

2021 Winter Edition (Volume 1, Issue 2021)

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY
new year
2021
The Waterline

ROYAL FLUSH

For all residents on the communal septic only Septic Upgrade Project Update

To date, there have 48 households (Fall 2020: 47) who have made 'cash up front' payments. The RBC loan agreement was signed and finalized on October 14, 2020. RBC quoted an interest of 4.10 per cent which is 4 per cent lower than initially quoted during the referendum in 2020. The finalized structured loan has a 60-month (5-year) term, and the applicable outstanding principal and interest is payable in full on October 31, 2025. As the loan renews in 5 years' time, higher interest rate may be quoted for the remaining life of the loan. Additionally, the loan includes a clause indicating that the amount is not eligible for prepayment. Based on these, late full upfront payment by residents, if any, may only be calculated up to its renewal date.

We mentioned in our Fall 2020 newsletter that after this winter and the season of freeze/thaw and ground shifting exposure, we will be able to determine how much of the contingency allowance was spent and calculate any credit due to the communal septic residents hopefully before the 2021 tax notices go out. After such update, additional costs incurred so far are the engineers' charges of around \$1,000 for the project completion work and the septic fields 1 & 7 fencing work of about \$4,000 that was completed in December 2020.

Access through Fields 1 & 7

The fences put up in septic fields 1 and 7 are for the purpose of protecting the infrastructure from any damage caused by unnecessary and unauthorized flow of traffic within the vicinity. Protecting the fields will also lengthen the life of the asset and will potentially save undue wear and tear costs. To fully serve its purpose, access through the fields for residents' use will be discontinued effective June 1, 2021.

New Annual Septic Taxation Bylaw 210

The new septic taxation bylaw 210 was passed on January 6, 2020. This bylaw imposes septic taxes of \$60 on each single-dwelling household, or \$120 on a multiple-dwelling household, that is connected to RWWD communal septic system. Additionally, to encourage prompt payment, bylaw 210 imposes 10 per cent addition on unpaid tax balance after July 31st due date.

Annual septic taxation bylaw had been tabled in the past years. In January 2016, the attempt to pass a septic tax bylaw was deferred until further studies by the engineers. As a result, RWWD and the households on the communal septic had to undergo the tedious referendum process of obtaining funds in 2020 to remediate a failing system (Field 2) because RWWD did not have the money set aside to fund any septic-related capital projects. Although we expect that the recent septic upgrade would delay any requirement for a field replacement, the recently passed bylaw 210 is expected to partially cover the cost of roughly around \$40,000 each field ([Kamloops This Week, Feb 5, 2020](#)) to replace a septic field, in case of a failure or in approximately two to three years' time.

AGM & TRUSTEE ELECTION 2020

RWWD AGM 2020 schedule has again been deferred due to B.C. COVID-19 restrictions that have been extended until February 5, 2021 ([CTV News, Jan 7, 2021](#)). The trustees agree that the meeting procedure bylaw may need to be amended to include virtual attendance at the AGM. The amendment bylaw, however, will not take effect until a copy is registered with the Inspector of Municipalities. We highly appreciate the Rayleigh residents' patience with the AGM schedule deferral as we deal with the pandemic crisis.

The results of the Trustee Election 2020 are out. Our current Board of Trustees are Ben Pregent (Chair), Glen Desjardine, Brian Samila, Russ Hay, and Steve Hughes. For further details on the voting results and the terms of the trustees, visit: [nwd.ca/about/board-of-trustees](#).

UTILITY LATE PAYMENT PENALTY RESUMES IN 2021

To support the Rayleigh community during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis last year, RWWD waived the 10 per cent utility late payment penalty. In 2021, the 10 per cent utility late payment penalty on unpaid utilities will resume. See billing and due dates for further information on penalty dates.

We note that there have been no changes in the late payment penalty and interest on unpaid taxes.



IMMEDIATE HIRING!

RWWD is urgently looking for self-motivated and self-driven person who has formal accounting credentials with minimum two years accounting and administration experience to fill the **Administrator and Financial Officer** role. Visit [nwd.ca/about/career-opportunities](#) for further details or Contact Us.

PAPER BILL CHARGE AT \$5

With the aim of further encouraging subscription and helping with the increasing cost of the billing and mailing process, the Board of Trustees have agreed to charge \$5 each paper statement that is mailed to the residents. The \$5 charge will commence in the next billing cycle.

In July 2020, RWWD rolled out its first e-billing which provides the residents the option to receive their utility and tax statements and newsletter via email. We thank all the residents who subscribed to this value-added feature.

ANNUAL TAX SALE REMINDER!

The annual tax sale is scheduled on **September 27, 2021**. Tax sale is a means to recover taxes owing by residents whose taxes are 24 months overdue in accordance with the Local Government Act. We encourage the affected residents to be aware of the Tax Sale date and consider a repayment plan well in advance to avoid inconvenience of having your property subjected to Tax Sale process. Contact Us for further information regarding your tax account.

From Your RWWD Family,
May the New Year bring joy,
peace, & happiness to you and
your entire family...

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ONLINE PAYMENT NEW USER ACCOUNT CODES

Paying your bills online has never been made more specific. This year, residents now have the option to choose which account they intend to settle, whether utility or tax.

When paying your tax account, simply key in your 1 to 3-digit ROLL NUMBER. Roll number is located either in the top left corner or in the bottom portion of the TAXATION NOTICE as in the boxed sections of the image below (*image shown is the Taxation Notice bottom portion only*).

Note that you DO NOT need to add zeroes (0) to the left of your roll number if your roll number is less than 3 digits.

Rayleigh Waterworks District
4953 Spurraway Road
Kamloops, BC V2H 1M6
(250) 578-7100

RAYLEIGH WATERWORKS DISTRICT

ROLL NUMBER
X X X

2020
TAXATION NOTICE

LAST DATE BEFORE PENALTY
2020-Jul-31

DELINQUENT TAXES	ARREARS TAXES	CURRENT OUTSTANDING	CURRENT TAXES	NET DUE IF NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT	IF ELIGIBLE FOR BASIC GRANT	IF ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT	AMOUNT PAID
0.00	0.00	0.00	146.09	146.09	146.09	146.09	
INTEREST 0.00	INTEREST 0.00		HOME OWNER GRANT AMOUNT		0.00	0.00	HOG Claimed

X X CHILCO AVENUE
Kamloops, BC V2H 1L9
Canada

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When paying your utility account, simply key in your 4 to 7-digit ACCOUNT NUMBER. Account number is located either in the top left corner or in the bottom portion of the UTILITY BILLING as in the boxed sections of the image below (*image shown is the UTILITY BILLING bottom portion only*).

Note that you DO NOT need to add zeroes (0) to the left of your account number if your account number is less than 4 digits.

PLEASE NOTE PENALTY DATE AND SUBMIT PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE.

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4953 Spurraway Road
Kamloops, BC V2H 1M6
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RAYLEIGH WATERWORKS DISTRICT

BILLING DATE
July 01, 2020

PAST DUE AMOUNT	CURRENT CHARGES	AFTER PENALTY DATE PAY	LAST DATE BEFORE PENALTY	AMOUNT NOW DUE	AMOUNT PAID
0.00	182.91	182.91	August 15, 2020	182.91	

Account Number
XXXXXXX

XXX DEVICK ROAD
Kamloops, BC V2H 1K7
Canada

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For further queries regarding your tax roll number and utility account number, Contact Us.

2021 WATER & SEPTIC TOLLS

The water and septic tolls for 2021 have been set. To help the community during this difficult time with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic crisis, the Board of Trustees decided not to increase the water tolls this year. However, septic tolls will increase by 8 per cent or \$9.56 per quarter mainly to cover expected costs to incur for the required annual pumping of all 6 operating fields for compliance purposes.

FAREWELL, JIM!

The trustees and staff of RWWD are very saddened by the loss of our former Chair and dear friend, Jim Kowalchuk, who passed away on November 30, 2020 at the age of 71.

Jim first became a trustee in 2015 to fill a one-year term and was reelected in 2018 and assumed the role of Chair of Trustees until his passing. He had an amazing dedication to serving the community of Rayleigh through the leadership and support that he selflessly extended RWWD throughout his term. His death is a major loss to the community and to his co-workers at RWWD. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mary and his two children during this very difficult time. If anyone would like to share his/her thoughts and prayers to Jim's family, visit: nwd.ca/farewell-james-kowalchuk.

FAREWELL, ARCHIE!

Alfred Linthorne, also known as 'Archie' to his friends and family, was the father of one of our Operators, Michael Linthorne.

Archie was temporarily hired in Fall 2019 to assist RWWD in its lawn mowing work. He passed away on December 21, 2020 at the age of 65. The trustees and staff of RWWD mourn his death and extend their sympathy to his son, Michael and his family during this painful moment of their lives.

BILLING & DUE DATES

Save the dates!

- **TAXES:** Taxes are billed the first week of July. Payment is due by **JULY 31st** of each year.
- **UTILITIES:**
 - ☞ **1st Quarter** is billed the first week of January and is due by: **FEBRUARY 15TH;**
 - ☞ **2nd Quarter** is billed the first week of April and is due by: **MAY 15TH;**
 - ☞ **3rd Quarter** is billed the first week of July and is due by: **AUGUST 15TH;**
 - ☞ **4th Quarter** is billed the first week of October and is due by: **NOVEMBER 15TH.**

CONTACT US

Visit us at our Admin Office (**Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:30pm**) or our website (www.rwwd.ca).

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