

NEXT MEETING

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we wish everyone a Happy New Year! May 2016 bring you all good health and happiness!

TOWN OF LADYSMITH – WATER CONTRACT

As we advised you in our last newsletter, negotiations with the Town of Ladysmith for a new contract for our water rates are continuing. We have engaged the services of a lawyer who is reviewing the contract and suggesting changes that will be in the best interests of the Diamond Improvement District. These negotiations are ongoing and we will keep you advised of where how the negotiations are proceeding. We do, however, wish to reiterate that despite our best efforts, the cost of water will be increasing in 2016 and residents should be aware of this and plan accordingly.

HALL RENTAL

The Christmas Season was a busy time for the Diamond Hall. We had many bookings during the month of December. A special thank you to Erik and Krista Aurala who take the bookings and keep the hall clean and looking great. If you would like to rent the hall for a meeting, family get together, or birthday party, please call Erik or Krista at 250-245-8317

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

We had a great turnout of youngsters, their parents and grandparents for the annual Santa Claus parade. The children were very excited to see Santa and all the firemen. Thank you to Island Farms Dairy for again sponsoring the hot chocolate. Thank you to Krista Aurala and crew for making the hot chocolate, putting out the cookies and cleaning up afterwards. A good time was had by all.

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.

BC PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

In the next few days you can expect to receive your 2016 property assessment notice which reflects the market value of your property as of July 1, 2015. The report shows that property values in our area have increased an average of 10%. Individual properties will vary. Check your mail for your BC Assessment.

WINTER WEATHER

This year we have seen the return of a little snow! As you know, even a little bit of snow and cold temperatures can create all kinds of driving chaos! Remember to leave yourself enough time to safely navigate the roads without overdriving them. Also, remember that snow on the sides of the road can cause pedestrians to walk farther out onto the pavement. Please use caution when driving and watch out for those who are walking. If

you are out for a walk in the evening, please remember to wear reflective clothing so that motorists can better see you. Using common sense helps to keep us all safe!

KEEP AN EYE OUT

The RCMP have issued a bulletin to be on the lookout for a green Ford Aerostar van, licence number 194 DLT. The two male occupants have been driving down people's driveways or have been found looking in people's driveways. They offer two explanations for their presence: they are looking to purchase a car or they have run out of gas and want to purchase \$5.00 worth of gas. If you see this vehicle, you are asked to call 911 immediately with a description, location and direction of travel. Please do not approach the vehicle or the occupants. None of the dealings with these men have been violent but the RCMP are asking for you to call them if you see them.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(in this order)

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250-245-4260

250-245-8317

HALL RENTALS

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DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

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