

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2018

7:00 pm - Diamond Hall

DIAMOND OFFICE CLOSING

Effective February 1, 2018, the Diamond office at 5058 Paton Road, Ladysmith, BC will be closing. Payments for water bills and parcel taxes can be made by cheque or money order and mailed to PO Box 747, Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A5 or email transfer at finance@didbc.com. If you have any questions regarding payments, please telephone the Administrator, Debby Baker at 250-740-5259

QUARTERLY WATER BILLINGS

Effective immediately, the Board of Directors has elected to change to a quarterly billing schedule instead of the bi-monthly system we are accustomed to. This will result in significant savings to the Diamond as it reduces the related expenses by a third. If your average bill has been \$100 x 6 (number of billings per year) in the past, you will see a change to \$150 x 4. At the yearend, your cost will be the same.

For budgeting purposes, if you prefer to make a monthly installment, please contact the Administrator to make arrangements.

BUDGET

The Trustees are currently reviewing the Budget for the forthcoming year. We remind residents that the Board meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to attend and hear the Budget process. Residents are given an opportunity at the end of the meeting to bring forward any comments or concerns.

The **user rate for this year may increase**, however, our water rates will remain the same. This is due to the fact that Diamond residents must pay 80% of the Town of Ladysmith water parcel the Diamond administering the system. We will not know how much the rate will be for 2018 until the end of February. If the Town increases its water parcel tax, the Diamond will need to increase the user rate to match the Town increase. We will advise residents in our next newsletter as to any increase.

The Trustees are also reviewing the Parcel Tax. For the past two years, Diamond residents have paid a parcel tax of \$160.00. In considering the rates for this year's parcel tax, the Trustees will consider whether they wish to proceed with any improvements to the water system. There have not been any major upgrades done for quite some time. In order to keep water rates low, some

improvements have been deferred. Your Trustees will carefully consider improvements and then set the rates accordingly. You will receive your parcel tax notice in July, 2018.

CASUAL LABOUR

The Diamond has occasion to hire casual labour from time to time. These jobs can be assisting with directing traffic during a water main break, installing water meters, mowing grass, marking hydrants and roads or repairs to hall. If you are interested in placing your name on the casual labour list, please email the Administrator at debbybaker47@gmail.com.

DIAMOND HALL

We now have a Facebook page for the Diamond Hall. Our hall has a capacity for 80 people and great parking! The cost to rent the hall for a meeting, shower, tea, or social event is reasonable. Please contact Krista Aurala at 250-245-8317 to book the hall.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(in this order)
250-714-2609
250-245-8572
250-245-8317

HALL RENTALS

Krista or Erik Aurala.....250-245-8317

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Suttie, Chair..... 250-924-4100
Dan Judson 250-714-2609
Bob Kitching 250-924-1137
Peter Burns 778-977-9455
Doug Copp.....250-245-8572

ADMINISTRATION

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