

## Union Bay Improvement District September 2010 Landowners' Update

September marks the end of summer and time to plan for the coming year at the Union Bay Improvement District. At the August planning session, rates for the coming year were reviewed and office hours were changed to five days a week 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Water Tolls for 2011 will remain the same, the parcel tax for 2011 will be raised to \$250 per year from \$200 per year and the Fire and Street Lighting Tax Advance will remain the same as 2010.

A Landowners' Meeting to review the budget for 2011 will be held **Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 2 p.m.** at the Union Bay Improvement District Activity Room. Landowners are encouraged to submit topics of interest by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to [admin@union-bay.ca](mailto:admin@union-bay.ca), mail a letter to Box 70, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 or fax information to 250-335-1178.

Fire Chief Dan Verdun has resigned from the Union Bay Fire Rescue Service to take on the opportunity of Deputy Fire Chief in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Dan has been instrumental in development of the excellent volunteer fire rescue crew that services the Union Bay Improvement District with the First Responder Program. We wish him well in his new position and will miss his dynamic leadership skills.

Kensington Island Properties (KIP) received its 4th and final reading on April 27, 2010. Since that time KIP has been working with their legal team in drafting a lease between KIP and UBID. The UBID waterworks are situated on KIP lands and with the onset of the Regional Water System the proper paperwork must now be undertaken. Until this time KIP has let UBID operate freely on their land without a lease or any payment.

As part of the process to move forward, KIP needs to work with three levels of government... The Province, through the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH), responsible for approving the development; the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), responsible for land use, building permits and referrals on all aspects of the development and the Union Bay Improvement District (UBID) responsible for providing water service. Not all levels of government react as quickly as we all would like... so there have been some considerable delays in proceeding to this point. Many other Federal and Provincial departments will also be involved as the project moves forward.

Additionally, KIP has been working with their engineers to finalize the upgrades to the Union Bay Water System. KIP has advised that 2011 will see the UBID water system brought up to standard in meeting the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) mandated upgrades.

The Kensington Legal Team is also working progressively towards an agreement for water infrastructure with the Union Bay Improvement District. There are some outstanding Provincial legislative matters which need to be addressed prior to any agreement being finalized. It is anticipated that the Provincial issues may be resolved this fall. An agreement can then be negotiated and benchmarks set to facilitate an agreement between the Comox Valley Regional District and the Union Bay Improvement District.

There are many steps yet to be taken before a final agreement between KIP and UBID can be presented to the Union Bay Improvement District Board of Trustees for consideration. At present, Langley Lake levels are still good for this time of the year. Congratulations on

being water conscious. Keep up the good work! People are reminded to keep meter boxes clear of shrubs, plants, debris and are requested not to park over top of the boxes.

### **Be a leak detector!**



Be a leak detector! Check all your taps, pipes and toilets for leaks. If you find a leak, fix it immediately.

### **Check your toilets for leaks.**



Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food colouring in your toilet tank. If it appears in the bowl without flushing then you have a leak which should be repaired immediately. Leaks can waste 14% of all the water we use in our home.

## **Tribute to Dan and Angela Verdun**

Dan Verdun has been a member of the Union Bay Fire Rescue for fifteen years. Dan began as a fire fighter and has served as Fire Chief for the last seven years. 2005 marked the year that the Union Bay Fire Department expanded the service to include the First Responder Program. Dan was willing to take on the added responsibility of ensuring training and adequate volunteers were available to support this valuable service to our rural area. Dan has invested many personal hours to become trained in the required courses to provide Union Bay with knowledgeable fire rescue personnel. In addition to the numerous personal volunteer hours Dan provided, his wife, Angela, provided alterations to uniforms, sewing of badges to shirts and gear and provided any sewing items that needed attention. Family time of Fire Rescue Services personnel is continually shared with the community, as callouts happen anytime of the day. Thank you both for your caring and sharing of your time with the community.

The Verdun family will soon be off to Grande Prairie, Alberta. Dan will be starting as the Deputy Fire Chief in Grande Prairie, Alberta as of August 30, 2010. We wish them the best in their new endeavors.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M., 1 P.M. – 4 P.M.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 22, 2010 4:30 p.m.**

**Union Bay Improvement District Boardroom,  
5539 S. Island Highway, Union Bay**

### **Rural Comox Valley Parks and Greenways Strategic Plan Public Open House**

Give your input on priorities for new parks and greenways within the electoral areas of the regional district. Drop in during the following open house:

September 16, Thursday Union Bay Improvement District Activity Room

5539 S. Island Highway

4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We look forward to your input.

To view the open house information and fill out a survey visit

[www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/parksplan](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/parksplan)

Email: [kalbert@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:kalbert@comoxvalleyrd.ca)



Sparky wants you to mark on your calendar  
Fire Prevention Week  
October 3 – 9, 2010  
Smoke Alarms – A Sound You Can Live With  
**Union Bay Fire Rescue Open House**  
**Saturday, October 2, 2010**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Union Bay Fire Rescue Service invites you to an Open House and Pancake Breakfast at 5471 S. Island Hwy, Union Bay. Join us October 2, 2010, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pancake Breakfast.

All profits will be contributed to UB Fire Hall Building Fund



## 75th Anniversary Celebration

October 23, 2010

Union Bay Community Hall

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner and Dance

☺ Comedy by Kenny Shaw  
☺

♪ Music by JAK Shtik Band ♪

★ Live Auction ★ Silent Auction ★ Lots of Prizes! ★

Tickets \$35 available at

- ◇ Union Bay Market      ◇ Highwayman Pub
- ◇ Union Bay Credit Union      ◇ UBID Office
- ◇ Waverley Pub      ◇ End of the Roll      ◇ Comox Clothing Co

# Union Bay Fire Chief

The Union Bay Improvement District (UBID) has an immediate opening for a highly motivated, enthusiastic individual to fill its Part-Time Fire Chief position. The successful applicant will be working approximately 20 hours per week with a team of up to 30 volunteer fire rescue personnel that prides itself on a strong commitment to safety for our citizens and visitors.

Reporting to the Administrator and the Board of Trustees, the Fire Chief is responsible for the management and supervision of emergency incidents response, fire prevention, inspection and overall training within the Fire Rescue Service. UBID is reviewing the structure and operations of its Fire Rescue Service and the new Fire Chief will be an integral part of the review.

## Qualifications:

- Experience as a Senior Officer with a minimum of five years experience in a Fire Service
- Demonstrated leadership, professional and supervisory qualities
- Meet NFPA standards for Firefighter Professional, NFPA 1001 Standard Level II Fire Fighter, NFPA 1021, Fire Officer Level 1.
- Knowledge of the principles, practices, methods, procedures and techniques of firefighting, fire suppression and prevention as well as first responder training.
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing internally and with the general public.
- Prepare reports, record keeping, correspondence and assist in budget preparation
- Commitment to ongoing training and skill development.
- Valid driver's license for the Province of British Columbia.
- Knowledge of the community and Fire Protection Area.
- Willingness to live in Union Bay.

Forward resume and a cover letter indicating salary expectations by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2010 to:

The Board of Trustees  
Union Bay Improvement District  
Box 70, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0  
Or email to [admin@union-bay.ca](mailto:admin@union-bay.ca)

For more information email [admin@union-bay.ca](mailto:admin@union-bay.ca) or phone Brenda Fisher, 250-335-2511 or check the website [www.union-bay.ca](http://www.union-bay.ca) under Fire Chief opportunity.