



# PIID Water Trustee's Report

## December 2018

The water team continues to work hard to maintain our supply of world class water. We continue testing our water on a weekly basis and I am pleased to report that we now have another certified operator. Lloyd Phillips recently sat for and passed his Water Operators Certification examination. Way to go Lloyd, I hear you also achieved an admirable test result!

### Volunteer Recognition

I feel compelled to always recognize the ongoing contribution of our many volunteers. During this month I can cite some great examples of that volunteer spirit in action:

- Colin Robertson regularly performing maintenance tests on our water tank generator and backfilling the majority of our new valve boxes.
- Ian Moskaluk, John Hall and Cam Russell informing me of a threat to our underwater lines near the boat ramp and then taking actions to remove the threat and testing to confirm that the lines were undamaged.
- Maureen Crooks arranging a meeting with our North Saanich Municipality water counterparts to discuss our mutual interest in maintaining water quality and strong communications links.

### Emergency Exercise

In November the Piers Island Emergency Program team invited the Water Team and the Fire Department to participate in a 'table top' exercise. The premise was that a BC Ferry lost control in Colbourne Passage and dropped anchor, damaging or severing our underwater lines. There was also a follow-up meeting to discuss action items that emanated from the workshop. Some notable action items that were suggested for the water team included:

- Communicate with BC Ferries reminding them and their ferry captains of the existence of our underwater lines.
- Mark more prominently, the area around our Piers Island boat ramp where the water lines terminate.
- Reinforce through signage and with other forms of communication 'who to call' in a water emergency.
- Educate all water team members on simple emergency measures to take when a water emergency occurs.

### Who do you call?

If you observe a water emergency on your property or somewhere on the Island please call any one of the following people:

#### Piers Island Water Emergency Contact Numbers

Position	Name	Landline	Cell
Water Operator/Admin	Maureen Crooks	250-656-9864	250-704-9864
Water Operator	Mary Jordan	250-656-6434	250-858-7187
Water Operator	Lloyd Phillips		1-604-581-3404
Water Team Member	Cam Russell		250-217-9820
Water Operator	Velvet Warrior	250-655-1101	250-514-8313
Water Operator	Philippa White	250-656-0568	250-415-9060
PIID Water Trustee	Charlie Troger		250-213-1459

## **Water Quality**

Currently our water quality is excellent. Chlorine levels are acceptable, and no coliforms are present.

To see Piers Island Water Sampling Results and Annual Reports go the Piers Island website: [www.piersisland.ca](http://www.piersisland.ca), choose the **PIID** tab, and click on **Water**

## **Maintenance Activities**

- Replacement of faulty chlorine distribution system probe.
- Completion of the backflow preventers project for 2018 (26 of 125 now installed).

## **Select Committee**

The Water Tank Replacement Project Select Committee met recently to finalize the content of our upcoming RFP designed to choose a consulting firm. Wording and dates were finalized and a list of consultants to whom we will send the RFP has been established. We are targeting mid-January to issue the RFP.

## **2019 Budget**

The PIID trustees met recently to discuss our budget for 2019. The budget has been finalized and will be announced soon.

## **Upcoming projects**

- Review and edit existing water system documentation such as our Water Bylaw and Emergency Procedures.
- Replace our broken water tank level indicator.

## **Last thoughts**

We are always busy, and we can always use help. If you are only here for a few days during the year let me know and I will find you a job compatible with your schedule.

Do *you* have some spare hours? *Give me a call!*  
**Charlie at 250.213.1459**

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