

DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH

BILL PAYMENT

REMINDER....
Utilities, Business Licences, and Dog Licences
are due by December 31, 2008

NOTICE OF ELECTOR ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS

The District of Squamish proposes to borrow \$ 992,367 under authority of "District of Squamish Arena Roof Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2064, 2008.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Sections 86 and 179 of the Community Charter, that the Council of the District of Squamish wishes to borrow up to a maximum amount of Nine Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven (\$ 992,367) dollars for the following:

1. Arena Roof Replacement at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre.

District Council, on October 7th, 2008, gave three readings to "District of Squamish Arena Roof Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2064, 2008" proposing to borrow, by way of debenture, a sum not exceeding \$ 992,367 repayable not later than twenty (20) years from the date of issue of such debenture. The 2008 residential property tax rate is \$ 3.398166 per \$ 1,000 of taxable assessment and the increased cost to service the new debenture debt would increase the residential property tax rate an estimated \$ 0.018445 per \$ 1,000 of taxable assessment.

Pursuant to the S.86 of the Community Charter, the District of Squamish Council may adopt the Bylaw if, after the deadline, less than 10% of the electors in the District of Squamish have signed and submitted Elector Response Forms. If, after the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4th, 2009, at least 1060 electors (10% of 10596) have signed and submitted Elector Response Forms, the District of Squamish Council may not adopt the Bylaw unless it receives assent of the electors by voting.

Elector response forms for this alternative approval process are available to the public at Municipal Hall (37955 Second Avenue).

Qualified electors who are in favour of this Bylaw do not have to submit any forms. Qualified electors signing a response form in opposition to this Bylaw must meet all the following requirements on the day of registration:

- a) Age 18 or older
- b) Canadian citizen
- c) a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months
- d) a resident of the District of Squamish for at least 30 days.

A non-resident of the District of Squamish who owns property within the District may be eligible to sign an elector response form, but should check with Municipal Hall as to whether all the requirements of S.51 of the Local Government Act are met.

Please direct any questions on the above to the District of Squamish, 604.892-5217.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2008 at Squamish, B. C.
THIS IS THE FIRST OF TWO PUBLICATIONS

CHANGE OF BUILDING DIVISION SERVICES DURING HOLIDAYS

As in previous years, Municipal Hall will be closed during the Christmas and New Years Season. More specifically, the Hall will be closed from Thursday December 25, 2008 up to an including Thursday January 1, 2009. During the closure, no building permit applications will be received, no building permits will be issued and regular building, plumbing and electrical field reviews will not be available. Although the office will be open on January 2, regular processing will not resume until January 5, 2009.

It is recognized that some builders may want to continue construction during this season. Therefore, during the period between December 23, 2008 and January 5, 2009, builders will have two options:

1. The builder can continue construction on the project to the point where a field review is required and then make a request for a field review by leaving a message on the Building telephone line (604) 815-5011. Construction must then be terminated until the required field review is carried out by a Building Official, after the Hall re-opens on January 5, 2009; OR
2. Provided that the District is notified by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2008, of the builder's intention to proceed under this option, the builder may retain the services of a Registered Professional, experienced in residential or commercial construction, to undertake the required field reviews normally performed by the Building Official. The Registered Professional's sealed field review report must be submitted to the District stating, without qualification or exceptions, that the work reviewed and approved by the Registered Professional is in compliance with the BC Building Code and all relevant District Bylaws and regulations. The only limitation on this option is that the Registered Professional is not allowed to approve or permit occupancy of a building. The District must receive the Registered Professional's field review report(s) before it will resume field reviews on the construction project. Registered Professional's field review reports will not be accepted for field reviews performed before December 24, 2008 or after January 4, 2009.

If you have inquiries related to building permit and plan review matters, please allow sufficient time for staff response before Wednesday, December 24, 2008. Otherwise, a response will be provided in the New Year. Should you have any questions, please contact Morgan Campbell, Building Technician at 604.815.5011

SNOW REMOVAL - PUBLIC NOTICE

The District of Squamish Operations Department is requesting residents' assistance in providing the safest possible road conditions during the winter season.

Please park vehicles in your driveway, or well off the roadside, during times of snowfall to facilitate plowing/sanding operations. By assisting the District in facilitating snow removal, we are able to provide safer driving conditions for our residents and visitors, as well as access for emergency vehicles.

Bylaw 779 provides the municipality with authorization to tow those vehicles preventing the snowplow or sanding equipment access to roadsides. The District is requesting voluntary compliance in assisting the crews to do their job, but will tow if absolutely necessary.

A reminder please, to pile the snow cleared from your driveway on the right hand side of your property to assist the plows and avoid snow being pushed back onto your driveway.

Further information regarding the District of Squamish Snow Removal Policy can be obtained from Operations at 604.815.6868