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## ***July 2016 Landowners Update***

### **Second Instalment of 2016 Parcel Taxes Due Soon!**



For all those landowners who pay their annual parcel taxes in two instalments, the second half portion (\$172.50) is due **on or before Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. 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. A 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](http://www.union-bay.ca).

### **Category 2 Open Fire Ban Remains in Effect**



Effective May 13<sup>th</sup>, a Category 2 Open Fire Ban was put into effect in most areas of the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction. This prohibition will remain in effect until October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or until the public is otherwise notified by the Coastal Fire Centre. This prohibition covers all BC Parks, Crown Land and private lands within the Coastal Fire Centre region, with the exception of 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. The use of the following is also prohibited at this time: fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, or burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description. The use of binary exploding targets is prohibited. A map of the affected area, along with the latest fire ban and restriction information, is available on the BC Wildfire Management Branch's website at: <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>.

### **Province Has Upgraded Vancouver Island Region to Level 4 Drought Condition**



Due to ongoing low precipitation and recent record high temperatures across southern and eastern Vancouver Island, the Province of BC set a Level 4 Drought Condition for the area on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Ministry of Environment's Drought Level gauge system has four drought level classifications with Level 4 signifying extremely dry conditions. The Province is therefore urging all water users to reduce water consumption as much as possible. This is the earliest point in the year the region has been designated as Level 4, with significant water supply shortages likely in many areas unless substantial precipitation occurs. For more BC drought information and to find out what you can do to conserve water, please visit the Ministry of Environment's Drought Information Portal online at: <http://bcgov03.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=9042807690964463b268dfd91949d65b>.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Due to current local water supply conditions, **UBID remains in Stage 1 water use restrictions** meaning residential properties may only be watered for a maximum of 4 hours/day with even numbered addresses able to water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days. Langley Lake's water levels are monitored and recorded daily and if a move to Stage 2 watering restrictions becomes necessary, all users connected to the Union Bay Water System will be notified via local print media, postings in the usual public access areas and via UBID's website.