Trustees will hold a General meeting to inform the Diamond Improvement residents of the changes in the contract and how they will affect the cost of water going forward. As we

are required to give two weeks (14 days) notice of such a meeting, please be assured that you will get notice in plenty of time before the meeting. This will, however, be an information only meeting.

CHANGE IN WATER BILLS

NEW LOOK to your water bills. Your water bill is enclosed. We have changed the format. The rates have also changed. As we know that the cost of water will significantly increase, we have now registered a new Water Tolls bylaw. The charges that you see on your water bill WILL LIKELY increase from these interim amounts, however, the Trustees felt it prudent to introduce these interim rates until the contract is finalized and the final rates can be implemented.

You will note that in your water bill there will be a change in how you are charged. We are moving away from charging by the gallon and going forward your billing usage will be in cubic metres.

Some of you will find that you are actually saving money by the new system, however, heavy consumers of water will find that their bills are significantly more. PLEASE USE WATER WISELY!

Also, please keep in mind that if you have sent in a payment on your water account since the date of the invoice, it will not be reflected on the July 1st invoice.

Please be vigilant about reporting any leaks or potential leaks in the system. Waiting can prove costly! If you know of a leak or suspect a leak, please call us immediately!

NEW DIAMOND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WEBSITE

Many thanks to Trustee Elizabeth Suttie who spent many hours creating our new DIAMOND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT website which can be found at www.didbc.com. Notices of dates of meetings, upcoming events and general information about the Diamond can be found on the site. As well, the new email addresses for Staff and Trustees are as follows:

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WATER SYSTEM PROBLEM - JUNE 11TH

On June 11th, the Diamond experienced a major problem with the water system. This problem caused the pressure in the system to fluctuate. Some people experienced problems with pressure release valves blowing. If you experienced issues and wish to let the Trustees know of any potential claim that you may

have, please forward a letter in writing detailing the issues that you had together with details of costs associated with repairing the PRV BEFORE July 31st, 2016. Once the Trustees have received all potential claims, we will contact our insurer and lawyer to discuss our next steps. Please note: The Trustees are not agreeing to payment of claims at this time. We are gathering information as to how many potential claims there may be.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

We are now on Stage 2 water restrictions. This means that we are allowed to water with sprinklers only twice per week. Even numbered houses are on Wednesday & Saturdays while Odd numbered houses are on Thursdays & Sundays. Watering hours on these days are between 7 & 9 am/pm for a total of two hours. Micro-drip systems can drip up to 4 hours per day. Hand watering can still be done daily for trees, shrubs, & gardens. No washing of houses, driveways, sidewalks, or new lawns is allowed. For more detailed information, please refer to the new website at <http://didbc.com>

OVERDUE WATER AND PARCEL TAXES

We still have several residents who have not paid their tax on time this year and/or who have allowed their water bills to get behind. If you are one of these, your bill is enclosed. Please bring your accounts up to date as soon as possible to avoid your water being shut off.

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DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Meeting, July 18, 2016 ----- 7 pm

DIAMOND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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