

DIAMOND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NEXT BOARD MEETING – February 20, 2019
6:00 pm - Diamond Hall

QUARTERLY WATER BILLINGS

PLEASE NOTE: We have installed a drop box in the side door of the Diamond Hall. Payments can be dropped off into the drop box. **DO NOT PUT CASH** in the drop box. Payments for water bills can be made by cheque, money order or e-transfer.

REMINDER: if your water bill is delinquent more than 90 days, you will receive a 10 day notice of shut off. If payment is still not made after the notice period, you will be given a 24 hour notice that your water will be shut off. If after 24 hours if your bill remains unpaid your water will be shut off without further notice to you. Water will only be turned back on once full payment has been received including the \$50.00 disconnection and \$50.00 reconnection fees. These fees are assessed only to cover the cost to Diamond Residents for the work regarding your delinquent account.

PARCEL TAXES

At the Board meeting on January 19, 2019, the Trustees voted to increase the parcel tax payable on a single family dwelling to \$210.00 per year. The parcel tax remained at \$160.00 per year for the past 3 years. This increase is necessary to pay for improvements and upgrades to the system. (Are you sure it has been for the last 3 years?)

The Trustees have also voted to set various classifications for different types of properties. Each classification of property (Group) will have a rate. For example, for a property with two houses, a house and carriage house or a house with a secondary suite, the parcel tax rate will be \$262.50.

You will receive a Notice of Assessment in the mail shortly. This will set out your property classification. It will also provide you with details of when the Court of Revision will be held. In the event that you do not agree with how your property is classified you may appeal the property classification. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Appeal is not about the level of taxation (amount of the parcel tax). You may only appeal if you feel that your property has been assessed in the wrong group. You

must provide evidence as to why your property was assessed incorrectly.

For further information on Parcel taxes, please contact the Administrator Debby Baker at 250-245-5259.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Diamond Improvement District will be set for a date in April, 2019. We will mail out notices of the AGM with the water bills at the end of March. There is one Trustee term expiring this year. Requirements to run as a Trustee are as follows:

- A) be a Canadian citizen;
- B) be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- C) be an owner of land in the Diamond Improvement District;
- D) be a resident of the Province of British Columbia for the prior six (6) months or a legal representative of an owner of land in the Diamond Improvement District who has died, become insolvent or insane.

If you wish to discuss the time requirements and duties of a Trustee, please contact Elizabeth Suttie at 250-924-4100. She will be happy to provide you with information.

FIREWORKS

The CVRD wishes for us to remind residents that CVRD Bylaw 39 restricts fireworks being set off in the Diamond Improvement District. Discharge of fireworks without a permit can result in a fine from the CVRD of \$250.00. The Diamond Hall rules specifically state that there are to be no fireworks discharged.

BOARD MEETINGS

We remind residents that Board meetings are open to the Public. If there is something that you specifically wish to discuss with the Trustees, you can request to appear as a Delegation at the Board meeting by contacting the Administrator Debby Baker and advising her that you wish to be placed on the agenda. The next Board meeting is on February 20, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Hall.