

# Town of Lake Cowichan Property Tax Newsletter



Your tax payment must be received at the Town Office by 4:30 p.m. on July 4, 2016. Online payments require more processing time. Pay early to avoid a 10% penalty.

If you are eligible for the Homeowner Grant, the completed grant application (the bottom portion of your tax notice) must be submitted to the Town Office by the due date. Even if the mortgage company pays your taxes, you are still responsible for completing the homeowner grant application, if eligible.



### Payment options:

1. Mail your cheque and/or homeowner grant application to the Town Office. Ensure your payment is received before 4:30 p.m. on July 4, 2016. The post-mark date is not accepted as proof of payment date.
2. Pay your utility or tax payments through telephone or online banking. Pay early (generally three to eight business days) to allow for bank processing times.  
*TIP: Problems with online payment: add one or two zeros in front of your roll number.*
3. Tax and utility payments can be made by cash, debit or cheque at the Town Office. We do accept post-dated cheques made payable for the due date.

## Email Contact List for Lake Cowichan

The Town of Lake Cowichan has an email contact list to advise local residents of notices including boil water advisories and changes to watering restrictions etc., in a timely manner. If you would like to add your email to this list, please complete the form available at the Town Office or on the Town's website (under department and then application forms).



### Burning Prohibited in Lake Cowichan



A reminder that burning is prohibited in the Town. Only ceremonial or small cooking fires are allowed unless a fire ban is in effect.

### ANNUAL MEETING



Public invited to AGM  
5:00 p.m. - June 21, 2016  
at Town Office

### Town BBQ

Saturday June 11, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Saywell Park

Purchase your tickets  
at Town Office



## The Bears are Back



Keep the organic and garbage cans behind closed doors and not in back yards or in alley ways where bears can get at them. Ensure garbage cans are placed at curbside before 7 a.m. on the morning of your scheduled pick-up day for the months of July and August.



## Property Tax Deferment

New applications for property tax deferment must be made by July 4, 2016. For more information call 250-356-8121. The forms are available at the Town office and on the [Ministry of Finance](#) website at:

[www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxes](http://www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxes)

Deferment renewal notices have been mailed out by the Property Taxation Branch. The Ministry is *strongly* recommending use of preprinted forms this year. Do not lose this form.

## House Numbers

To better serve the public during an emergency, the fire department recommends that your house numbers be well lit and positioned in a visible location by your main door entrance.

## Contact Us

### Municipal Office

39 South Shore Road  
 Phone 250-749-6681  
 Fax 250-749-3900  
 Office hours 8:30 – 4:30pm

### Public Works

7 Grossleg Way  
 Phone 250-749-6244  
 Fax 250-749-6686  
 Office hours 8:00 – 4:00pm

After hours *Emergency Only*  
 250-715-9730

**BC Assessment** website:  
[www.bcassessment.ca](http://www.bcassessment.ca)  
 or call 1-877-356-9313



## Watering Guidelines

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Effective Date	May 1 to Oct. 31	As required	As required
Sprinkling Times	7:00am - 9:00am OR 7:00pm - 9:00pm	7:00am - 9:00am OR 7:00pm - 9:00pm	NOT PERMITTED SPRINKLING BAN
Even Numbered Houses	Even days	Wednesday & Saturday	
Odd Numbered Houses	Odd days	Thursday & Sunday	
Watering New Lawn	Same as above unless Sprinkling Permit is obtained	NO PERMITS ISSUED	NO PERMITS ISSUED

Watering restrictions are in effect for Lake Cowichan. For more information refer to the Town's website under Public Works and Engineering Department.

### New for 2016

- Watering times changed to 7:00-9:00am or 7:00-9:00pm.
- Weeper hoses are included as micro irrigation for watering trees, shrubs and gardens. Soaker hoses are not considered micro-irrigation.
- Washing of houses is not permitted under Stage 2 restrictions.