March 15, 2019

Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the desk of Councillor Abbott

Proposed Metro Vancouver Bylaw to Restrict the Use of Wood-burning Appliances: What you need to know

By 2025, Metro Vancouver is proposing to ban the use of residential wood-burning appliances - including woodstoves, pellet stoves, open fireplaces, inserts, and more - that emit more than 4.5 grams particulate per hour*. The ban will be phased in starting next year (2020).

Clearly this could potentially impact a large number of Lions Bay residents, possibly with significant cost implications, if they have open fireplaces or older woodstoves. Lions Bay is a signatory on the Climate Action Charter, which has an Addendum which includes a statement that the Village of Lions Bay is committed to continuing to pursue cooperation with other governments and communities in protecting air quality.

There are, however, options in terms of how we in Lions Bay respond to Metro's proposed legislation, and possibly influence what will be required of residents with wood burning appliances. But in order to represent the wishes of the community

accurately, Council needs to hear from as many homeowners as possible. Given that Metro Staff must draft the new legislation by the second quarter of this year, and we need to formulate a response, we would like to hear from you **no later than March 27th.**

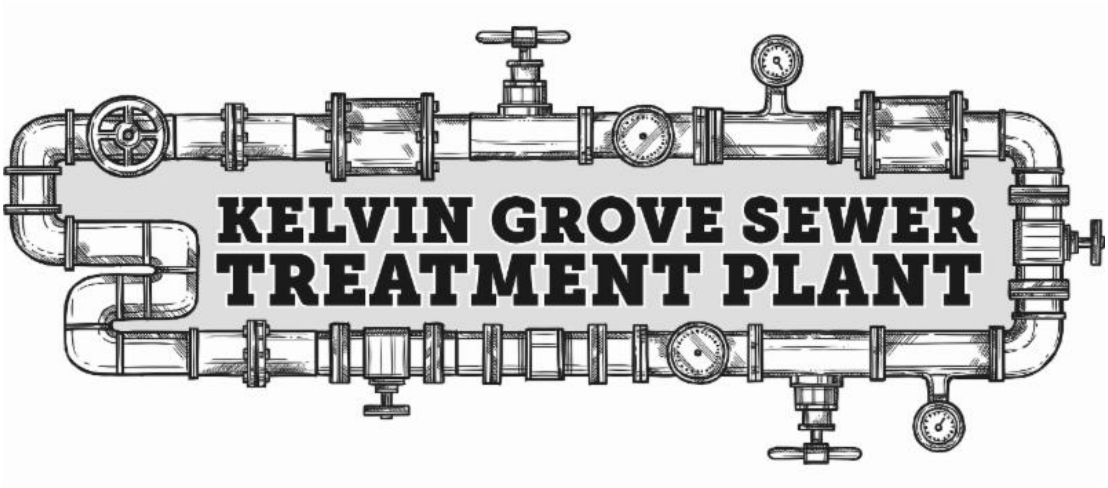
To make things easy, there are several ways you can respond:

- we've provided a short survey in print in your mailbox, also available online;
- email input to me;
- use the Feedback form on our website;
- drop completed survey forms or comments in the new "Have your say" letter box in the store (on the right, as you exit via the main entrance), or at the Village Office.

To encourage input, you may choose to respond anonymously.

How Metro's bylaw will roll out (read more...)

Updates from the Municipality



On February 4, 2019 staff discovered a mechanical failure at the Kelvin Grove sewer treatment plant and were forced to turn the plant off. Public Works staff were able to partially repair the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and it is not fully functional but is operating between 80 to 90 percent of its capabilities. Quotes for replacement parts are currently being reviewed.

Recent testing of the effluent determined that we are back within the levels allowed by our Permit. Therefore, Kelvin Grove residents can resume normal water use once more. The Municipality would like to thank you for assisting us in minimizing the wastewater discharge to the environment.

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.

Read the Updated FAQs



REMINDER: Boat spaces and dog license renewals were due starting January 1 for this year. The **early discount payment** ends March 31 at which time fees will increase to their regular amounts:

- Dog Licenses will increase from $30 to $60 (spayed or neutered) and from $60 to $90 (unaltered);
- Boat Licenses will increase from $125 to $150 (note: after May 31 a boat will be seized and removed, and charged a daily fee).

2019 Utility Notices

The 2019 Utility Notices were mailed out on March 1. Pay by April 1st at 4 pm in order to qualify for the prompt payment discount.

The notice (for single family houses) includes a Secondary Suite Declaration. Please complete the questions in the declaration and return to the Village Office. The declaration can also be completed online on our website (here). Section 7 of the Secondary Suite Surcharge Bylaw No. 513, 2017, as amended, requires all single family property owners to answer the questions on the Secondary Suite Declaration. The mailing also includes a brochure with information about secondary suites. (Click here to see brochure).

Online Services:
Residents are now able to access information regarding their utility notices and property taxes through the online service portal. The portal can be found under the Financial Services section of the Village website (here).

To set up your account, all you need is an email address, your account number and the online access code that you will find under your civic address on the front of your utility notice. Once set up, you will be able to add accounts and view and pay any outstanding bills with a credit card. Please be aware that a processing fee is applied to the payment by the third-party provider.

If you have any questions please email accounting@lionsbay.ca.

What's happening in the community?



If you would like to attend, please RSVP by March 25th to info@lionsbayarts.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!

Seniors Social Circle

For details on upcoming events such as Tai Chi and Finding Stillness on March 19, Dance Your Muse, Memoir writing class, debates, movies, First Aid course, gardening, 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 Community Scholarship Foundation



Calling All Grade 12 Students

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents Scholarships to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution. Applications are due by 4 pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Click for: Information and Application Form.
