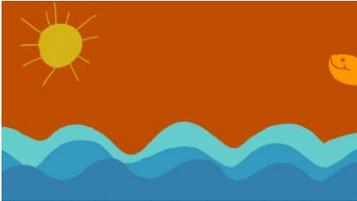

Landowners Update

July 2015

Drought Conditions Prevail

The Vancouver Island region, along with the Gulf Islands and Haida Gwaii, has been designated as very dry according to B.C.'s Water Stewardship Manager Valerie Cameron. As a result of these Level 3 drought conditions, the Ministry of Environment's Drought Level gauge system has four drought level classifications with Level 4 being extremely dry conditions, all water users are being asked to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 20% or more. This is the earliest point in the year that the province has designated any of these regions as Level 3, with significant water supply shortages likely in many areas unless substantial precipitation occurs between now and the end of June.



"Weather is really going to be the wildcard for us in the coming months", Ms. Cameron says. "We can't do anything to manage the natural environment of course, so we're really going to have to emphasize water conservation, community effort and industry effort to try to manage water supplies the best we can to carry us through to the fall."

So far, UBID remains in Stage 1 water use restrictions meaning residential properties may only be watered for a maximum of four (4) hours per day with even numbered addresses able to water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses able to water on odd numbered days. Langley Lake's water levels are monitored and recorded daily with Stage 2 water restrictions being necessary when the lake level drops below 12 feet on the measuring stick attached to our water intake.

For more provincial drought information and to find out what you can do to conserve water, please visit the Living Water Smart website at <http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/drought/>.

Parcel Taxes Soon Due



For those landowners who pay their annual parcel taxes in two instalments, the second half portion (\$170.00) is due **on or before Thursday, September 3rd, 2015**. If you are unsure as to the balance owing on your parcel tax account, please contact the UBID office prior to this date as a 10% late payment penalty will be applied to all overdue payments as per policy. An electronic copy of UBID's Parcel Tax and Water Toll Collection Policy can be found on the Bylaw and Policies page of our website at www.union-bay.ca.

Public Works Emergency Number for Water Emergencies Only

A number of non-emergency phone calls have recently come into the Public Works Emergency Number (250-703-8078). This number is designated solely for water emergencies only therefore please direct any general waterworks inquires to the UBID Administration office at 250-335-2511.



The Union Bay Fire Rescue Service is celebrating 80 years of service to the community this year. To applaud this achievement there will be a party and dance on **Saturday, October 3rd, 2015**. Mark your calendars!

Raffle – Light Dinner – Entertainment - DJ – Dance

A silent auction will take place and the Fire Department is looking for donations from businesses and individuals.

Fire Risk High

Effective Saturday, June 27th, a partial campfire ban is in effect within the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction due to dry forest fuel conditions and rising temperatures. Campfires are only allowed on northern Vancouver Island, the mid-coast portion of the mainland and on Haida Gwaii. This latest prohibition comes on the heels of the Category 2 and Category 3 open fire bans issued on June 10th.

The Category 2 and 3 prohibitions cover all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands within the Coastal Fire Centre, with the exception of the area known as the Fog Zone. (A band of land two kilometres wide that runs from Owen Point near Port Renfrew to the district boundary of Port Hardy.) A map of the affected area is available online at: <http://bit.ly/1e0E97a>. These bans will likely remain in place until October 16th or until the public is otherwise notified. Prohibited activities are:

- The burning of any piled or un-piled material smaller than 2 metres high and 3 metres wide;
- The burning of stubble or grass fires over an area less than 2,000 square metres;
- The use of fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, burning barrels/cages of any size or description;
- The use of binary exploding targets (e.g. for rifle target practice).

For the latest information, please visit either the BC Wildfire Management Branch's website at <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp> or UBID's website at www.union-bay.ca.

We can all help prevent wildfires by:

1. Disposing of cigarette butts responsibly;
2. Putting out fires thoroughly with lots of water; and
3. Reporting any incidents of wildfire to 1-800-663-5555, #5555 on most cellular networks or 9-1-1.