

2010 Tax Increase

Both Electoral Area 'F' and Electoral Area 'H' (Dashwood/Bowser/Deep Bay) have projected Regional District tax increases of about \$10.00 per \$100,000 of assessment in 2010. Both areas, along with the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Electoral Area 'G' (French Creek) contribute to the operations of the Ravensong Aquatic Center located in Qualicum Beach and Oceanside Place Arena located in Parksville. The Ravensong Aquatic Center is undergoing some major repairs as a result of finding that the building envelope is beginning to fail. The Oceanside Arena requisition has been increased to fund more capital replacements as the facility ages. The third contributing factor in 2010 was a serious vicious animal enforcement case that occurred in Electoral Area 'F'. Additional property taxes in the amount of \$30,000 had to be raised in 2010 to cover costs incurred. These three services account for \$7.60 of the \$10.00 increase in 2010.

I hope the foregoing is of assistance in providing additional context to your questions. Board members very much appreciate residents who take the time and effort to attend Board meetings and bring questions to their attention.

Sincerely,



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