Municipal Update

Friday, December 18, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Friends and Neighbours:

The Village hikes tomorrow to Erin's Enchanted Forest halfway along the Unnecessary Mountain Trail, to commemorate the year that's passed since we lost Erin Moore. We leave from the Oceanview cul-de-sac at 10:30. Walk or carpool to get there, leave doggies home, and bring a Christmas bauble to hang. There'll be soup and rolls back in the cul-de-sac afterwards courtesy of the Trailblazers (to help catering please RSVP here). All are welcome.

Very soon you will see our Metro Vancouver regional district's state-of-the art Mobile Air Monitoring Unit sited at the school parking lot for 1-2 months sampling Lions Bay's air quality. MAMU is in high demand in Metro Vancouver, and we have jumped the queue past several much more powerful municipalities. Maybe I sold Metro with talk of wood-combustion, visual air quality impairment under inversion conditions, PM2.5s, and other things of interest to air quality people. Air quality is still taken for granted in BC, probably like it was in Beijing before things got out of hand, but many have noted the yellow pall that hangs over Lions Bay on still winter days. We will for the first time be getting hard data on the effect of wood and oil combustion being Lions Bay's primary source of heat.

If you haven't already, please participate in the Parking Plan Survey. The Parking Committee's plan will be delivered to Council Feb. 28, in time for summer, and paraphrasing Chair Cllr. Helen Waterson, we need the Plan to be representative, respected and right.

With the municipal office going into holiday mode soon, this will be the last From the Mayor's Desk of the year, so I'd like to wish all of Lions Bay the very best for the holiday season, to thank you all on behalf of Council for another great year of making Lions Bay what it is, and to say that all five members of Council are very much looking forward to Lions Bay 2016. Who knew local government could be so fulfilling! The next time we speak, the Dip 'N Dash (11 am, Jan. 1, Lions Bay Beach) will have faded to only a vestige of all-pervading agony, our new Village Manager, Peter DeJong, will be in the CAO chair, and, examining the calendar, many of us will be a year older.

Best regards,
Karl



Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey that will allow the Parking Plan Committee to learn more about your experiences regarding parking in Lions Bay. The survey closes at 12:00pm on Saturday, December 19, 2015.

Please click the button below to take the survey. Thank you for your participation.

Parking Survey

WINTER SAFETY IN LIONS BAY

A reminder that drivers, by law, must obey winter tire and chain signs throughout the province from October 1 to March 31. It is the responsibility of the vehicle operator to equip their vehicle for the road conditions, which often include snow and ice across most of BC, and would help considerably while driving within the village.

The Public Works Department would also like to remind all residents to ensure they help Village crews to perform various severe weather tasks efficiently and safely by:

Not flagging down any works vehicle that is actively ploughing or salting the roadway. If you have a request for service, please contact the Village Office at 604-921-9333 and ask that a service request be created. Our crews need to be able to concentrate on the task at hand to ensure the safe operation of their equipment, and will be dispatched on a prioritized basis for all winter tasks - flagging down works crews on the road is simply dangerous for everyone, and will not result in your service request being dispatched any sooner than calling the office on the number given above.

Parking all vehicles in your driveway, or as far off the roadways as possible. We understand that driveways in the Village are steep, and that parking on the roadways can be very convenient during the busy holiday season, however, we need to be able to ensure that ploughs can actually plough and salt the roadways, and emergency services can easily get through. Cul-de-sacs are the only areas where ploughs can safely turn around - under no circumstances should you park your car in a cul-de-sac, even for a few minutes. Please do not put Village Staff in a position where we have to ticket and tow your vehicle from a cul-de-sac or roadway - it will just create a stressful situation for everyone involved.

Ensuring you call the Emergency On-Call phone number for actual emergencies and not requests for service. Village crews want to help you as best they can, however, there are only 3 snow ploughs, and 4 full-time Public Works employees to perform all the tasks that need to be done. If you have an after-hours emergency, please call 604-290-1498. If you have a request for service, please call the Village Office, as indicated above, or call the Village's Works Yard at 604-921-9833. Please be aware that you will likely be able to speak to someone about your request for service using

the Village Office number sooner than you will be able to by phoning the Works Yard, as all available crews will be out performing various tasks during working hours.

Ensuring you call the correct emergency numbers in an emergency. Please always call 911 for medical or personal safety emergencies. Please call Miller Capilano at 1-866-918-1010 to report any obstruction on the highway or on/off-ramps, including trees down in a windstorm. If you call the Public Works Emergency line instead of the aforementioned, it will take longer for emergency services to address your concerns.

Public Works would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank residents for their continued support throughout the year by slowing down in work zones, obeying signage and crews when it was required, and by making the village a wonderful place to live and work. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Lions Bay Caroling Team is hosting the annual Christmas caroling event at the Village Hall! For details, click the button below.

Christmas Caroling Flyer

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE



Please be advised that there will be no garbage, recycling or organics pick-up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day as both statutory holiday's fall on a Friday this year. In lieu of December 25th and January 1st, pick-up is scheduled for:

- Monday, December 28th (recycling and organics)
- Monday, January 4th (recycling, organics and garbage)

UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Regular Council Meeting - January 5, 2016 - CANCELLED
- Infrastructure Committee Meeting - January 11, 2015 at 7:00pm

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VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



The Village Office will be closed on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 24 - closed at 12pm
- Friday, December 25 - closed
- Monday, December 28 - closed
- Friday, January 1 - closed

Please note that there will be no Municipal Update on either Friday's noted above, however there will be one sent out on Thursday, December 31. Due to the short week, the deadline for all submissions will be Tuesday, December 29 at 12pm.

2016 MUNICIPAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Village of Lions Bay is committed to promoting an enriched Community, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike, by supporting Community Projects through the Village's Municipal Grant Program. Council is again inviting interested groups to apply for a financial or in-kind Project/Services/Events/Program grant by completing the Municipal Grant Application form and submitting it to the Village Office by December 31st, 2015.

This form may also be obtained on the home page of our website.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Rooke at 604-921-9333 or prooke@lionsbay.ca.

Application Form

2016 DIP 'N DASH AT LIONS BAY BEACH PARK

Come usher in 2016 in true "hearty" Lions Bay style! Join us at our annual Dip 'N Dash for hot chocolate and baked goodies! Registration is open at 11:00am and the swim starts at 11:15am.

You are encouraged to bring a signed waiver form (click here for an electronic copy) but we'll have copies down at the beach.

We are also hoping to do a rousing round (or two) of Aulde Lang Syne led by our Mayor Karl Buhr to celebrate the love and friendship that we all share... so please come on down.

Happy Holiday's from the Lions Bay Events Committee



THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB

SEASON'S GREETINGS EVERYONE!

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone! This newsletter is the final one for the year but we will be back in early January to regular activities, as well as some new. We would love to hear from you. Please contact Karen Jeffery at kjeffery@lionsbay.ca.

December 18 - January 8



CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING

Public Works will be accepting Christmas trees for chipping beginning December 29, 2015 until January 14, 2016. Please drop your tree off at the far end of the CN Rail parking lot (Lions Bay Avenue) during this time.

Please ensure that all ornaments have been removed before drop-off.

See what's happening on our social sites:

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