Weekly Village News

Friday, July 31, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

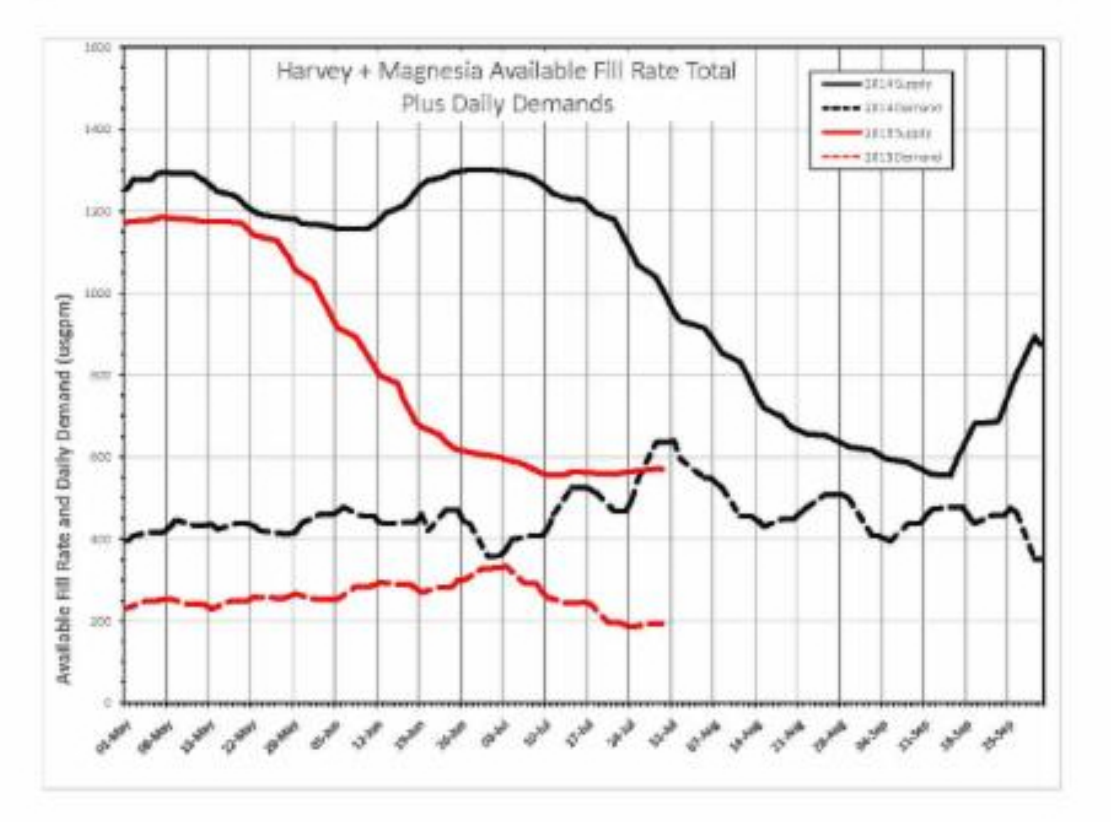
Hello!

On Wednesday our MP and our MLA came to Lions Bay to formally announce that our April application to the New Building Canada Fund was successful, and that we had been awarded $123,000 from each level of government, to match the same amount budgeted by Council for 2015 for a variety of safety improvements in our water infrastructure. Congrats to our Public Works Manager, Nikii Hoglund, who spearheaded this effort.

You may have noticed our crew digging up the roads to install lots of cool-looking hardware. This work is all to help balance water demand with supply from our two plants, so that we can use ALL available flow from the creeks. It comes from a $60,000 Water Contingencies budget approved by Council early this year when it looked like water may become an issue this year.

So far water supply is holding up, although if this year's demand had been the same as last year's, we would have run out this week. This graph comes out of excellent work by the Infrastructure Committee:

(For clarity, the solid black line is 2014 supply, the dashed black line is 2014 demand, the solid red line is 2015 supply, and the dashed red line is 2015 demand).



But demand is running at roughly half of last year, both because of significant leak fixing and because of excellent cooperation from the Village. The supply situation this year is unprecedented, and we still don't know what will happen, but we are prepared.

An update on our professional staffing: our search for a Village Manager continues, with good progress. Council is in recess in August, and many staff are on holiday, so the timing is OK. Nikii Hoglund will be taking a two-month medical leave starting next Friday. Please join me in wishing her no complications and a speedy return. In the meantime...please recognize that while normal operations will continue to be handled by staff with the usual quiet competence, extraordinary stuff will take longer.

Regards,
Karl

FUNDING FOR SAFETY IMPORVEMENTS FOR MAGNESIA AND HARVEY CREEK WATER INTAKES



Thanks to joint funding from the government of Canada and British Columbia through the Small Communities Fund, residents of Lions Bay will benefit from upgraded drinking water infrastructure.

We welcomed MP John Weston and MLA Jordan Sturdy to the Village on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, who announced this good news. The project is designed to mitigate existing rock fall, debris torrent and high water main pressure hazards to the Village's water supply. The Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have both contributed $123,008 to the Village of Lions Bay.

For detailed information via the news release sent out by our local government, and to view photos from the event on Wednesday, please click on the box below.

News Release

RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS EXPIRE TODAY



Please be reminded that Resident Parking Permits expire today; your new permit, which was sent in the mail with your property tax notices in May, should now be visible in your windshield.

WILDFIRE NEWS

Please see the attached newsletter from the Coastal Fire Centre. They are asking

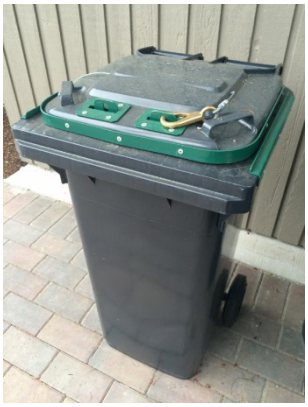
everyone to continue to be cautious. This long weekend they want all those out in forested land to think about what they are doing and to please be careful!

Wildfire News

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



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).

LIBRARY SUMMER UPDATE

The Library Volunteers wish to remind the Village Residents that we will be closed for the BC Day long weekend and will re-open Wednesday, August 5th at 10am. We will also close the Library from Sunday, August 30th to Wednesday, September 9th. This will enable our Volunteers to enjoy summer vacations.

We have had a good response with our Story Time events held on Monday mornings, and for the reading contest involving school aged children; we will continue these activities until August 30th.

Many thanks for your support. Please come and enjoy the many summer reading books available.

LOVE FOOD - HATE WASTE CAMPAIGN

Metro Vancouver launched a Love Food - Hate Waste campaign on May 7th, with a goal of reducing residential food waste by 10% by 2018. Their research confirmed that over half of the food, liquid and dairy disposed of by residents should have been consumed. That's 100,000 tonnes per year! For more information on this campaign, please check out their website, which includes many tips on how to use more of the food you buy.



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