

MAYNE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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June 15th 2011

To: Commercial Property Owners, Mayne Island, BC
Re: 2011 Mayne Island Health Centre & Heliport Tax Levy

Enclosed is a Health Centre and Helipad tax notice for your commercial property on Mayne Island. You will note a significant increase in your taxation this year.

The primary reason for this increase is due to incorrect taxation practices in previous years. By law, Improvement Districts must bill out taxation utilizing 'Variable Rate Taxation'. Simply put this means that different categories of properties are supposed to be billed at different rates.

In the past all properties on Mayne were billed at the same rate. This year the Health Centre and Heliport taxation bylaw properly incorporates the variable rates – commercial properties are taxed at a higher rate than residential properties.

The Trustees are committed to reviewing all budgets of the Improvement District and will strive to undertake cost savings where practical and possible. In addition the Trustees will be reviewing the Health Centre and Heliport taxation model, giving consideration towards changing to a Parcel Tax. This will be discussed at a future town hall meeting and you are encouraged to attend to provide input into this issue.

I trust that you recognize the immense value to the community in having a Health Centre and Helipad available. Without contributions from all taxpayers to provide these facilities we face loss of these community assets.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at davemaude@hotmail.com

David Maude
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