Weekly Village News

Friday, September 4, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

This Monday, flow entering the Magnesia water intake suddenly dropped at 06:30, likely as a result of a debris blockage due to hard overnight rain. Safety protocol dictates that our Public Works team can't go up there for some hours after rain stops to see. But they were confident that with newly-instituted system configurability, and with demand this year at about half of last year, we could manage supply by switching all but 62 homes on Sunset and at Brunswick Beach onto the Harvey Creek plant. The Mag blockage self-cleared the next day. Affected water mains were flushed, and homes were switched back to Magnesia to rebalance supply, all without a Boil Water Advisory and seamlessly to users. We couldn't have done this six months ago, and I congratulate Nikii Hoglund and our Public Works team for the planning and execution they're doing to improve water supply in the Village.

We are still at Outdoor Water Use Level 2 conservation. The recent rain certainly helps: improved SCADA (Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition) on our water control systems now tells us that it takes as much as a week for a given rain event to flow through the creek system before returning to groundwater-only supply. Those who were at the Village Hall meeting may recall that Lions Bay's motivation for conservation is not the same as large water-supply authorities. They seek to reduce long-term demand to delay having to spend billions to construct new reservoirs. We seek to eke out a finite daily supply, to try to ensure there's enough to go around. It's a delicate balancing act - we may as well use the water if it's there - and so far, the measures we've put in place are holding up well: we're consuming at about half of last year's rate

and we've never gone below a supply-demand ratio of 150%. But autumn is slated to be drier than average, and the main rain may not start for another two months. Today it's looking better than a month ago (although if we'd been consuming the same this year as last year, we'd have run out once already with this year's supply), but we're not out of the woods yet. Please continue to be vigilant.

I'm pleased to advise that in an effort to address parking concerns at Brunswick Beach, at our request the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, MOTI, has authorized a tow-away zone at the highway exit. Parkers there will be given warning notices for the next week or two, and thereafter will be towed under MOTI authority. Please note that Lions Bay municipality has no authority on the Provincial highway, and our own Bylaw Officer can neither ticket nor tow vehicles there. Let's see if this move helps the dangerous parking and pedestrian situation at the Brunswick interchange.

Finally, you may know that our Regional District, Metro Vancouver, receives Lions Bay's garbage and that we are thus subject to Metro's requirements. Following soft-launch at the beginning of the year, enforcement of the ban on organics in the regular solid waste stream began on July 1. Enforcement means that loads can be rejected if they contain organics, subjecting the originator (us) to a fine from Metro and a surcharge from the hauler for the extra handling. So far, we're good.

Regards,
Karl

PUBLIC HEARING - REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Please be advised that a Public Hearing has been scheduled to discuss the Regional Context Statement, as part of the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Copies of the Bylaw are available for review on our website, or at the Village Office.

Notice of Public Hearing

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND



Please note that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015 for the Labour Day Statutory Holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30pm on *Regular Council Meeting* nights.

- September 10, 2015 - Special Council Meeting @ 12:30pm
- September 14, 2015 - Infrastructure Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm
- September 15, 2015 - Council Strategy Committee Meeting @ 3:00pm
- September 15, 2015 - Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- September 21, 2015 - Bylaw & Policy Review Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm

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2015 FIREFIGHTER'S DAY



Lions Bay Fire Rescue is pleased to announce that the 2015 Firefighter's Day will be on September 12, 2015. Thank you to everyone who has already donated prizes for our famous Silent Auction table! Your support is greatly appreciated. If you would still like to donate, but have not yet, please contact Simon at 604-839-6177. See you all on September 12th from 2:00pm to 11:00pm.

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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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