

COWICHAN BAY WATERWORKS DISTRICT SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019



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WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Board of Trustees met with Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Bay Director, Lori Iannidinaro February 21, 2019 to discuss the following:

COWICHAN BAY RD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: Wessex Road to Botwood Lane Improvements to replace aging infrastructure:

We are exploring possibilities to access available gas tax funds; to replace aging infrastructure. Improvements to the water main line replacement within the village core at the waterfront will ensure good water quality and improved fire protection.

The district's engineer has investigated design considerations and estimated construction costs. CBWD is looking into partnership with others to explore cost savings.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AREA D: Village Containment Area

Discussion: to adjust the Cowichan Bay containment area to provide water to properties that front water mains that are readily available.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date: April 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm Registration 6:30 pm

Cowichan Bay Volunteer Fire Rescue Hall

4461-Trans Canada Hwy 2nd Floor

Election of two Trustee positions for a

three-year term: if you are interested in joining the board; a delegate has to nominate you at the AGM. Please contact the office prior to the meeting.

We hope to see you there!

PARCEL TAX REMINDER

2019 Parcel Tax invoices will be issued May 2019. A Friendly reminder, in order to avoid the percentage penalty, Taxes are due and payable on or before July 4, 2019.



COWICHAN WATER CONSERVATION CHALLENGE

Cowichan Bay residents have sustained a low water use over 4 years and have beat the goal of a 20-percent reduction. 2018 saw a more modest reduction (3.35%). To view the Cowichan Watershed Board media release visit:

<http://www.cowichanwaterchallenge.ca/>

World Water Day is released March 22, 2019 <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Thank you for your efforts in conserving water! Your participation to take action with the water crisis across the world is acknowledged.

PAYING YOUR BILLS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CBWD and Cowichan Valley Regional District use the same utility invoicing system. To apply your payment correctly, please note the **payee** on your invoice to avoid any inconvenience.

METER BOXES & SHUT OFF VALVES

Our staff has a new meter reader; to ensure access to your meter box, please keep it clear of any items such as vegetation, hedges and rocks so they can be read. If the District has to clear the box a fee will be charged (*Bylaw No. 230 item 11*).

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Annual Flushing: The District completed the annual flushing January 28-31, 2019.
Thank you for your patience.

SPRINKLING REGULATIONS & WATER RESTRICTIONS

Watch for our notice: The District has been participating in the regional plan for water conservation by adopting the same regulations as many others within the Cowichan Valley. Stage 1 is expected very soon.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY & ROUTINE NOTIFICATIONS – STAY INFORMED

You can sign up for “Alerts” on the website at www.cowichanbaywater.com. Once an update is posted it will email or text you within minutes.

Contact Phone: please update office staff with your current telephone number. Office staff have been unable to contact homeowners for various reasons; such as, a leak detected on the property and a frozen water line which has resulted in an emergency water shut off.

DISTRICT STAFF

Chairman: Lewis Penney

Trustees:

Calvin Slade

Judi Baker

Wendy Gregg

Peter Edgar

District Administrator: Caroline Stillinger

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