February 22, 2019

Village Update

Your weekly news & updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

When I wrote two weeks ago, the topic that got the most attention, albeit from a small number of affected residents, was the failure of the Kelvin Grove Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP.) The short and medium term of what this might mean for the 95 residents of Kelvin Grove, who are the sole users of this facility, was indicated. Staff have continued to post information with respect to the WWTP on our web home page and update the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) as more is known. The latest edition of the FAQ's can be found here. A further WWTP update follows this article. The Sewer utility notice, which will only be received by Kelvin Grove residents, will have more information enclosed.

This week was Budget week in Lions Bay. Utility User Rate Bylaws received final reading and are now enacted. Residents will receive their notices at month end. All user rates had increases: Water (5%), Sewer (5%), and Garbage & Recycling (1.5%.)

The 2019 Preliminary Budget Report can be found here. I do follow how many link hits articles receive so I'm pretty sure few people will delve into the minutia of the Budget Report. The quick analysis is as follows:

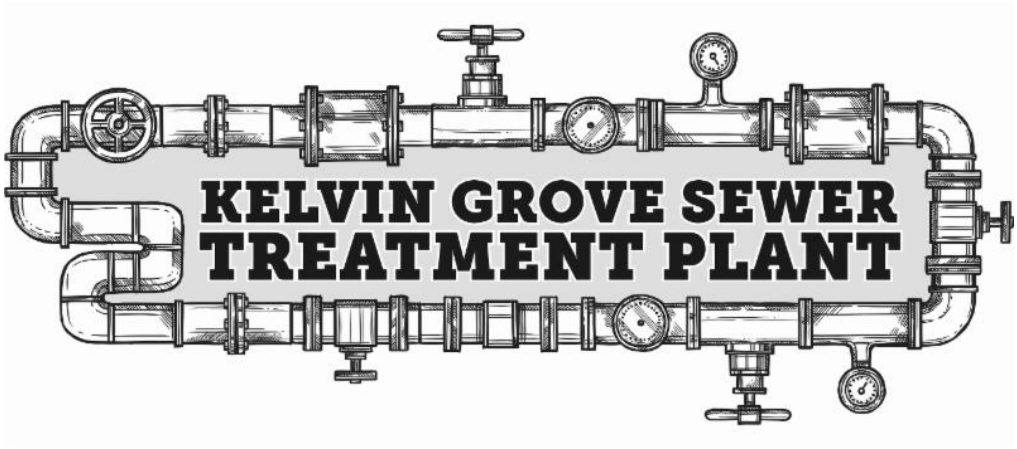
- (page 92) The consolidated operating budget (all sections rolled into one page) based on no tax increase, revealed that all operations could be funded with only a modest shortfall ($10.5K.) This, however, does not include supplemental requirements for minor capital expenditures or one-time services.
- (pages 105-106) The proposed Capital and Supplemental Requests (C & SR's) are itemized. Some of these requests have appeared in prior year budgets and been taxed for, but the work has not been done. The $166.8K list total does not include any requests from the Fire Department yet.
- Depending on your perspective, some of the items on the C & SR list, are nice to have and some are essential. This will be the next discussion Council will have during the first week of March. With a 1% tax increase equivalent to $14.5K, you can expect all items will be carefully considered.

The Preliminary Budget Report is the financial presentation of what our operational costs are to run the Village day to day. This contemplates general maintenance and upkeep, minor capital expenditures, provision of services, and all other normal overhead. Throughout Lions Bay's history we have been focused on providing the operational essentials and maintaining a low tax rate.

The elephant in the room is the Infrastructure Gap. That is the estimated financial difference between where our infrastructure is now, and the cost to replace it at the end of its life time. In ensuing Village Updates I will discuss this in more depth.

Regards,
Ron
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Updates from the municipality



Current Status

Public Works staff were able to partially repair the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) late yesterday afternoon. The plant is **not** fully functional but is operating between 80 to 90 percent of its capabilities. A short video showing the motor turning the media disk can be viewed on **YouTube**. For more information on the plant and how it functions see the 2018 Annual Report available in the Reports and Documents section of our website.

The Municipality would like to thank you for assisting us in minimizing the wastewater discharge to the environment.

Next Steps

On February 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM, in the new upper Council Chambers, staff will present information to the Infrastructure Committee about the recent failure of mechanical components of the Kelvin Grove wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Staff will also provide the Committee with the:

- reporting requirements to the Environmental Protection Officer responsible for the WWTP;
- current condition of the plant;
- status of temporary repairs;
- sourcing of replacement parts to repair the plant; and
- future repair and replacement methodology

As with all Infrastructure Committee Meetings, this meeting is open to the public and residents may address the Committee for up to 2 minutes during the Public Questions and Comments portion at the end of the meeting.

Staff, the Infrastructure Committee, and Council encourage those interested in learning more about the current WWTP issues to attend the meeting.

Read the FAQs

Note: All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30 pm on Regular Council Meeting nights. Please check the Meeting Calendar for changes or cancellations.

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

- Infrastructure Committee - February 28 at 7 pm
- Regular Council - March 5 at 7 pm *(Preliminary Budget Presentation)*

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?

Seniors Social Circle

For details on upcoming events such as the Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis talk with Rod Baker on February 26th, "Return of the Humpbacks" movie showing, Tai Chi and Quigong Fusion classes, Finding Stillness meditation group, and much more... click here.

To take the "Community Centre Survey" for Lions Bay Social Interests, click here and send your completed survey to info.lbdirectory@gmail.com.

Lions Bay Events Committee

Trivia Night: February 22nd at 7 pm, Broughton Hall
An all ages community event. Grab your friends and neighbours to prove your intellectual excellence, mental mettle, and cerebral superiority! **$5 entry. Prizes to win. Cash bar.**

Lions Bay's Got Talent: March 7th, Broughton Hall
Juggle, dance, sing or play the spoons? Time to get practicing! Lions Bay's Got Talent is coming to Lions Bay on March 7th. **Judges, prizes and memorable acts from all ages.**

**Email nicoladudley@yahoo.com to secure your spot in the talent lineup.



Post Office Temporarily Closed Again

The mail room at the post office will be closed again for the weekend of **February 23 and 24** for the installation of further mail boxes. As a result, there will be no access to mailboxes during that time. You may access your box until 10:00 pm on Friday, February 22. If you are expecting a parcel, you may inquire at the retail counter in the store.

A piece of Lions Bay history...

LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"LOOKING BACK"



The climbing history of the Lions dates begins in 1889, when a group of hunters led by Chief Capilano first encountered the base of the peaks. Legend has it that at the behest Dr. Henry Bell-Irving, a wealthy industrialist who was along for the hunt, one of the younger men in the group ran up the west peak summit. He clocked in at 20 minutes, round trip!

The east peak wasn't ascended until 1903, when brothers John, Robert, and William Latta climbed the summit without the use of ropes (they brought one, but didn't know how to use it). This feat was particularly impressive due to the steep granitic face of this formation; many had previously deemed the climb impossible

Some years later, it became a BC Mountaineering Club tradition for a party to climb the Lions on Labour Day weekend, in part to "test" prospective club members, who were required to successfully complete two test climbs before getting the nod.



Chief Joe Capilano



Dr. Henry Bell-Irving

Please visit Lions Bay Historical Society's web page and Facebook page.