



## 2017 Taxes

Ratepayers will notice that the 2017 Taxes increased 4%. This is necessary to plan for future improvements. Taxes are collected to pay for capital expenditures such as new wells, new distribution systems, equipment purchases, and maintenance of the existing water system.

### Main Line Flushing

System flushing of the water lines and fire hydrants will be October 16-20, 2017. This is required so we can continue to maintain the supply of safe high quality water. There should be no interruption of water supply. During a period of several days, there may be a taste and smell of chlorine in the water. The treated water will disinfect your water lines so the BFWD can ensure the freshest water possible.

### Thank you for Conserving Water

Thank you to all the residents and businesses of the BFWD that conserved and followed water restrictions. We've had a drier than normal year with little rain and we have not had to enforce any watering restrictions. If we all use water wisely on a daily basis, especially outdoors, it reduces the chance of having to implement water restrictions when we have hot, dry weather. There are 198 ratepayers in the district and thank you to everyone that has kept our water concerns current. If you have any questions please contact us. We also encourage residents to sign up for our alerts and news on our website to receive notifications on water emergencies or restrictions via email or text message.

### Water Sustainability Act

In 2016, the Provincial Government made changes to the users of ground and surface water. The New Water Sustainability Act (WSA) is designed to protect the water supply. The District is currently working on the application for a groundwater license. How will this affect us? The license gives us the right to use water and our rights will be protected. Depending on our water consumption there will be new annual rental fees based on our water consumption. For more information go to

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/watersustainabilityact/>

### Please Keep Hydrants Clear of Snow

Winter will be arriving soon. This is a reminder that when shoveling snow around your driveways and sidewalks, please do not pile the snow around or on top of the fire hydrants. As you know, fire hydrants are a very important tool in fighting fires. Please leave one meter clearing around the hydrants so that Fire Fighters can easily access the hydrant. You never know when the hydrant near your home might be needed and every second counts in a fire. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Welcome

Along with the Ootischenia Improvement District the BFWD is sharing an apprentice Water Operator. The BFWD would like to welcome Bill Alexander as our new apprentice. He is working with our Water Operator, Wendy Settle to obtain his Level 1 Water Operators Certificate.

### Water Sharing with the Village of Montrose

The Village of Montrose will be doing repairs and upgrades to their water reservoirs in the fall. During this time, the BFWD will supply water to the Village pursuant to our joint water agreement.

### Water Quality

BFWD takes water samples from designated sites within the District and send them for regular testing of Total Coliform and E Coli. Any adverse results are reported directly by the laboratory to Interior Health as well as the BFWD. The testing results have shown that our water is good and within the requirements set out by the Canadian Drinking Water Quality Act.

### Trustees

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## 2017 Projects

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- ◆ Water line upgrade for Columbia Gardens Road
  - ◆ Christie Road pressure upgrade
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Payment Due on or before  
Dec 1, 2017

### Payment Options

- ◆ Email Transfer use your PID # as your password
- ◆ Cheque or Money Order
- ◆ Pay in person at Kootenay Savings Credit Union
- ◆ Members of Kootenay Savings can pay Online, by phone, or in person.

\*Remember to always include your PID number when making payment. To avoid Penalties please allow sufficient time for your payment to reach us by the due date. Overdue accounts will be dealt with in accordance with District Bylaws.

If you would like e-billing please contact our office at 250-367-0255 or email us at [beaverfallswaterworks@gmail.com](mailto:beaverfallswaterworks@gmail.com)

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**The District website has forms, as well as copies of prior year financial statements, meeting minutes, bylaws, policies, and water quality reports. For more info check out our Website at**

[www.beaverfallswaterworksdistrict.myruralwater.com](http://www.beaverfallswaterworksdistrict.myruralwater.com)