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May 2009 Landowners Update

- The Annual General Meeting of the Union Bay Improvement District was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in the Union Bay Improvement District Auditorium. In attendance were five Trustees, Administrator, Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Public Works Superintendent, Public Works Technician, Administration support; 70 landowners and 11 members of the public. Gary Anderson and Dave Cherry from Vancouver Island Health Authority were invited guests. Presentations for the future included the Construction of the Fire Hall and the VIHA requirements for 4-3-2-1-0 Water Treatment. Details of the presentations and draft minutes for the meeting are available for viewing on the website: www.union-bay.ca or by attending the office at 5539 S. Island Highway.
- The UBID welcomes Alan de Jersey and Doug Geidt to the Board of Trustees. Thanks to Paul Baal and Deb Prowse for their contributions as trustees and wish them the best for the future. The Board Chair for the 2009/10 year will be David McDowell, David Godfrey will chair the Public Works committee and Denis Royer will chair the Fire committee.
- The Union Bay Credit Union has opened administrative offices in the front room of the premises at 5539 S. Island Hwy as of May 1, 2009. The UBID welcomes its new tenant and the benefits of sharing property expenses.
- The Alternate Approval Process for the Construction of the Fire Hall has been advertised and landowners are invited to attend at the auditorium of the Union Bay Improvement District on **Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m.** for information. The closing date of the process is **June 12, 2009**.
- Are you an avid gardener but have no space to garden? There are enclosed raised garden beds sitting idle at the Union Bay Improvement District property, 5539 S. Island Highway. Anyone interested in utilizing these garden beds should contact the office.
- People are reminder that the summer water guidelines are in place. Union Bay Improvement District provides potable drinking water. Water used for gardening or outside use should be kept to a minimum. It is suggested that alternate methods of irrigating be explored and drought resistant plants used whenever possible.

Watering should be done between the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Best watering practices should be followed. Watering once a week at the suggested measure is recommended. The lake level is monitored on a weekly basis and water restrictions will occur if the lake level drops. Please do your part to be a good water neighbor.

- Yard clean-up time is well underway and the question of burning arises. At the present time yard fires are permitted. Dry weather conditions make backyard burning a situation that needs careful attention. Check the fire rating sign at the boat ramp or check on the website: <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp> before you start a fire.

ARE YOU AWARE THAT IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO BURN DEBRIS ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY? THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CALLS OF PEOPLE TAKING THEIR DEBRIS TO OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES AND LEAVING FIRES UNATTENDED.

- Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4 – 10, 2009. Website information - check out this site http://www.getprepared.ca/risks/bc_e.asp. Is your family prepared?
- **The McLeod Reservoir will be cleaned on Wednesday May 20 and the water lines will be flushed on May 27-29, 2009. You are advised to boil your water during this time. Water service (pressure) may fluctuate during the cleaning and flushing time. Turning on outside water lines and running until water clears will reduce the effects of the discoloured water getting into house systems. Water tanks should be flushed after this process to clear any sediment in the tank.**
- **It is important to note that meter boxes and fire hydrants are the property of the UBID and should not be tampered with by any unauthorized persons. Meter boxes are to be kept clear of plants; shrubs; cars vehicles, boats or other materials which may cover the boxes. They should be accessible at all times for servicing or in the event of an emergency. Road right-of-ways may be needed to be cleared if work is required as part of the water servicing of the district. People failing to cooperate may be charged removal fees**
- Capital Expenditure Charges have increased from \$3,500 – residential to \$8,100 – residential. Details of other categories available on the website under Bylaws - #219 or on the bulletin board in the office. **Please note these charges are applicable to 'B' category properties** – not serviced by water or to lots that are being subdivided. These fees need to be paid before water service can be established for the property. Fees have been increased to establish funds to pay for future water treatment requirements.
- Connections fees are currently \$500 plus the cost of installation of the meter.
- Landowners are reminded that water supplied to their property is for their use only. Water may not be shared with neighbors without the written consent of the Improvement District. Failure to compile may result in the removal of service.
- Board meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month. Occasionally meeting dates may be changed. Information is posted on the website and available by phoning 250-335-2511. You are encouraged and welcome to attend.
- There is a mail drop box at the building's front door. Handicap access is to the left of the building and door bells have been installed. If the door is locked please ring the bell for service. Regular office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Landowners are encouraged to contact the office if there are areas of concern and to advise of excess water or street lights that are not working properly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SERVICES