Village Update

Friday, February 16, 2018

FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

Hello Lions Bay,

It has been a quick week which included Family Day, Valentine's Day, and a snow storm. Winter is flying by with Spring Break looming with less than 40 days until Easter. I thought it timely to mention a few goings on at Council and the Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee, and close with a feel good story. At Council's last meeting on February 6th the Utility User Rates Bylaws (Water, Sewer, Garbage & Recycling) had three readings with final reading before implementation expected next Tuesday. I am happy to advise there is no increase to the Utilities charges. At Council's request our administration has accelerated the 2018 Budget process and the review is taking place now. Budget is one of the most painful exercises Council members partake in as our Village is small and our needs and wants are many. Virtually all taxation comes from homeowners who for the past four years have seen tax increases of 2017 - 5%, 2016 - 12%, 2015 - 8%, and 2014 - 4%. On a compounded basis this is very significant and not lost on Council. After several rounds of discussion Staff will be presenting a near complete Budget for Council's consideration next week. Mayor Buhr will provide further comment on the topic in his next update but I am comfortable in saying at this time that any tax increase will be at the low end of the scale.

If you haven't seen it yet, but are interested in doing so, the Lions Bay Beach Park survey that was completed by 128 residents at the end of last year, is synthesized and can be found here, or for those who seek more detail refer to pages 9-29 here. The Beach Park Advisory Committee is expected to put forward their recommendations

to Council in early March. The beach park revitalization highlights the difficulty in Budget decisions. At the last Beach Park Advisory Committee meeting I advised the members that I couldn't recommend to Council an increased capital expenditure budget for the revitalization at this time. As such only $30,000 budgeted but not spent from the 2017 Budget will be expended on the beach park this year. My recommendation to Council has been that as asset sales transpire this year, the windfall is partially utilized for beach park upgrades of several hundred thousand dollars and that the beach park revitalization is completed for the summer of 2019. I will be asking Council to include the estimated cost of the improvements in the Five Year Financial Plan which is put forward after the 2018 Budget is complete.

Today is Chinese New Year. While it is the year of the dog, I am closing my article with a story about a cat. Throughout the Village on the various poster boards, the mailroom, and on hydro poles you may have seen the "Please Help" notice that Mamooshi had been lost. It seemed to me the notices had been up a long time and I thought the inevitable had occurred. Mamooshi's family does not live in the Village but have friends here. On November 1st this little guy was in the car with a family member who was filling up water jugs in the Brunswick area when he got out and ran away. No amount of looking, calling, or banging on doors to see if anyone had seen him was successful. Last week the Klas family in Brunswick heard a loud "Meow" at their kitchen door. They saw and attracted a skinny but happy cat, cared for it, and took it to the vet for a checkup. The family children were enamored with the cat and it looked like this little guy was going to be a keeper. However, in Mrs. Klas' heart she knew that this cat was too loving to be a stray and that someone was looking for him. A quick check of neighbors and friends led back to the poster.



Sure enough Mamooshi had been found. When he was reunited with his family he had survived winter in the wild for 100 days and lost12 pounds. He doesn't go for car rides anymore and he has gained a pound this week. It's a pretty nice story with a happy ending. I was touched by Mrs. Klas' comment that her family feels so very lucky that Mamooshi chose them to help him find his family.

Regards,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT,pursuant to Sections 21 (a) and 24 (d) of the Community Charter, the Village of Lions Bay intends to provide assistance to a person or organization through a partnering agreement.

The person who is the intended recipient of the assistance is Tamara Leger, operating as House Concerts.

The nature of the proposed assistance is to enter into a partnering agreement for House Concerts to provide the socially beneficial service of musical entertainment in venues within the Village of Lions Bay.

The term of the proposed assistance is one year, from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The extent of the proposed assistance is comprised of both cash and in-kind contributions as follows:

(a) cash: $3,700.00;
(b) in-kind: $1,300.00.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT copies of the proposed partnering agreement may be viewed here.



Please click here for more information. Brought to you by the Lions Bay Arts Council.

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.

- Regular Council Meeting - February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm
  (Includes discussion of the 2018 Preliminary Budget)
- Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee - February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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

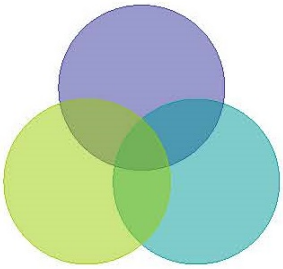
LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



Note #1: Calling all Grade 12s - The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation (LBCSF) provides Scholarships and Awards to qualifying Lions Bay applicants. For details and forms, contact your School Counsellor or lpeterso@sfu.ca. Please click here to download the application. Deadline: May 1, 2018.

Note #2: GARDENERS, SEASOIL IS BACK! Support the 15th Anniversary of the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation by buying your Seasoil gardening needs from the LBCSF. Please click here to download the request form.

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE



SSC Notepad #1: The Resources Directory is now available for purchase at the Lions Bay Store & Café Only $10.00! Funds over and above cost go to support our community. For information contact info.lbdirectory@gmail.com.

SSC Notepad #2: On Tuesday 20th February 2018 the Whitney Rose Concert is coming to town! Contact tamara@tamaraleger.com or register at www.eventbrite.com/lionsbayhouseconcerts. And be sure to read Tamara's and Thyra McKillgan's thrilling and infectious write-ups!

SSC Notepad #3: As noted under the LBCSF update, SEASOIL IS BACK! Support the 15th Anniversary of the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation by buying your Seasoil needs from the LBCSF. For more, see the LBCSF update or contact lpeterso@sfu.ca.

SSC Notepad #4: At the Kay Meek Theatre: Feb 17th, "Onegin" (an ArtsClub production); Feb23, "Dee Daniels with Nitecap" (CAP Jazz series); Feb24th, "Snowmotion" (North Shore Academy of Dancers). Doors open at 6:30 pm (usually). For details and tickets contact www.kaymeek.com.

See what's happening on our social sites:

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