VILLAGE UPDATE

Friday, October 14, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

The old desk is loaded with natural events this week, but first a word about our Town Hall last night. The audience of 70 heard from staff and asked questions about the Village's Infrastructure Master Plan, the projects it outlines for the next five years and the new availability of government grant funding for these types of projects. There are two options to fund the Village's share of any successful grant application: spreading the investment over 30-year loans, or by taxing for it, if the timing of the project and the grant allows it. We have identified $9.2 mil. in grant-eligible projects which we can fund with $3.0 mil. in loans (which puts us at about 50 percent of our allowed debt cap). Doing it by taxing current taxpayers means that even if we delay projects to reduce annual expenditure (which means we're going backwards, losing economies of scale and likely missing grants), taxes will go up much more than the cost of supporting a 30-year loan. Bottom line: if we want to do these projects, and we really have no alternative, we need those loans. I hope the Village votes Yes in our November referendum.

Last week's three-day telecoms outage was a welcome respite for some and a nervous time for others. Strong winds blew a tree over a cliff near Montizambert Creek on the Sea-to-Sky late last Thursday night. The tree broke a joint-use utility pole and Hydro, TELUS and Shaw cables. The highway was closed until Hydro and Telus could pull the cables to the side of the road and make the area safe (Lions Bay's hydro is routed elsewhere, so beyond a flicker when the protection circuits kicked in, our electricity

was largely unaffected). At 8:00 am on Friday TELUS was back on site to assess the damage, but nothing could be done until Hydro replaced the broken pole and their cables the next day, Saturday. During the highway closure planned to place cables across the highway on Sunday morning, Hydro found that the pole on the west side of the highway also needed to be replaced, so further lane closures on Sunday night were needed for TELUS and Shaw to repair their cables, with most services restored by 3:20 am Monday, Oct 10th. TELUS tells me that their effort alone required two specialist copper splicers for their 100 pair copper cable, and four fibre splicers for a 48 fibre cable, working for six hours in the rain. Council has been asked if we intend to demand that our telecoms providers offer compensation to residents for the outage, and refunds of excess cell data usage. The short answer is, no, we do not.

This episode showed though that there some holes in our communications protocols. I've asked CAO Peter DeJong to present options to Council on using radio stations to reach the Village when the phones are out (although even the RCMP couldn't seem to reach anyone at our local stations on the weekend), plus opportunities for subscribing to a mass callout service for all cellphones in a given area (I continue my efforts to persuade cell companies to site an antenna here to improve coverage). Without phone or internet, it was actually pretty hard to get information, but even if we had it, how would we get it out? That's not what ESS does (they provide food and shelter during disasters), nor was it enough of an emergency to have Fire Department volunteers go door-to-door to tell people that phones and internet were out and would be back at an unknown time.

We're already experiencing the effects of three intense storms slated for the South Coast, with potential for tree damage, power outages, flooding and landslides. To paraphrase Environment Canada, the first storm hit late Wednesday evening, with a second round of strong winds and heavy rain late Thursday/early Friday. The third and potentially most vigorous storm is expected on Saturday when the remnants Typhoon Songda approach the South Coast, producing heavy rain into Sunday.

All the above is a good segue into reminding you of October 20's Shakeout BC, the annual earthquake preparedness exercise. While you may not see enough value in hunkering under the kitchen table, it may be a good time to consider how prepared you are. There is advice all over the web, and brochures to be had at the Village Office. It was a wakeup for me to read recently that a serious earthquake is not a remote possibility in the Lower Mainland: it's not the Big One, but there is a 1 in 5 possibility of a disastrous crustal quake happening in the next 50 years.

Regards,

Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca)

2016 MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTIONS

Please note that candidates for the 2016 By-Election will be posted on the Village website after 4:30pm today.

Also, the Village of Lions Bay is still accepting applications for temporary employment for Election Officials for general voting day for the By-Election and assent voting on Saturday, November 19, 2016. Please see the attached for details.

Election Official Criteria

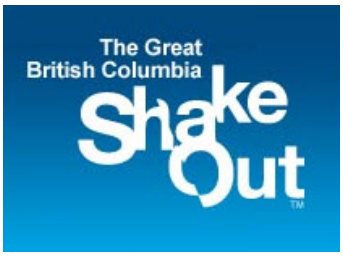
UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 - October 17, 2016 - CANCELLED
- Regular Council Meeting - October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm

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

SHAKE OUT BC



At 10:20am on Thursday, October 20th, thousands of British Columbians will "drop, cover and hold on" in the Great British Columbia ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill in Canadian History! Village Office staff will be participating again this year. We encourage all residents to participate in this very important drill, and if not, to consider whether your family is prepared for an earthquake. There is lots of information available on the resources page of the Shake Out BC website!

LIBRARY THANK YOU

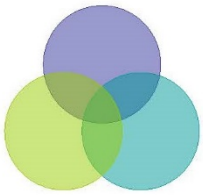
A huge thank you to the residents of Lions Bay for participating in the Free Book Event!

Over the weekend, we distributed over 3000 books to our residents. We also sent books to two inner city schools, (thanks to Sharon & Lisa and their team of Susan Loutet & Trudi Luethy). The remainder of the books are being taken by "The Write to Read Programme" and The Kindler Society... so no books without a new home!!!

Also, your donations to Raise-A-Reader garnered $150.00 to this important program.

While bittersweet at the closing of the Library, the weekend was a huge success and once again we must say a huge thank you to the Library Volunteers and to Isabel Chester, Myron Loutet and Val McKay.

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE: LECTURE SERIES



Have you been wondering about what is being done to protect Howe Sound's great environmental recovery?

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, the Lions Bay SSC in conjunction with the Future of Howe Sound would like to invite everyone to the "What is the Future of Howe Sound" presentation by Ruth Simons, Executive Director of the Future of Howe Sound Society.

Come find out about what is being done to protect this resurgence, including a UNESCO Biosphere Region Initiative.

At 7:30 pm in Broughton Hall.

Invitation

HALLOWEEN IN THE VILLAGE



Adult Dance
Tickets are now on sale for the Halloween Dance. A sold-out success last year, click here to buy your tickets, and start planning your costume! Enjoy a great night out in the Village with a live DJ, photo booth, and cash bar. 19+ years.
Friday October 28th, 8pm - 1am

Kids' Halloween Party
Come for fun, games, and dancing at the Village Hall.
Friday October 28th, 3pm - 5pm

Fireworks on the 31st
Thank you to our Volunteer Firefighters who provide the Village with a fantastic firework display every year. With hot chocolate and a bonfire, it is a memorable night in our community calendar.

Monday, October 31st. The show starts at 8pm.

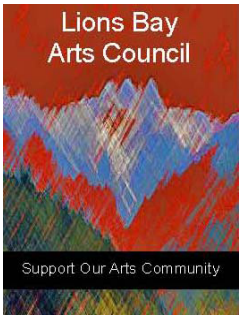
Help us decorate, make some hot chocolate, or lend a hand after the event
These Halloween events, and many more, are organized by the Events Committee. And we need your help! It is great fun pulling these events together, and anytime we can spread the work load, everyone enjoys it more and the event gets better. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and enjoy events in a whole new way. Your help, even for a couple of hours, contributes to bringing our community together.

We have a few things we could use help with during Halloween. Have a look and see what interests you.

SUNSHINE COAST FIXED LINK FEASIBILITY STUDY - PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is undertaking consultation for the Sunshine Coast Fixed Link Feasibility Study. Please see the attachment below for details and the Open House Schedule.

Public Open House Notice



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Lions Bay Arts Council is presenting its third annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, November 20th from 10:00 to 3:00 pm at Broughton Hall. Last year's Christmas Fair was a great success - lots of beautiful Christmas gifts, music, food and fun for children.

We are asking artists and artisans who would like to participate to complete the following vendor application form.

Please save this year's date: Sunday, November 20th, 2016 from 10:00 - 3:00 pm.

See you there!



Vendor Application Form

WILDFIRE NEWS

Attached below is the last Wildfire News for the 2016 season.

Wildfire News

See what's happening on our social sites:

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