Weekly Village News

Friday, September 18, 2015

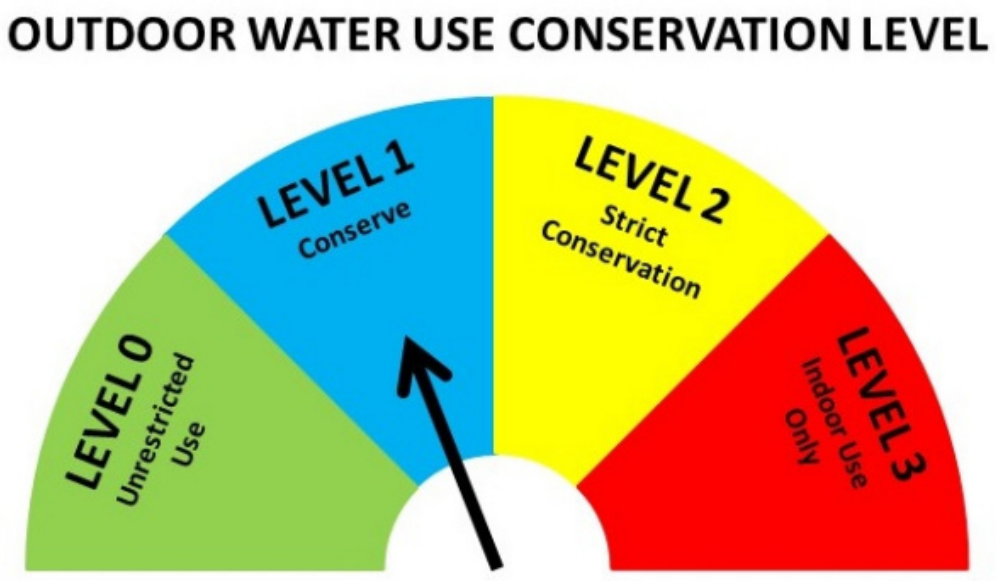
From the Mayor's Desk

As you'll read officially in this week's update, the municipality is moving back to Outdoor Water Use Conservation Level 1, effective today. Stream flow is sufficiently high, and consumption sufficiently low, that it's likely we can reliably maintain a Supply-Demand ratio above 150%, the necessary condition for Level 1. This level still restricts us to watering three days a week, but it does allow pressure washers, and boat and car washing, for example. We're not out of the woods yet and we may need to return to Level 2, but to put this summer into perspective, Lions Bay is consuming water at roughly a quarter of last year's rate. This level of community reduction is unprecedented as far as I know, and results from a magnificent response by residents, plus Public Works's full-court press on leak fixing.

This past Wednesday night about a dozen Lions Bayers turned out for the Public Hearing on our "workaround" Regional Context Statement, required of every BC municipality to explain how their Official Community Plan aligns with the updated Regional Growth Strategy, and which in our case is well overdue at GVRD. Our RCS is necessarily workaround, since clearly it can't presuppose what our next OCP will say after the several rounds of public consultation and work by consultants needed to produce a meaningful plan. Speakers at the hearing were roughly evenly split between two positions. One position is hesitant to increase population or change housing mix or density due to concerns over water, traffic, parking and changes to community ethos. The other position acknowledges a need for additional tax base, under-investment in infrastructure and seeks to maintain Lions Bay's vibrancy and appeal to new young families with children for the school through planned growth. I think it's safe to say that our next OCP will be critical guidance to Lions Bay's future Council

members and municipal staff, and I hope every resident participates to make it meaningful and reflective of the Village's current desire.

An OCP update was costed at $40,000 in 2015's preliminary budget, but dropped in favour of more pressing items, and is currently envisaged for 2016's budget. Given that 2015 is already seeing unbudgeted gaps of $60,000 for work on retaining walls at the water intakes that won't be reimbursed by the Provincial Emergency Program, plus $10,000 in provincial grants planned for the Infrastructure Master Plan that won't happen for timing reasons, and $3,500 to replace the municipal phone system. Council may yet thus elect to defer spending on an OCP in 2016, for which the budget planning work is just beginning.



The Village of Lions Bay water supply is now consistently within parameters to allow us to revoke the Level 2 water conservation requirements.

Effective Friday, September 18th, water conservation requirements will return to Level 1. Those restrictions are detailed in the Level 1 column on page 3 of the Conservations Measures chart.

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

- September 21, 2015 - Bylaw & Policy Review Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2015 - Council Strategy Committee Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2015 - Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB

QIGONG/TAI CHI FUSION CLASS

All classes begin at 11:15am in the Village Hall with Josie Loehrich from North Shore Tai Chi Spirit.

- Tuesday, September 22
- Tuesday, September 29

About Quigong & Tai Chi Fusion:
Participants will learn a wide variety of Qigong and Tai Chi movements, stances, and sets of exercises that will help improve flexibility, strength and peace of mind. Ancient Chinese Health Qigong and Tai Chi are exercises that help reduce stress, increase a state of peacefulness and vitality. They will help students improve their mental sharpness and physical health, leading to increased stamina and joy in the conduct of their everyday lives.

Please watch for upcoming events. We are booking lectures, talks, info sessions, fitness, outings, artistic practices, workshops and more. If you have an idea for a session, please let us know by emailing kjeffery@lionsbay.ca.

FREE GAMING GRANT WORKSHOP

Along with all the North Shore MLA's, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky MLA Jordan Sturdy will be co-hosting a free seminar for organizations considering applying for a Community Gaming Grant.

Community Gaming Grants support the delivery of community organization programs that benefit the citizens of British Columbia. To receive a grant, your organization and the program offered must meet certain eligibility requirements.

Eligibility
Programs must have been in operation for at least 12 months prior to application. (In other words, a grant will not be awarded for a program that is being offered for the first time.) To receive a grant, the program must fall into one of the following sectors:

- Arts and Culture
- Sport
- Environment
- Public Safety
- Human and Social Services; or
- Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Council's (these organizations are aligned with the schools).

Attendance is limited, so please register by email at sharon.thompson@leg.bc.ca. Questions or concerns can also be directed to Sharon.

The next Gaming Grant application deadline of November 30th is for Human and Social Services but the workshop can be used towards any community Grant application or deadline.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee is putting together the calendar of events that they will host over the next year: Halloween Party, Polar Bear Swim, Easter, Canada Day, Games Nights, etc.

If you have an idea for a new event, or would like to help out at one, please join us at our upcoming meeting, September 22, 2015.

For more information contact Kate Pratt - prattkatherine@hotmail.com.

MUSIC TOGETHER

The Lions Bay Music Together fall program will be starting on Thursday, September 24th at the Village Hall. For more information, please click on the button below.

Music Together Fall 2015

See what's happening on our social sites: