

Hedley Improvement District September 2022 Newsletter

From the Fire Department

To start, there are currently 13 active members. Thus, the department is seeking **new** recruits to be part of the crew. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work and life skills as well as being a positive member of a **Respected** organization. It would be great to have **NEW** People in town join, especially **Young-Adults**. There is also a small **monetary** benefit as well, after probation. Still, this is mostly **Volunteer**.

Also, the Fire Department and the HID require Certified First Responders. At present, we are so fortunate to have newcomer, **Della Bird**, **take on the challenge, but we still require 2 to 3 more people**. The certification is both on-line and in-person, so a commitment to the job is essential. The classes will take place in another town/city and the HID/FD will fund it on the understanding that the people trained, need to take on an **ACTIVE** role in the position. Therefore, the qualified personnel **MUST** be ready to assist in any medical situation with the aid of the Fire Department. If you are interested, please contact the HID office or Fire Department for more information.

Moreover, although the province has lifted the Campfire Ban and the weather is changing, we still need to remain **Aware**. **Remember!** When you light a fire, you risk **YOUR** life, **YOUR** property, and **YOUR** livelihood as well as those of your Neighbour's. In addition, **YOU** are **ENDANGERING** the lives of **YOUR Volunteer** Fire Department MEMBERS for something preventable. In fact, there have been reports of people having fires, but ignoring the permit rules. If this action persists, the HID and FD will involve the RCMP, WildFire B.C, and other authorities.

Hence, a town effort is expected to **THWART** such events. Therefore, we ask the citizens to consult the **Fire Permit Provisions** to ensure he/she is in compliance. Also, **PLEASE COME INTO THE HID OFFICE FOR A FREE FIRE PERMIT**. In addition, there is garbage/recycling/and yard waste pick-up on Fridays. With that, the Keremeos dump is free for recycling and \$5.00 or a little more for garbage.

In Other News

Also, there will be a slight increase in the Parcel Tax – from \$240 to \$300 due November 1st, 2022, for 2023. The money maintains and UPGRADES the existing water system. Just a reminder, every property owner with water access regardless of his/her use – be it for consumption, bathing, or lawn care is subject to this levy. This **Tax** covers the WATER SYSTEM – the reservoir, piping structure and infrastructure, pumps, and hydrants. This bill can be paid by CASH, Cheque, Debit, or Certified Cheque in person – on-line, or mail. In addition, you can **pre-pay** or pay a little at a time depending on what you can afford. As of September 14, 2022, the ministry approved the bylaw, so an official notice and invoice will be sent out soon.

From the Water Department – July/August 2022

From Terry Leornard – An overview of the August 2, 2022, Pumphouse ELECTRICAL issue. First, one of the LUGS in the Pumphouse burned out. Subsequently shutting down the power and disabling the water pumps. So, for a **BRIEF time** the reservoir reached a low level, yet within a few hours, a generator was in place and the water levels were back to normal. Despite the quick response, Interior Health was informed of the situation. As the authority over our water system – it issued a “DO NOT CONSUME” order that was rescinded on August 23, 2022, even though an acceptable test was sent to them on August 16th. As of now, the ELECTRICAL problems have been resolved and the water system is functioning as usual.

As for Arsenic – CARO – sent latest analysis – 0.00806 dated September 7, 2022.

Events

If you want to meet new people, do something fun, and feel part of the community, there are options:

Join the Community Club, The Hedley Centre, The Cemetery Committee, or The Museum – Volunteer, Participate in Activities, Help your Town.

Please remember – September 30th the office is closed. – This is to recognize **TRUTH and RECONCILIATION DAY** – Please wear an Orange T-Shirt and Support our First Nations Neighbours.

In addition, the Community Club will be hosting a Halloween Event on October 29, 2022. Everyone is Welcome and there will be prizes available.