# OOTISCHENIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



# ***“Our Mission is To Provide Safe Potable Drinking Water*”**

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***Ootischenia Improvement District Newsletter for Spring 2022***

**\**Important information for residents, please read*\***

***Chlorine flush***

Chlorine system flushingwill begin on **April 18, 2022** and will be completed no later than **April 25, 2022**. Chlorine flushing is done in the Spring and Fall of every year as a requirement of Interior Health and plays an important role in keeping Ootischenia water free from continuous chlorine treatment.

***Sprinkling Regulations***

The regulations for outside water use have not yet changed for 2022. However, the Board will be monitoring the continuing rise of consumption and changes to the regulations may still be made. Please visit our website to make sure you are up to date with current watering regulations. The Board encourages all residents to conserve as much water as possible. Grass only needs water two to three times a week and is most efficiently watered between 4am and 9am. For gardeners of vegetables and flowers, please consider micro-jet, drip systems or soaker hoses. These devices use up to 90% less water and deliver the water directly to the plant roots where it is needed. Friendly input from residents is welcomed regarding continuing water conservation. Please feel free to email the office with your ideas!

***Taxes and Tolls***

In order to receive the discounted rate shown on your invoice, payment must be received no later than **April 30, 2022**. After **April 30, 2022** the discounts shown on the invoice no longer apply.

***Covid-19***

* Health Canada has determined that covid-19 cannot infect drinking water.
* Due to the ongoing pandemic, it is not known if we can hold an Annual General Meeting. There are two Trustee positions up for election. Nomination forms can be found on the O.I.D website. Residents will be informed of a meeting date and format as soon as possible.
* Regular monthly Board of Trustee meetings are continuing. However, due to the space limitations of our building, we cannot safely accommodate public attendance at this time. Please send any questions or concerns you have to the OID office by e-mail or by Canada Post. All concerns will be addressed in a timely manner.

***Water Distribution System news***

The OID has reached the maximum number of connections (600) the distribution system can accommodate. No applications for water will be accepted until further notice.

There were two distribution system upgrades completed in 2021. In order to increase the amount of water that could be supplied by our well #6, over 1000 feet of eight-inch water main was installed on McPhee Rd and along Highway 3. There was also a fire hydrant and 600 feet of six-inch water main installed on Waterloo Crescent. The new pipes have a life expectancy beyond 100 years.

As Waterloo Park has started to take shape, water drainage from the park access road has caused water to pool around our fire hydrant at the park and saturate the ground. This situation has resulted in the OID taking this fire hydrant out of service until the drainage is addressed. We are working with the RDCK and will have this issue remedied this spring.

***General Information***

From January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 the OID pumped and delivered a total of **137,768,826** gallons of water. That is an average of 306,835 gallons for the year to each of our 449 active connections.

O.I.D By-law states that the property owner is responsible for keeping the isolation valve to their property free of debris and cover. This is very important. If we cannot find your valve in an emergency, severe damage could occur to your home. If you do not know where your isolation valve is, contact the OID and we may be able to help you locate it.

All outside water usage is restricted to 4 gallons per minute total. Dole valves are a mandatory requirement on all outside water connections and are available at the OID office.

***Customer Records and Emergency Procedures***

For 2022, the Ootischenia Improvement District would like to update the **customer records and emergency procedures** with updated information. It would be greatly appreciated if you would fill out this questionnaire and send it back via; regular mail, email, put it in our mail slot or phone in.

**PROPERTY OWNERS:**

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:**

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:**

**NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD:** **#**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­

**OTHER WATER SOURCES: PRIVATE WELL:** **RIVER:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CREEK (OLD WATER SYSTEM):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**INGROUND AUTOMATIC SPRINKLING SYSTEM: YES NO**

**RENTERS:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation.

The Trustees

Ootischenia Improvement District