

Landowners Update – May 2014

From the Board

The Board welcomes Anne Alcock and Carol Molstad for the next three years. With the beginning of a new term, the Board has discussed emerging needs in the coming year and it has determined necessary committees for 2014. For this term we have established the following committees and roles for the Trustees:

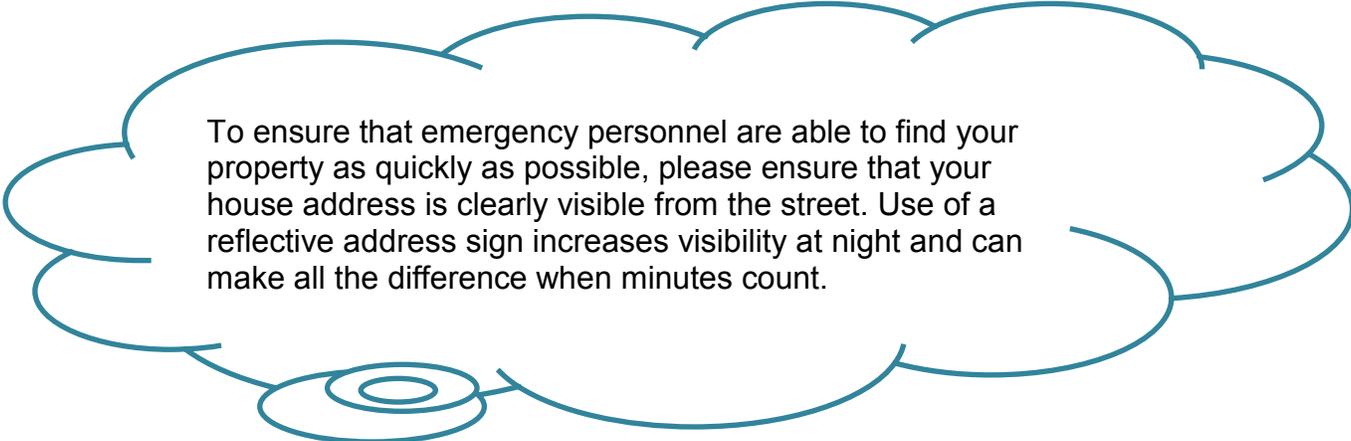
- Board Chair - Carol Molstad
- Finance and Capital Planning Committee - Bruce Livesey, Chair
- Public Works Committee - Alan Webb, Chair
- Fire Rescue Services Committee - Marie Gaudreau, Chair

Over the past three years UBID has had the great fortune to have a number of committed and skilled community volunteers. These volunteers have saved UBID considerable money – whether it was by making repairs to the fire hall, by reviewing various reports for readability and sensibleness, or by providing technical and professional advice.

Three volunteers in particular deserve our acknowledgement and thanks. These individuals have served on UBID committees for the past three years and have regularly participated in committee meetings and projects. The three volunteers are:

- ⦿ Bill Ellis – 3 yrs. on the Public Works Committee;
- ⦿ June Haner – 1 year on the Policy Committee and 2 yrs. on the Finance Committee, and
- ⦿ John Whitman – 1 year on the Policy Committee and 2 yrs. on the Fire Services Committee.

Over the next month we will be seeking community volunteers who would like to participate on the 2014 committees. If you are interested and/or would like more information on the invaluable work and contributions of these committees, please contact our Administrator Kevin Douville at the UBID office either by phone at (250) 335-2511 or via e-mail at admin@union-bay.ca.



To ensure that emergency personnel are able to find your property as quickly as possible, please ensure that your house address is clearly visible from the street. Use of a reflective address sign increases visibility at night and can make all the difference when minutes count.



Stage 1 water use restrictions came into effect on May 1st and remain in place until September 30th (Bylaw No. 194, 2005). Properties with even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days, with odd numbered addresses able to water on odd numbered days.

Fire bans are expected to begin in mid-May. For all the latest information refer to the BC Wildfire Management Branch's website at www.bcwildfire.ca.



Bits and Pieces

 UBID approved a request for a donation to the Union Bay Boulevard Gardeners in the amount of \$300 to assist with the installation of a new sprinkler system.

 Unfortunately, someone has been at Langley Lake with a gun – shooting into the spillway, and damaging the buoy that marks the deep water intake. Apart from the damage and dangers of this activity, inappropriate access to the lake can put our water source at risk. If you are aware of who is doing this please contact the RCMP.

 Trustees Bruce Livesey, Marie Gaudreau and Carol Molstad participated in a half-day “Fireground Operations Orientation for Local Government Officials and the Media” on Saturday, March 29th. First-hand experience donning all of the fire gear and participating in firefighting exercises gave them a good idea of what our firefighters do.

 At our annual meeting with representatives from Island Timberlands to discuss joint management of the Hart (Washer) Creek watershed, the company advised they have no plans for timber harvesting activities in the watershed in 2014.

 Planned computer infrastructure upgrades have now been completed with new workstations for the Administrator, Office Assistant, Fire Chief, and Public Works Superintendent.

 Trustee Alan Webb and Administrator Kevin Douville attended the recent Coastal Water Suppliers' Association meeting in Duncan where several items of useful information and/or tools were presented that could assist with UBID's current review of the waterworks system.

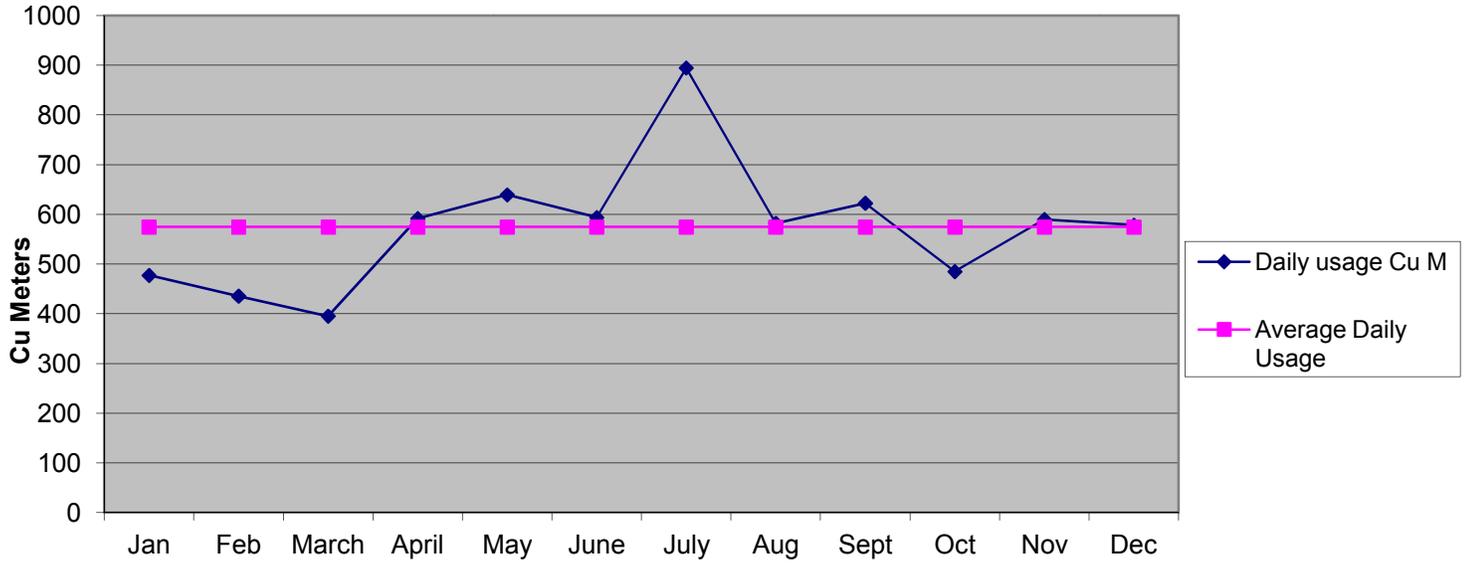
IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: UBID ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

Effective June 30th, 2014 the UBID Administration Office public hours are changing. The new weekly hours of operation will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm (closed over the lunch hour). All water toll and parcel tax bills can continue to be paid anytime through your online banking, automatic direct withdrawal or via our after-hours mail slot. For further information, please contact Kevin at 250-335-2511 or at admin@union-bay.ca.

Annual Water and Fire Response Statistics

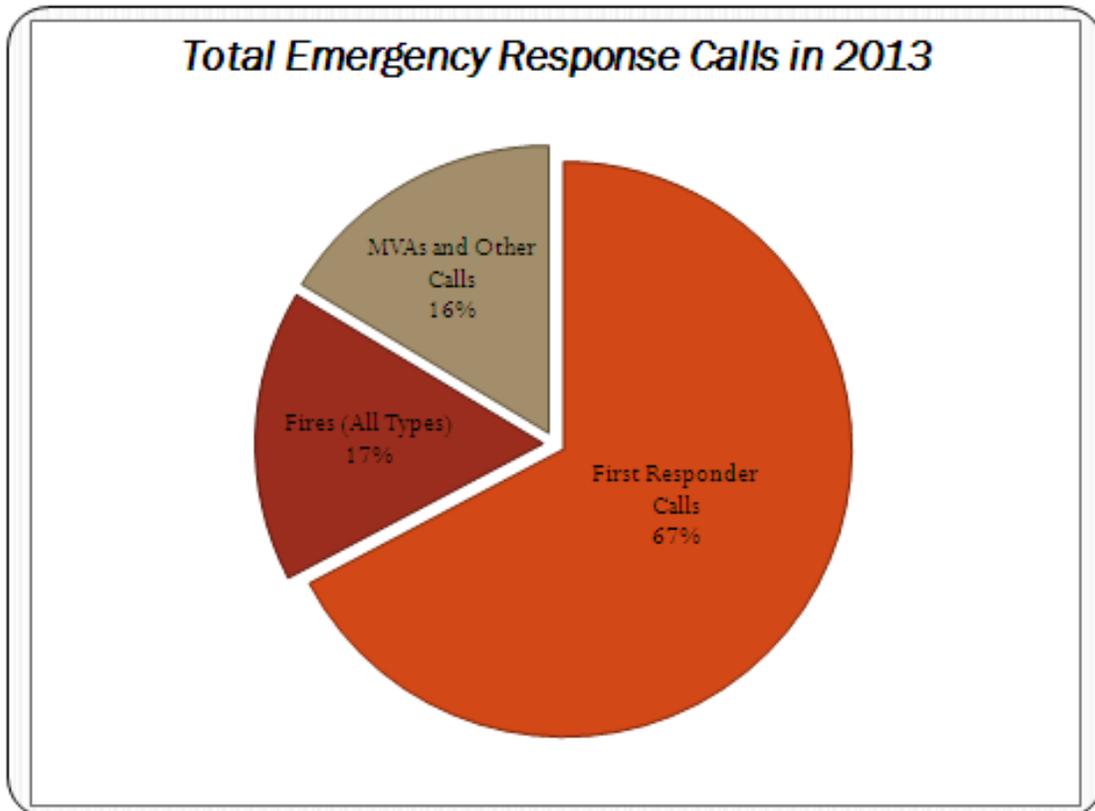
The following graphs show some facts and figures presented at our recent AGM on April 12th.

Average Daily Usage of Water in 2013



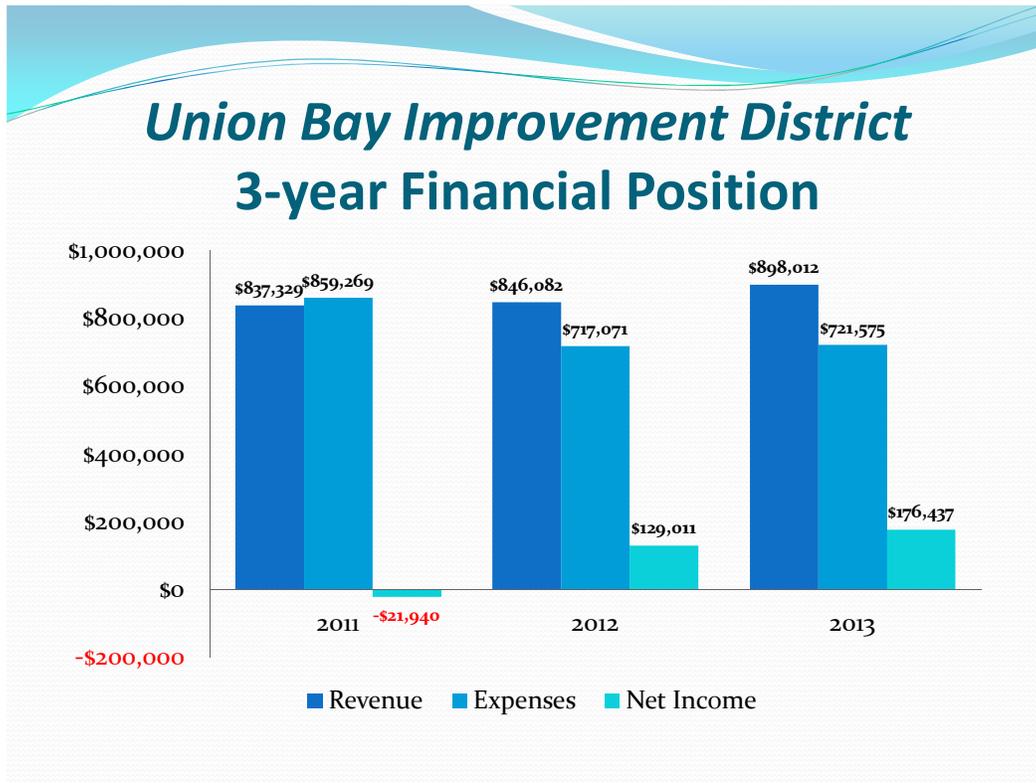
In 2013 there were 9 fires, 37 first responder calls and 9 general calls. There are currently 17 firefighters and recruitment is ongoing.

Total Emergency Response Calls in 2013



2013 Financial Statements Show UBID is in a Good Position

UBID's financial health and position was again strong in 2013, with a net income after amortization / depreciation totaling \$176,437. The 2013 audit went very smoothly and found no significant or material issues/concerns but has provided some recommendations for continued improvement to our internal financial controls which will be implemented over the next several months.



We also fully met our commitments for capital reserve contributions last year, with \$112,050 transferred to the Waterworks Renewal & Replacement Reserve and \$91,400 towards Fire Department Renewal & Replacement.

