Weekly Village News

Friday, July 24, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

The Village Hall meeting last Friday was attended by about 140 residents. If you missed it, we will be posting the Water Shortage Plan on the website soon, once edited down to a non-speech-accompanied presentation. One of the suggestions from the meeting that Council determined to act on was an overnight Village Fire Watch, starting tonight. Open slots are available here for sign-up. I hope that everyone contributes some time to reducing fire risk overnight, especially from cars passing through on the highway.

You may have noticed our new fire hazard signage already. In a first bid to reduce fire risk, Council resolved to ban fires, open flame, BBQs and smoking in all public areas in the Village. Please help spread the word. Regional wildfire risk remains at the Extreme level, and the entire lower Mainland is at Drought Level 4 (of 4). Three days of rain is predicted from today, which will help, and I hope all those rain barrels finally have a chance to be tested! So far the supply of groundwater entering the creeks above the intake weirs is holding up, and we are running at a supply-demand ratio around 240% this week. On the demand side, June's consumption of 1.56 megaliters (411,000 US gal.) per day was 36% less than consumption in June 2014. Consumption in July through yesterday is 41% lower than the corresponding period a year ago, at 1.01 megaliters (267,000 US gal.) per day. As much as maybe 80,000 gal. per day of this year's savings arises from assiduous Public Works leak fixing in the past year, but Lions Bayer's are also responding to conservation measures in true Lions Bay style. As long as we can keep the supply-demand ratio above 125%, we will not need to go to Level

3 conservation, which is when it really starts getting serious. As those who were there last Friday heard, we don't know what the stream flow will do, but one scenario is that it will switch off fast, unless we get pretty regular rain from now on. Now is the time to start reducing inside usage too, to keep that safety margin above the 125% threshold.

A few other housekeeping items: in a further bid to reduce fire risk, Council is again asking the Province to consider closing trails sooner rather than later. All it takes is one careless person.... And, Council has approved increasing our Bylaw Officer's hours, for better coverage of the Outdoor Water Use bylaw, and of parking contraventions. We're hearing that parking is worse this year than ever, and if it's any comfort, Council has asked staff to produce a master parking plan to try to solve parking issues for residents, guests, beachgoers and hikers year round, and not just by moving it around. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, in the absence of a Village Manager, these things move slowly - our senior Finance and Public Works Managers have their day jobs to get to as well, but I'm hoping to have real solutions to parking in play by the end of the year. Finally, the formal search for the right Village Manager for Lions Bay continues, with good progress, but there's nothing to announce quite yet.

Regards,
Karl



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Join our MP John Weston, MLA Jordan Sturdy, and Mayor and Council for an important infrastructure funding announcement for the Village of Lions Bay on Wednesday, July 29th at 11am in the Village Hall.

WATER MAIN VALVE INSTALLATION

The Village's Public Works Department would like to advise residents that they will be installing a valve on the water main located across from the school on Bayview Road (in front of 249 Bayview Road) from Wednesday July 29 to Friday July 31. Please use caution in the area, and obey all signs and crew instructions. This work is not anticipated to affect water supply to the homes in the immediate vicinity.

RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS

Please be reminded that Resident Parking Permits must be visible in the windshield of your vehicle, including the date on the permit (the color does not determine its validity), to avoid receiving a ticket from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

RECYCLED WATER TANKS



Have you spotted our recycled water tanks on our Public Works vehicles yet? Public Works has been using recycled water to water the municipally-owned planters in various locations within the Village since June, and are now excited to announce that the Lions Bay Native Plant Garden is now using recycled water to water their plants! In an effort to conserve as much water as possible during Conservation Level 1, the Lions Bay Native Plant Garden volunteers proactively contacted the Public Works department to talk about rain barrels. That conversation has now evolved into a partnership with the Public Works Department - crews now deliver recycled water from the Village's water sampling program to a rain barrel system located in the garden.

LIONS BAY BEACH PARK WASHROOMS - REOPENED

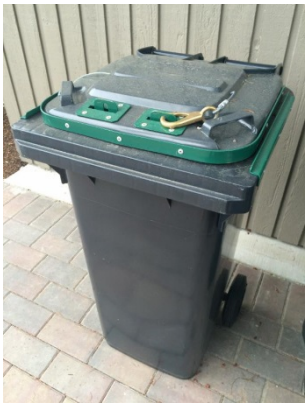
The Public Works Department would like to notify the Village that the Lions Bay Beach Park Washrooms have been repaired and are now open. Due to the nature of the vandalism, paper towel will not be available until further notice. Please use the garbage bins provided to dispose waste.

HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN

As part of the PreparedBC resource library, Emergency Management BC has developed a new Household Emergency Plan. This resource provides us with useful planning tips and a "fill in the blank" template to create your own household emergency plan. Visit

PreparedBC for more information and available resources. These links can also be found on the Village website under Emergency Info.

Household Emergency Plan



GARBAGE BINS FOR SALE

The Village Office still has several garbage bins available for sale. These animal-resistant bins, priced at $175 each, can be used for either household garbage or as a green-can bin.

Please stop by the Village Office to pick-up a bin at anytime during office hours (Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday from 10am to 4pm).

DAILY WATER PRODUCTION GRAPHS

The daily Water Production Graph is located on the home page of the Village website and will be updated each weekday to reflect daily production (consumption) rates.

Today's Graph

See what's happening on our social sites:

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