Village Update

Friday, July 6, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Lions Bay takes its summer water supply very seriously. In a place where the only supply is surface draw off two creeks, we cannot mess around. In most metropolitan areas conservation is about delaying capital investment in new dams and treatment facilities. In Lions Bay it's because if we use all the water coming down the creeks on a given day, there's no more where that comes from. So it irks me when I see people watering their lawn out of hours and on the wrong day, not just because they're unaware people, but because it means our communication hasn't worked. You can thus imagine my irkedness when I learned (from the Village Update) that water mains were to be flushed after June 1 automatic Level 1 conservation had started. Nevertheless, please be under no misapprehension that Lions Bay doesn't take conservation seriously, both the practice and the awareness thereof. We do, and there was some pretty pointed discussion in that vein at this Tuesday's Council meeting. But not attracting the ire of Coastal Health (they license and inspect our system and require flushing two times a year) outweighed the deleterious message the municipality itself would be sending by flushing during conservation. I'm pretty confident that this will be the last year we do, and in the meantime, please review when and what can be done here (I always forget so have it up on the fridge. Hey! What about fridge magnets?).

You may recall that the Zoning & Development Bylaw was updated last year to be able to regulate short term rentals (aka Airbnb and VRBO) through Temporary Use

Permits. Why do we regulate short term rentals (STRs), other than to add more government interference? It's to sustain the character of Lions Bay's residential zones, to reduce nuisance from noise, parking and other aspects of STRs, to regulate utility usage (ensuring septic systems are up to the task), and to be able to influence the balance of short-term vs. long-term rental accommodation. There are about a dozen Lions Bay properties offered on the various platforms, all illegal at the moment since no required permits have been issued, but finally, the Administration is ready to accept your applications starting next week.

For those who are interested in how the Municipality intends to permit new development while meeting its legal obligations regarding natural hazards, you should come out to the Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 10th at Broughton Hall -- doors open at 7 pm.

And lastly, you may have heard that Council is closing the excess portion of highway at the intersection of Kelvin Grove Way and the NB off/on ramps to create a new, saleable lot. If you consider your interests to be affected, you get a formal opportunity to tell Council at the beginning of the next Council meeting on July 17th.

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

PS: If you know of anyone that may have difficulties with the upcoming planned power outage please check in on them to ensure they're aware and prepared. It's the Lions Bay way.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The draft 2017 Annual Report is now available for review. It can be viewed on the Village website, or at the Village Office.

Council will consider the Annual Report at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the report.



Planned Power Outage - UPDATE

Power will be out July 12, 2018 from 9 am to 9 pm

BC Hydro will be replacing a key power pole in the Village - this will result in a power outage for much of the Village. If you live in Brunswick Beach, Crystal Falls, or anywhere above the Sea to Sky between Rundle Creek and Magnesia Creek - you need to be prepared for what could be a daylong outage. Be prepared:

- Make sure you have a fresh supply of batteries and flashlights
- Charge your phone, laptop, and other important electrical devices
- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical appliances especially sensitive appliances such as TVs, computer, and DVD players. Once the power returns, a surge of electricity may damage your items.
- Don't open your freezer or fridge unless it is absolutely necessary. A full freezer will keep food frozen for 24 to 36 hours if the door remains closed.
- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment, or home generators indoors or in garages. They give off carbon monoxide, which can cause serious medical harm or death.
- **Residents who rely on power for medical needs may need assistance - If you are aware of a resident who may fall into this category, please check in with them to ensure they're aware of the outage and have planned accordingly.**

Please see the attached map from BC Hydro for traffic implications and plan accordingly.

Road Implications Map



Lions Bay Native Plant Garden

How are salmon tied to the land? These grade two and three students found out when they visited the native plant garden and made a biodiversity web to illustrate interconnections among our native plants and animals. Mary Miles, one of the garden's founders is seen in the centre of the circle. Click the link below to find out more.



Click here to read more!

LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

School is out!



The Lions Bay Grad Class of 2018 (all 20 of them) have laid down their pencils (temporarily we hope!) and have celebrated with a Commencement, a Banquet, and Grad Parties prior to heading out to face new challenges in an expanded new world. The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation wishes everyone happiness and success in all their future and varied careers.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to:
Annais Bedford, Jayden George Berlet, Nora Dorsman (LBCS Award), Haley Fleury (LBCSF Scholarship), Sophie Folkersen, Jasmine Grant (Curley Stewart Scholarship & LBCSF Award), Olivia Iclef, Zoe Ignas, Tavish McKay, John McKenzie, William McKenzie, Danielle McLean (LBCSF Scholarship), Sasha Oliver, Colten Palmer, Maya Peat (LBCSF Award), Meryl Stevens, Kirsten Venter, Lucas Wade, Maximilian Waterson (LBCSF Scholarship, Brenda Broughton Scholarship), Savannah Wilson.



PUBLIC WORKS would like to acknowledge the lateness...

of this year's biannual flushing program. As part of our responsibilities as potable water suppliers we are required to flush all of the Municipality's water mains twice a year - once in October and then again in April. Due to unforeseen circumstances and an ever increasing workload, we find ourselves behind on this critical process. More to the point, we find ourselves having to flush while we are at stage one water restrictions. We understand that this may send the wrong impression to residents who diligently obey the watering restrictions. We will endeavour to do better in the future.

The flushing of water mains is necessary to remove sediments that gradually deposit in the pipes over time. The Village is mandated to flush our watermains twice a year to comply with our drinking water treatment permit to operate issued by Vancouver Coastal Health.

Watermain flushing will begin on July 9th and continue through to July 27th, 2018. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Though locations and dates may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, our intent is to adhere to the following schedule:

Sunset/Bayview/Mountain/Timbertop/ Upper Bayview:	July 9th to July 13th
Oceanview/Upper Kelvin Grove/Isleview:	July 16th to July 20th
Brunswick Beach/Lower Lions Bay/Kelvin Grove:	July 23th to July 27th

During the flushing period, residents are advised to avoid using water to the extent possible and to place their filters, softeners and other water treatment equipment in 'by-pass' mode. Use of water during flushing will draw into the residential system the agitated sediment thereby requiring more rigorous clearing of your water lines. Water drawn in during flushing can also lead to clogged filters and screens and may discolour laundry. During the flushing period the water will remain safe and potable, however, there may be brief periods of discoloration, cloudiness and temporary pressure fluctuations. The Village of Lions Bay accepts no liability for inconvenience or damages caused by low pressure or discoloured water use during its flushing program.

After the flushing is completed, we advise residents to clear their water lines. To do this simply let your cold water tap (remove screens/aerators on tap) closest to the incoming water line run until the water flows clear prior to returning any water treatment equipment back on line.

Public Works would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation during this flushing program.

CONSENT TO USE OF IMAGE FORM



The Village Office has received several recent requests to advertise photos of other individuals in their submissions to the Village Update. Please be advised that as a municipality, we are mandated by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) to obtain permission by way of a consent form, from an individual or their guardian, in order to use a photograph where their face is showing.

The municipality is liable under the *Act* if a person were to complain that their photo (or their child's photo) was published without permission, and therefore we must be very cautious in respect of this matter.

If you wish to publish such photos in your Village Update posting, please have each person who is visible in the photo sign a consent form beforehand and send to us along with your submission by the deadline, otherwise unfortunately we cannot use the photograph. The form is available here and on the Village website.

We thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

Lions Bay Arts

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2019 LIONS BAY CALENDAR

Lions Bay Arts is proposing a Lions Bay Calendar for 2019!

We are inviting our community to submit photos of Lions Bay scenes, activities - all the things that make Lions Bay a great place to live.

Submit your photos (best resolution you can) to info@lionsbayarts.ca by August 31, 2018.

CELEBRATING ARTS!

Our second event of the Celebrating Arts! series is happening!

Please join us for a salty celebration of the Arts, where we combine the stories, songs and succulent spoils of the sea.

Presented by Dodd Financial Group and Lions Bay Arts.

Click here for more information.

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.

- Public Hearing re. Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No, 408, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 525, 2018 - July 10, 2018 at 7 pm in Broughton Hall

Click here for more information regarding the Public Hearing.

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

See what's happening on our social sites:

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