VILLAGE UPDATE

Friday, June 10, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

It's with deep regret that I confirm the resignation of Helen Waterson from Council. Helen held the Community portfolio, and frankly I don't know what we're going to do without her. I thank her from the bottom of my heart for almost two years of service in what I know firsthand can be an exasperating job. A by-election will be called after the summer hiatus, and held around October. Helen, thanks, and we miss you already!

Yesterday CAO Peter DeJong and I met with MLA Jordan Sturdy and Minister of Transport Todd Stone, and his entourage, on their whistle-stop tour of the Sea-to-Sky. We talked about safety, speed and noise on Highway 99, reduction of the fuel load and wildfire risk in the highway right-of-way, cleanup of the Harvey and Alberta Creek channels, and more. A spate of serious accidents on the highway at Lions Bay has got the Ministry's attention, and while MOTI can actually do what it likes on a provincial highway, it recognises Lions Bay as a major stakeholder, and clearly values our consultation and input. We are continuing to represent Lions Bay's interests and to put forward potential solutions.



Cleanup of approximately 1300-1500 cubic meters of rock fall blocking the Harvey Intake access road resulting from the late-December 2015 earthquake has been completed. This work was funded entirely by the Provincial Emergency Program. Also, we are now well into our $370,000 project for Magnesia Intake access road safety improvements and installation of a needed bypass and pressure reducing valve at the Mag Water Plant. This project was funded to the tune of $123,000 each by the federal and provincial governments, with the remainder coming from Lions Bay taxpayers. Council and staff are working hard to a very short deadline to respond to new federal infrastructure grant opportunities-the municipal contribution is only 17 cents on the dollar, so it behooves us to identify and quantify our shovel ready projects fast. The almost-complete Infrastructure Master Plan funded last year has been instrumental in doing this work. You may recall that massive thunderclap a week or so ago? It shook our house and caused the dog to hide, but unfortunately the lightning strike that occasioned it also fried significant pieces of the control equipment on our water plants. Public Works is scrambling to fix it all so that we can measure and remotely control our water supply again, especially now as creek-flow will soon start to taper off and we need to explicitly determine the correct Conservation Level.

Lions Bayers and others have questioned our recent position on the proposed LNG facility at the head of Howe Sound. I refer you to the letter we recently sent to the federal Minister of the Environment (most easily found on p.47 of the minutes of the Metro Vancouver Regional District's Climate Action Committee. Council recently resolved not to endorse a letter conjured up by a West Van Councillor at the last

meeting of the Howe Sound community Forum (found as a link in the third paragraph of this report of the proceedings). Why? As an underfunded municipality relying on provincial discretionary goodwill for the grants and assistance we need (see above), I'm reminded by letters, calls and visits from all sides of the question that we tread a fine line between flying in the face of provincial government policy, and prudent pragmatism. I believe Council is fairly reflecting Lions Bay's position on LNG in Howe Sound, until the Village tells us different.

More on the Mayor's desk right now, but that's enough for this week,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SIT ON THE BOARD OF VARIANCE

The Village of Lions Bay is looking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Variance. Appointments are for a 3 year term expiring June 2019. The Board is an independent body with 3 volunteer members appointed by Council. Please visit the Request for Proposal section on the Village Website for more details.

TOWING POLICY & BYLAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

At the Regular Council Meeting of June 7, 2016, Council passed the Towing Policy (POL-1602) and the Bylaw Enforcement Policy (POL-1603). These policies are available on the Village Website for your information.

WEEKLY WATER CONSUMPTION GRAPH

The water consumption graph is available on the website under Notices > Outdoor Water Use and is updated each Friday. Rainfall data is also included in the graph under the notes section. Please also be reminded that Level 1 Conservation Level is now in effect. Restrictions are available under Schedule A of the Outdoor Water Use Bylaw No. 484, 2015.

Weekly Water Consumption

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES 2016

The Village of Lions Bay Property Tax Notices for 2016 were mailed out on May 27th. The due date for payment is **July 14th by 4:00 p.m.**

Home owners can pay by cheque or cash at the Village Office, online through most financial institutions, or by dropping off a cheque after hours through the mail slot at the Village Office **prior to July 14th**.

The Home Owner Grants (HOG) are also due by July 14th by 4:00 p.m. Home owners can now claim their grants online; please go to the finance page on the Village website and follow the link or click the button below: (To apply online you will need your roll number and the HOG Access Code which is located on your property tax notice below your name and address. The HOG Access code is your password).

Claim Your Grant Online

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS

For those residents who currently defer their property taxes, renewal applications have now been mailed out by the Province. If you do not receive your form, please contact the Property Tax Deferment Office at 1-888-355-2700 or TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca.

The tax deferment application must be received at the Village Office by the tax due date (July 14 at 4:00pm) or the late payment penalty will be applied. If the property is eligible for a Home Owner Grant, the grant application must be completed before the deferral can be accepted.

For any residents interested in the deferral program, you may be able to apply for a low interest loan (deferral) from the Province to pay your current year property taxes on your principal residence, once you receive your property tax notice. There are two programs you may qualify for:

Regular Program:

You may qualify for this program if you're:

* 55 or older during the current year or
* a surviving spouse of any age or
* a person with disabilities as defined in the *Disability Benefits Program Act*

Families with Children Program:

You may qualify for this program if you're a parent, stepparent or financially supporting a child.

For more information about the deferment program, please go to their website.



LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

INVITATION: The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation invites all Lions Bay Grade 12 students, their parents and friends to a Reception at the Village Hall at 7:00 pm, on Thursday, June 16, 2016 to mark the occasion of their Graduations from High School. To assist with the provision of refreshments, please RSVP to lpeterso@sfu.ca or 604-921-7260.

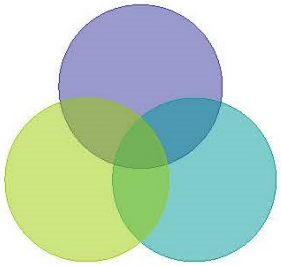
UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Infrastructure Committee - June 13, 2016 at 7:00pm

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

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE



Cards and games anyone? NO, we are not establishing a casino, nor do we plan a Las Vegas outing! The SSC invites any and all who may be interested in card games and other adult games to a meeting at the Hall on Thursday, 23rd June, 2016 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm to make plans for future card games and activities.



Please contact Sharon Raymond as this will greatly help to get organized (sharonaray@shaw.ca, phone 604-921-6061). Several of you have already responded, thank you!

CANADA DAY VOLUNTEERS

Once again the Events Committee is working hard to arrange a sensational Canada Day Celebration. We are hoping to get a few volunteers to make this year as spectacular as always. Whether you prefer to lend a helping a hand prior to the event, after the event or for a short time during, we've got a place for you. Volunteering is a great time to get to know more people from your community and support one of our biggest events of the year.

Please click the following button to see how you can lend a hand. All time slots are just for one hour. Your support is much appreciated!

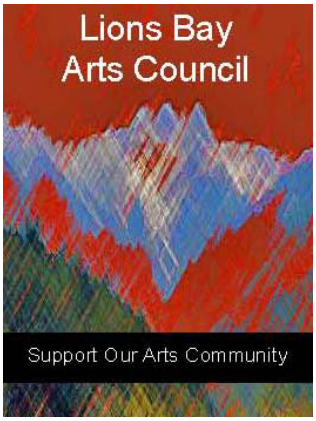
Volunteer Sign Up

LIONS BAY ARTS COUNCIL

Lions Bay Arts Council is pleased to host ArtScene 2016 on June 19th, 2016. Bringing together artists, performers, food, Father & Child project for Father's Day, Native Garden Plant Sale and much more...

All artists and performers, young and old - we want to hear from you. Please e-mail: info@lionsbayartscouncil.org and let us know if you would like to participate.

We have decided to hold our Arts and Garden Festival every second year so make sure to stay tuned for next year's Festival.



NOISE CONTROL BYLAW NO. 283

With the nice weather and patio season underway, the Village Office wishes to remind residents of the Noise Control Bylaw No. 283 and that the Bylaw Enforcement Officers are out enforcing all Village Bylaws.

See what's happening on our social sites:

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