Village Update

Friday, October 20, 2017

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Councillor Fred Bain and I attended the Howe Sound Community Forum in Gibsons last Friday. I expect it from community observers and elected officials, but I was struck by how much provincial and federal ministry staff are also focussed on environmental values, whether it's tracking and protecting the marbled murrelet (a small bird) as an indicator of range diversity, or setting up protection for glass sponge reefs as oases of life in the Strait and the Sound, or assigning numerical values to view preservation when allocating woodlots. I was surprised to learn that in two of the South Coast Forestry Region's three Districts, namely Sea-to-Sky and Chilliwack, the economic value of tourism is higher than the value of forestry. By the way, I was also surprised to learn that the Georgia Strait's glass sponge reefs are protected, but Howe Sound's are not. Next meeting Council will be debating the Forum's requested resolution from local governments asking for federal protection for all reefs "now known and to be discovered."

Excessive speeds and debilitating noise on the highway come up often in my conversations with residents. Traffic is growing 15 percent a year, to August's peak of 21,500 vehicles a day. Of the 27 km from Horseshoe Bay to Furry Creek the 8 km stretch centered on Lions Bay accounts for half of all accidents, and on fine days, experiences unbearable engine noise, particularly from platoons of motorcycles going way over the limit. A recent MOTI study shows that on a road posted for 60 km/h, at Lions Bay the 85th percentile speed--the speed of all but the fastest 15 percent of traffic is 85 to 110 km/h depending on where it's measured. In fact, not even the slowest 15 percent is doing the 60 limit. Recent steps taken by MOTI in consultation

with Lions Bay include oversized speed signage and wider paint lines, a dynamic Slow Down sign (which Lions Bay Fire Rescue anecdotally reports noticeably reduced incidents), and a hard barrier replacing 1.4 km of vegetative median. At Tuesday's meeting, Council passed a resolution to request MOTI to evaluate removal of the 60 km/h zone (since it has now been shown to have no effect and may indeed be counterproductive), to institute comparative noise measuring to be able to measure the measures that are taken, and to add signage that might a) mitigate noise, and b) alert road users that 99 at Lions Bay is not an expressway.

In that vein, last week the police experimented with having visible presence at entrances to Lions Bay, not in the morning rush but in the hour before sunset when motorcyclists are wont to take a spin before dark any fine day. My qualitative observation from the Centennial Trail overlook was that whereas before riders were screaming through here at who knows what speeds and RPMs, word had spread fast and I saw dozens of riders were puttering through at 60-70 sitting up in their saddles. The important piece is you could hear a pin drop, comparatively. Reducing speed will reduce noise, and next week I'll talk about the average-speed-over-distance advocacy we are doing with decision makers province-wide, to manage our highway speeds for all users, all the time.

A long-anticipated by-election is tomorrow for our vacant Councillor seat, so this'll be my last appeal for a good voter turnout. Candidates' position papers are available under the "Candidate Information" link on this page on the Lions Bay website.

The community lost an icon last week with the passing of Rafe Mair. As his 2016 Lions Bay Citizen of Distinction citation states, Rafe was an environmental and political conscience for BC. On behalf of Council and the Village, condolences to Wendy and family. For more on the lives of Rafe and other historic Lions Bayers we've recently lost, visit the Lions Bay Historical Society this weekend at http://www.lionsbayhistoricalsociety.ca/ and their Facebook page.

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

Reach all of Council in one shot at council@lionsbay.ca , and send feedback to staff at feedback@lionsbay.ca).

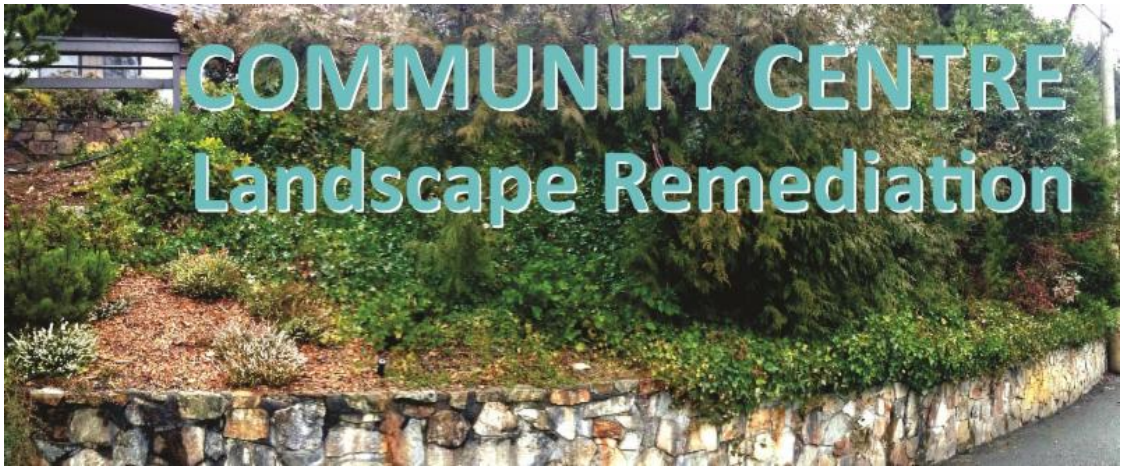
BY-ELECTION TOMORROW
OCTOBER 21, 2017



The Village of Lions Bay will hold a by-election for the office of one Councillor on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The term for the position will end in October 2018, when the next general local election will be held. The by-election is being held to fill the vacant Councillor position.

The candidates are: **Norman Barmeier; Jamie Cunliffe; Scott Ando**.

Eligible voters will be able to cast their ballots at Broughton Hall on October 21st or during the advance voting opportunity on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Electors may also vote by mail ballot - click here for the Notice of Election, including information on mail ballot voting.



Beginning October 19, 2017, Public Works will be implementing a landscape remediation plan for the Community Centre gardens to the south and west of the facility. The initial phase of the works consists of the removal of invasive plant materials, voluntary trees, and other plant materials. Once this phase of the works is completed Public Works staff will gradually phase in the remaining components of the project including soil remediation, pocket planting of new trees and shrubs, creating a walkway from the patio to Marjorie Meadows, installation of a drip irrigation system, and spreading mulch over the revised areas. For further details please see page 23 of the agenda of the October 03, 2017 Council Meeting from whence the project was approved.

FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Free* flu immunization clinic for Village residents on Saturday, October 28th from 11:30 am to 2 pm located in the upstairs meeting rooms at Broughton Hall (former Library).

Click here to find out the eligibility for free flu shots.



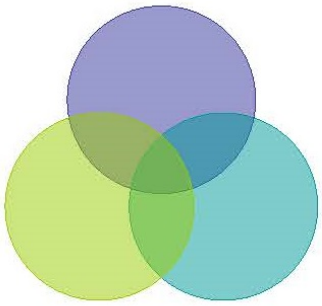
UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 Meeting - October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - November 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE



SSC Notepad #1: Saturday 21st October, 2017, 7:30-9:00 pm: "Oceans in Peril" by John Nightingale, President and CEO of Ocean Wise, at the Vancouver Institute, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, UBC. For details see: www.greencollege.ubc/vancouver-institute.

SSC Notepad #2: Saturday 28th October, 2017: Flu shots by Bay Pharmacy at the former Library room, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. To assist with numbers, please contact info@baypharmacy.ca or 604-305-0330.

SSC Notepad #3: For entertainment in nearby West Vancouver, keep an eye on the variety of events held at Kay Meek - see https://kaymeek.com

SSC Notepad #4: The Lions Bay Concert Series welcomes Seniors and all! The next LBHC will in fact reach out as a West Vancouver House Concert, on Sunday 12th November, 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Kim Beggs, a singer from the Yukon, and Marcel Desilets who are on a West Coast tour will bring us "Dark Tales of Northern Life". The event is almost sold out, so please register soon at Eventbrite or contact Tamara for more details: tamara@tamaraleger.com.

SSC Notepad #5: A draft of the new Lions Bay Community Resources Directory continues to be available (sporadically!) at a table at the Café at coffee times, mornings and afternoons. Watch for the "Resource Directory Preview" posters and

drop by for a coffee and check your entry! For more details contact info.lbdirectory@gmail.com.



HALLOWEEN in the Village

KIDS PARTY
Friday, October 27, Broughton Hall
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Calling all neighborhood monsters! Join us for a frightfully fun Halloween Party. Kids can show off their costumes and enjoy spooky fun and games at the Village Hall.

ADULT DANCE
Friday, October 27, Broughton Hall
8:00 pm - 1:00 am

Call the sitter, put the kids to bed,
It's time for grown-ups to raise the dead!

The Events Committee will be your host,
come dressed to impress, a witch or a ghost.

There will be dancing, drink and witch's brew,
now all we need is you!

It's going to be quite a sight,
and you won't want to miss this night.

Don't be slow,
these tickets will go.

Get your tickets now for the annual Halloween Spooktacular Party and plan a safe way home! Limited spaces, book early.

FIREWORKS AND HOT CHOCOLATE
Tuesday, October 31, 2017, Lions Bay Beach
8:00 pm

You won't get a big fright, down at the beach on Halloween Night. Instead a magical explosion of sparkling light, will finish your evening of trick or treating delight.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
The events committee needs your help! Have you ever wanted to share in the excitement of planning a village event? The events committee puts on many events throughout the year that are loved by young and old. By spreading the work load we will be able to make every event wonderful and fun for all. Sign up today for one of our Halloween events and help make our Village spectacular. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy events in a whole new way. Once you sign up for an event the coordinator for that event will contact you and you can give them your availability and preferred job, (most positions can be limited to an hour). All supplies will be provided by the events committee (such as hot chocolate and thermos). Click here to sign up.

See what's happening on our social sites:

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