

Ships Point awarded \$200K!

Canada will be 150 years old in 2017. In celebration of this momentous occasion, the federal government announced the Canada 150 program. The program will invest \$150 million dollars over two years in community infrastructure. In June, the Ships Point Improvement District board applied to Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD), who is delivering the program in western Canada, for a \$200,000 grant to help towards Phase Two of our water system project. Two weeks ago we got the news that our grant application was approved for the full amount!

On July 30, 2015 Minister John Duncan announced five awards for Northern Vancouver Island at a ceremony in front of Courtenay City hall. Gary Patterson, the Chair of the SPID board attended the ceremony: "Ships Point Improvement District is delighted to be one of the recipients under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. It is great for a small, self-supporting community to be given the recognition and help with replacing our aging water system."

For Ships Point ratepayers, the Canada 150 grant, along with a previous grant for \$75,000, will mean a savings of about \$1,000 per household. Special congratulations and thank you to Nina LeBlanc, Frank Green, Bill Trussler and Pat Edwards for all their hard work on behalf of Ships Point ratepayers.