VILLAGE UPDATE

Friday, July 15, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Last Friday's Canada Day celebration were dampened not a whit by the weather. Thanks to the Events Committee and faithful sponsors Super Save Fuels, ReMax Realty, Howe Sound Marine and Windsor Meats. Please mention your appreciation if you run into them. Congratulations to our Curly Stewart Scholarship recipient Makaela Smithers, our Citizen of Distinction Rafe Mair, and Citizens of the Year, the Lions Bay Library Volunteers. We made the special announcement that henceforth the Community Centre will be known as Broughton Hall, with unveiling and celebration in September. Brenda wrote afterwards to Council, "I have arrived home following a beautiful 'Lions Bay' Canada Day! I wish to thank each of you and the community of Lions Bay, for conferring this remarkable honour of naming the Community Centre Broughton Hall. Many thanks to the community for supporting my service to the Village of Lions Bay. I am both humbled and excited in being honoured in this profound manner." Very nice.

As you know we are holding the by-election to replace Councillor Helen Waterson in early October. Please consider putting your hat in the ring, if you have time and energy to input. A lot of time, and a lot of energy. Council is considering using the voting opportunity to hold a funds borrowing referendum, and to possibly ask some plebiscite questions we don't have statistically valid answers on, like what Lions Bayers feel about medical marijuana businesses, about movie productions in public areas, or about AirBnB/VBRO short-term rentals in communities. Watch this space.

Last week local government stakeholders met to discuss the hypothetical Sunshine Coast Fixed Link (that is, "road"). Also called the Third Crossing and the Sunshine Coast Connector, the Province is undertaking a quarter-million dollar feasibility study on road routings from the North Shore to the Sunshine Coast. The economics of actually building the routes shown last week are likely insurmountable for several generations to come, but with a road available 24/7, people would flock to live on the Sunshine Coast, especially if the climate changes to San Diego-like by 2050 as current projections have it. The most viable of the prospective routes jumps from Porteau to Anvil to McNab. All that traffic would come through Lions Bay. I made the point that in a thousand years time there will be road links throughout the coastal BC archipelago, like Scandinavia has now. The question is not if, but when, and planning at this early stage is vital. Do we want the French Riviera, or something more like we have today? There doesn't appear to be a central location for input yet, so please keep eyes peeled if you're interested. Our own MLA Jordan Sturdy is driving this hot potato for the Province (Jordan.Sturdy.MLA@leg.bc.ca); my email address below.

A heads up on upcoming tree work at Lions Bay Beach. Arbourist reports indicate that the trees that have sheltered generations from the sun are nearing the end of their earthly span. This year's work though is only to remove dead wood and prune for better growth.

During Council discussion on whether Lions Bay should introduce business licenses, it came up that we all need to be sure that our contractors have the right and adequate worker insurance. If they do not, homeowners themselves can be named the prime contractor, and liable for workers compensation claims, as even ex-Premier Gordon Campbell found out the hard way when his contractor didn't have adequate coverage for a fatal roofing accident a few years ago.

Canada Post is considering changes to its service delivery nationwide, including the possibility of delivering to community mailboxes dotted around the area at roadsides and corners. A public consultation is underway through July.

Our many-resources regional district recently published a guide to designing locally sensitive gardens which Lions Bayers may find useful and interesting. A new Trees, Views and Landscapes Bylaw is going through channels. Thanks to Committee Chair Simon Waterson for his work on updating our approach. The bylaw covers trees on all public property, including boulevards (to get technical, in a municipal context, the "highway" is the "roadway" plus the "boulevard"). As the municipality starts planning upgrades to drainage-the engineering work is being done now for the sluice down

Bayview from Mountain to Stewart--it will need to start addressing long-term encroachments into the roadway from driveways and landscaping. Please make sure you know whether that target tree is public or private before you get out the tools.

Regards,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@gmail.com)

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2015 Annual Report is now available for review. It can be viewed on the Village website here, or at the Village Office.

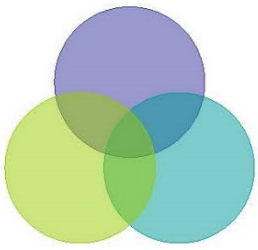
Council will consider the Annual Report at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the report.

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 - July 18, 2016 CANCELLED
- Regular Council Meeting - July 19, 2016 at 7:00pm

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



SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

Cards and games: Thanks to all who replied, but "cards" will be postponed to the Fall and we will revisit in September. Enjoy Summer! From Sharon Raymond: sharonaray@shaw.ca, 604-921-7260, and Louis: lpeterso@sfu.ca



COASTAL FIRE CENTRE

Please see the latest issue of the Wildfire News, also located on the Village website under Notices>Wildfire.

Wildfire News

VILLAGE WATER CONSUMPTION

Please view the updated Water Consumption Graph, located on the Village website under Notices>Outdoor Water Use.

Water Consumption Graph

See what's happening on our social sites:

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