

Utilities Billing 2018

Accompanying this newsletter is your annual utility bill for 2018. Households will assume a minimal increases in water, sewer and garbage collection fees. Residential water fees are now \$189.00/year, sewer \$94.50/year, and garbage \$241.10/year. As a gentle reminder to all:

- Bills not paid by July 1st, 2018 will be charged interest at 1%/month
- Outstanding fees not paid by Dec 31st, 2018 will be added to your Property Tax Account
- If using online banking to pay your utilities bill, please use your property's folio number as the account number. *A mistake could make your neighbour's day!*

If you would like to receive invoices/notices regarding your account via email, please email bsinclair@rdmw.bc.ca along with the name on the account and the email address you would like to have on file. Please visit the link & ensure your address is correct: <https://info.bcassessment.ca/Services-products/update-your-property-information> Enjoy the day!

Local General Elections

2018 is a General Local Election year. On October 20, 2018 eligible electors of the Regional District of Mount Waddington will have an opportunity to vote for the positions of Electoral Area Director and School Board Trustee unless these positions have been acclaimed. Visit <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/> for more information on the general local election.

Here are some key dates of interest associated with the general local election:

September 4 through 14th, 2018 – Nomination period

September 24th, 2018 – Declaration of candidates elected by acclamation or included as part of general election

October 10th, 2018 – Advanced voting

October 20th, 2018 – General election day

Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN)

Thanks to local volunteers, the VTN Service is available to Woss residents who may have mobility issues. Call 250-956-3134 for further information.

Electoral Area A	Woss Fire Dept.:	Water & Sewer	Operations Manager:	Planning & Dev.
Director:	Rob Glass	Services:	Patrick Donaghy	Manager:
Dave Rushton	(250)-230-4789	Karl Sinclair	(250)-956-3301	Jeff Long
(250)-281-2250	(250)-281-3455	(250)-230-2601		(250)-956-3301

“Woss Woss’up”

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Nimpkish Valley Heritage Park — Memorial Gazebo

The Regional District of Mount Waddington and the Woss Residents Association have been working for some time on the development of a Memorial Gazebo to be constructed at the Nimpkish Valley Heritage Park. This project would commemorate the history of forestry and traditional use by the ‘Namgis in the Nimpkish Valley and serve as a memorial for all the workers in the North Island who have lost their lives while working in the forest. It is expected that the Memorial Gazebo will become a focal point of the community as well as a feature for visiting tourist.

The total construction budget for this project is \$81,000. Western Forest Products have offered to donate Yellow Cedar logs for the project (estimated market value of approximately \$7,500) and Edge Grain Timber Products will mill the logs to our measurements (estimated value of \$5,000). The Regional District of Mount Waddington is contributing \$34,000 and TimberWest has donated \$5,000.

We have initiated a funding campaign to local stakeholders for the remaining \$27,000.

CONGRATULATIONS to Woss resident Ken McCarthy, a recent recipient of a medal from the Governor General which recognizes over 30 years of service as a volunteer of the Woss Volunteer Fire Department!

'Namgis First Nation & RDMW— C2C Meeting, March 15, 2018

Regional Directors met recently with the Namgis First Nation Council in a Community to Community forum to discuss several shared services and areas of common interest. The day's agenda included a review by the Regional District of the Regional Services as well as a discussion of several of economic development projects that will offer opportunities for participation by the 'Namgis. 'Namgis representatives provided an overview of their discussions with the Province of BC and the Government of Canada and shared their understanding of some of the implications for traditional rights and titles that flow from recent court cases and the evolving policy environment.

The representatives from both communities agreed that the North Island Regional Protocol Agreement, that was signed by 5 communities and 7 First Nations in 2010, formed a useful framework within which they could move forward to collaborating in several areas such as signage at the Woss Memorial Gazebo and the Hatchery Fire Agreement. As a first step, 'Namgis Council and the Regional District Board will consider a common resolution endorsing the collaborative approach and a commitment to reach consensus on common projects. To ensure continuity for engagement, political leaders will establish a schedule of meetings, at least annually, that would provide a forum for ongoing discussion and reconciliation.

The Safety of Your Family and Property is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

**Whether you are male or female and 18 or older, your Volunteer
Fire Department (VFD) needs you NOW.**

**Every VFD in Hyde Creek, Woss, Sointula and Coal Harbour faces a critical
shortage of fire fighters. Some departments are considering whether they
can even continue. Many existing members are due to retire in the next
few years.**

Benefits of Joining Your Local VFD:

- Potential Tax Deduction**
- Free Emergency Training**
- Helps Secure Lower Property Insurance Rates**
- The Safety of Your Family**

For more information contact the following:

Rob Glass (250) 203-4789 OR Patrick Donaghy at the RDMWdonaghy@rdmw.bc.ca

Is there
a **FIRE** in
you?



Carbon Action Summary Report—2017

The Regional District continues to take action to reduce carbon emissions. The RDMW's 2017 carbon emissions continue to remain 35% below 2011 levels, despite a 16% rise from 2016. Further improvements are expected in 2018 resulting from the regional arena no longer using any fossil fuels. All CO2e operational emissions will be offset again by the 7 Mile Biocover project which was expanded in 2017. To read the full report visit www.rdmw.bc.ca



More Recycling Opportunities Coming to BC in Near Future!

Recycle BC, the organization that is responsible for diverting packaging and printed paper from the waste stream has announced that as of June 1st, 2018, more flexible plastic packaging can be recycled. Details are still uncertain but stand up pouches, chip bags, produce net bags, frozen food zipper-lock bags, pasta bags and candy bar wrappers look like a sure inclusion in the new program. These materials will have to be brought to your recycling depot as they will likely not be included in the curb side program. The Regional District will post information on its website and at its depots as more information becomes available.

Woss Transfer Station

Hours: Wed 4-7PM & Sun 12-4PM

Ph: (250)-281-4292

Water & Sewer System Upgrades Almost Complete

The Woss water and sewer systems upgrades to the control system are almost complete. The new system will allow the Regional District to better monitor both systems' performance as required by the Province. The improvements will help identify leaks which if found can contribute to rate savings in the future. The majority of the project's cost were covered by Federal and Provincial grants under the Clean Water Wastewater Fund.

Rural Tourism Action Grant— Now Accepting Applications!

The Regional District is now accepting applications for the 2018 Rural Tourism Action Grant. Community groups and organizations can apply for up to \$2,500.00 in funding to support projects including trail head signage, festival and events promotion, and community tourism initiatives. Application deadline is September 30th, 2018. For guidelines & application package visit <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/regional-economic-development/>