Weekly Village News

Friday, October 2, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

You may have noticed the Outdoor Water Conservation moving to Level 0 yesterday on the basis that the Outdoor Water Use bylaw stipulates Level 1 only between June 1 and Sep. 30. Our supply-demand ratio is around 600% this week, but we're not quite ready to totally declare us out of the woods for this year. The September rains have been a blessing, but we've also seen years where the main rain doesn't start until mid-November, and we may yet need to increase the Level again. I'll say again that our 60-70% drop in consumption from last year is unprecedented in municipal annals anywhere, and I both congratulate and thank all Lions Bayers from the bottom of my heart. Please continue being water conscious in the remaining weeks of possible constraint, plus throughout the year-your septic system or Kelvin Grove's treatment plant will thank you no matter what.

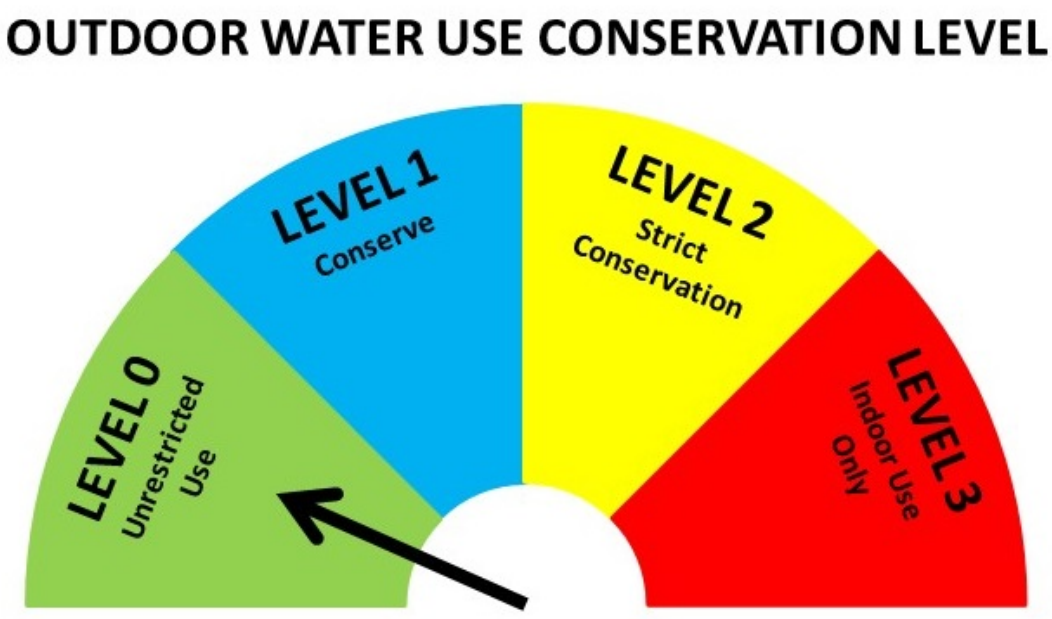
All of last week I attended the Union of BC municipalities convention downtown. There were useful seminars, and plenary sessions to vote on numerous policy resolutions brought by member municipalities (which usually go to the Province, ostensibly for action but more likely I fear for "filing"). Discussions on the sidelines with other local government types was revealing, interesting and useful. Our MLA Jordan Sturdy and I were granted an audience with the new Minister for Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Peter Fassbender, and half a dozen of his senior staff. CSCD is the Ministry most involved with municipal grants and policy and I presented a request on behalf of Council for a strategic study to try to correlate our annual snowpack to resulting streamflow, with a view to Lions Bay being able to quantify its water supply risk every year. This would be a long-term technical exercise, and doesn't seem to fall

under conventional funding or grant programs. The Infrastructure Committee will need to do some work on laying out the project, to see if we can get it funded, built, and generating the numbers vital to our security. I secondly broached the idea of a peak-shaving desalination facility, whereby Lions Bay could permanently ensure its water supply in the one to two months a year that streamflow is constrained. They were intrigued, and there's precedent for specialty funding for these types of strategic projects. We now have a good handle on the current timing and success rate of provincial Infrastructure Planning Grants, which would fund a feasibility study further to the $150,000 Infrastructure Master Plan work now being undertaken by AECOM in the 2015 budget.

As if chewing the fat with one exalted provincial personage wasn't enough, Jordan and I also met with the Minister of Justice, Susan Anton, and her staff, to discuss how to slow traffic on a highway we don't control. As you may know, the 85th percentile speed at the KG overpass northbound is reported by MOTI to be 105 km/h, in a 60! MOTI and the municipality believe that that kind of speed on tricky bends and short on-ramps causes more than our fair share of accidents, with a consequent physical and emotional toll on our volunteer fire department, and a financial toll on our taxpayers. Many of you also know of the insufferable sound of motorbikes screaming through the Village at irregular intervals. I told the Minister we need people to slow down. All of them. While MOJ indicated that they won't be reintroducing speed cameras in very special cases as I ingenuously requested, I'm not done yet. While Council and staff continue working with MOTI on practical changes on the highway to slow traffic (watch out for oversized signs, "dynamic enunciators" whatever those are, slightly narrowed lanes, restaggered speed limit signage, and a study on adjusting speed limits), I will continue knocking on Provincial doors.

I remind you of the federal election All Candidates Meeting on Tuesday October 6 in the Lions Bay School Gym (250 Bayview Road). Doors open 6:30 pm, the event starts at 7:00 and ends at 9:00 pm. If you're in the mood for other governance entertainment, Tuesday is also the day for both a Council Strategy Committee Meeting (the old "Committee of the Whole Council") at 3 and a regular Council Meeting at 7 in Council Chambers.

All the best,
Karl



The Village of Lions Bay water supply is now consistently within parameters to allow us to revoke the Level 1 water conservation requirements.

Effective yesterday (October 1st), water conservation requirements will return to Level 0. Together, lets try to keep a good habit of conserving water to avoid any future water issues.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

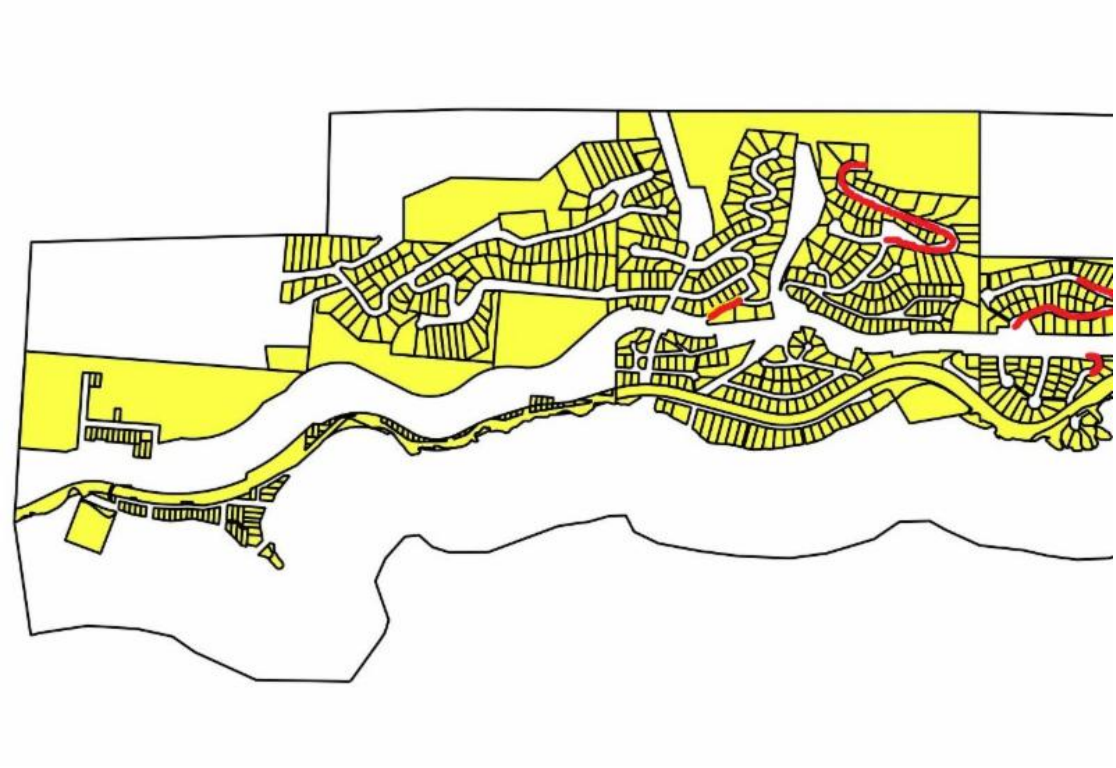
All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30pm on *Regular Council Meeting* nights.

- October 6, 2015 - Council Strategy Committee Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2015 - Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF LINE PAINTING

The Public Works crew would like to advise residents that on Monday, October 5th between 7:30am and 5:30pm they will be painting road lines and stop bars throughout the Village. On this date there will be **no parking** on any of the stated roads in order to allow the machinery to continuously paint the road edge lines and prevent overspray onto vehicles. The Village will not be liable for road paint overspray onto adjacent cars parked in the **no parking** areas.

Map of affected area:
Centre Road (no parking), Oceanview from Highview to cul-de-sac, Kelvin Grove Way, and Tidewater Way.



NOTICE OF WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works Department wishes to inform residents that they will be undertaking their fall seasonal water main flushing during the time period of October 6th to

November 6th. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm. For a list of scheduled locations, please click the button below.

Water Main Flushing



PARKING PLAN COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

How do you feel about resident parking spaces? Do we have too few? Too many? Is the balance of resident to non-resident parking appropriate? Are the parking locations appropriate? Have you ever considered what Lions Bay could do to better its parking situation? If so, the Village is offering an opportunity, right now, to get involved.

The Village is putting out a call for volunteers for a new Select Committee tasked with delivering a holistic parking plan for the Village by spring 2016. By joining a municipal committee, you can have an impact on policies that matter most to you and the well being of our community. If you have the experience or qualifications that would contribute to this community-building opportunity and provide meaningful input to our parking situation, please download the application form from the Village website and drop it off at the Village office in an envelope marking "Parking Plan Committee Application" by October 10, 2015.

Application Form

THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB

This week with the Age Friendly 55+ Group:

- Tuesday, October 6th at 11:15am Tai Chi, Village Hall
- Thursday, October 8th at 7:30pm Jake's Gift at Bowen Island Legion

The Age Friendly 55+ Group is a small group of dedicated individuals who are keen to keep active, engaged and are continuously learning. If you or someone you know is interested in coming to one of our events, please pass this information along.

Upcoming Events



LIBRARY

Reminder of Library Hours:

Monday: 10am to 12pm
Wednesday: 10am to 12pm
Thursday: 2pm to 4pm
Sunday: 2pm to 4pm

The library will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving weekend.

We are appealing to the younger generations in Lions Bay to consider becoming a volunteer for the library. Our volunteer numbers at present are critically low, as some of our longest serving members are taking advantage of their retirement to pursue other interests. If you are interested in volunteering for a couple hours per week, we would be delighted to hear from you. With new volunteers we also obtain new ideas! For details, please call Annmarie Gates at 604-921-7025 or Mansje More at 604-921-9283.

Speaking of new volunteers, it was Heather Hood who organized our Young Readers Programme this summer. On Sunday, September 20th, parents and young readers met at the library for the presentation of certificates and a small celebration of a job well done. Top reader was Kartina Brunke, taking home a $25 gift certificate from Indigo. Other winners receiving gift certificates included Raine Lofgren, Mia Hood, Rebecca and Robyn Langford, Annika Brunke and Ashlyn Talbot. Congratulations to these dedicated young readers and many thanks to Heather!

See what's happening on our social sites:

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