VILLAGE UPDATE

Friday, April 15, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

You'll have read in Councillor Ron McLaughlin's piece last week that Council has gone for a 12 percent increase in municipal property taxes for this year. I wondered what this increase meant in hard dollars, and asked CFO Pam Rooke to provide some numbers. Here they are.

The number of taxed properties in Lions Bay is unchanged from last year: 523 residential parcels with a dwelling on them and 40 without, 26 strata parcels, and 25 commercial. That's what you call a small tax base. Looking at say residential parcels with dwellings, assessments rose from an average of $1,038,811 per property last year to $1,227,386 this year, an increase of 18.2 percent. I believe this increase is the largest of any municipality in the Metro Vancouver Regional District, possibly partly due to an inexplicable drop in values a few years ago.

An "average" Lions Bay home valued at $1,038,811 in 2015 would have paid $2,132.68 in property tax in 2015. This year's average Lions Bay home is valued at $1,227,386 and will pay $2,392.18 in property tax in 2016, an increase of $259.50 or 12 percent in round numbers. In aggregate, we raise $141,725 or 12 percent more in residential property tax this year than last. We need every penny. Council OK'd a very frugal budget this year; so frugal in fact I now worry we may have killed items we shouldn't have.

Use this table to roughly determine what any residential property's share of the pie looks like:

ASSESSMENT, 2015 OR 2016	2016 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX AT THIS ASSESSMENT (1.949 MILL RATE)	2015 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX AT THIS ASSESSMENT (2.053 MILL RATE)
500,000	975	1,027
1,000,000	1,949	2,053
1,500,000	2,924	3,080
2,000,000	3,898	4,106
2,500,000	4,873	5,133
3,000,000	5,847	6,159

More to come.

Regards,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca)

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: 2016 - 2020 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Please join Council and Village staff for a public presentation of the 2016 - 2020 Five Year Financial Plan in Council Chambers on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00pm.

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.

- Bylaw & Policy Review Committee - April 18, 2016 - CANCELLED
- Council Strategy Committee - April 19, 2016 at 3:00pm (in Village Hall)
- Regular Council Meeting - April 19, 2016 at 7:00pm
- Parking Plan Committee Meeting - April 21, 2016 at 7:00pm
- Public Participation of Five Year Financial Plan - April 28, 2016 at 7:00pm

Note: please check the Village website calendar for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.

LIONS BAY LIBRARY UPDATE

PLEASE REMEMBER:
Lions Bay Library is celebrating its 35th anniversary on Sunday, April 24th from 2pm to 4pm. All residents are welcome to visit us, enjoy meeting our volunteers and browse our shelves. To aid in planning refreshments, a quick RSVP email would be appreciated to agates@shaw.ca.

Also, please note the scheduling addition:
As of Tuesday, April 18, 2016 the library will be open from 5pm to 7pm. We welcome our new volunteers, Mary Lee Smithers and Patty Sorenson.

Other openings:

- Sunday's 2pm to 4pm
- Monday's 10am to 12pm
- Thursday's 2pm to 4pm



THE 2016 BRENDA BROUGHTON SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Brenda Broughton Scholarship will be accepted by the Village Office until end of day Monday, May 2, 2016.

In the Fall of 2014, a group of Lions Bay residents established a scholarship to honour the dedication and contribution of Brenda Broughton to the Village of Lions Bay and its residents. Students graduating who demonstrate Leadership, Citizenship and Scholarship, and who have demonstrated a commitment to Lions Bay are invited to apply for this scholarship and to be recognized for their commitment to our community.

The Brenda Broughton Scholarship is independent of all other Lions Bay Scholarships. The successful candidate may receive other Lions Bay Scholarships. Please see the attached criteria and application form for the Brenda Broughton Scholarship.

Scholarship Application

GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

Lions Bay Grade 12 students considering pursuing post secondary educational opportunities are invited to submit an application for a Curly Stewart Memorial Award or a Lions Bay Community Scholarship. For information and Application Forms contact your School Councillor, the Village Office, or Louis Peterson, Chair, Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation (lpeterso@sfu.ca). The deadline for applications is May 2nd, 2016.

Scholarship Applications



LIONS BAY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Enjoy growing your own veggies? Have you ever wanted to start a vegetable garden or need extra space to expand your own vegetable garden and don't have enough space at home?

Come join us in the Lions Bay Community Garden, located in the Kelvin Grove Beach Park. Garden plots are available at $25.00 / Year. For more information contact Tina Schneider: lionsbay.gardens@gmail.com

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See what's happening on our social sites:

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