Village Update

Friday, October 12, 2018

From the desk of Councillor-Elect

Neville Abbott

In 2001, I came to live in Lions Bay and this special place immediately became home. In 2006, I joined my current employer, a large engineering firm, as a Construction Project Manager.

For many years, I've kept up with important Village matters by reading Council documents, listening to the audio of- and attending meetings, and participating in town halls.

Our aging infrastructure remains the biggest concern. Several people, including previous councillors, told me if I really felt I could contribute, then I should run for council. So here I am, acclaimed!

We have been paying to "study" our major infrastructure issues since 2002; in 2016, we spent over $100,000 on an Infrastructure Master Plan that outlines a list of projects. None have been delivered fully, if at all. I hope to be able to contribute positively in getting critical projects done.

Although I admit I wasn't necessarily looking forward to election campaigning, residents have missed the opportunity to speak about what matters most to them.

In the absence of the normal all-candidate and other meetings, each acclaimed councillor has been asked to publish their platform on the Village website. Mine can be found here.

In addition, Jaime Cunliffe, the other new councillor, and I will be available at the café on Saturday, October 20th, from 10 am to 12 noon for a "meet and greet". We invite you to stop by and discuss issues that matter to you. Jaime's piece is scheduled to be in next week's Village Update.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Neville Abbott



The Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee (LBBPAC) was established to explore opportunities for improvements at Lions Bay Beach Park. Through a series of meetings and resident consultation via a survey, the LBBPAC prepared recommendations for improvements to the beach park. For more information on the Committee and their recommendations, and to view and provide feedback on the Draft Concept Plan, visit our website by clicking HERE and view the billboard at the beach park if you go for a walk.

UPDATE: Council, both current and incoming, needs your feedback on this key Lions Bay amenity. Please take the time to review the Advisory Committee's recommendations and Draft Concept Plan and tell Council what you think at feedback@lionsbay.ca.

GENERAL ELECTION 2018

General Election 2018

At 4 pm on September 24, 2018, the number of unopposed, declared candidates was equal to the number of positions open for Mayor and Councillor respectively. Accordingly, the Chief Election Officer declared all candidates for Mayor and Councillor elected by acclamation as follows:

Mayor: McLaughlin, Ron
Councillor: Abbott, Neville
Councillor: Bain, Fred
Councillor: Barmeier, Norman
Councillor: Cunliffe, Jaime

Mayor-Elect McLaughlin and Councillors-Elect Bain and Abbott have posted their election platform materials here and the rest of the Councillors-Elect have been invited to do the same. Please check the Municipal website for updates.

School Trustees

With respect to the election of School Trustees for School District 45, an election by voting has been declared and information about candidates can be accessed below. Eligible electors of the Village of Lions Bay will have the opportunity to vote for School Trustee candidates on general voting day, **October 20, 2018, from 8 am to 8 pm in Council Chambers, 400 Center Road, Lions Bay, BC.**

Applications for mail ballot voting are available here via the District of West Vancouver, which is running the School Trustee election for the School District, and the mail ballot forms will apply to Lions Bay. Electors should note, however, the potential for a mail strike which may result in the need to return mail ballots prior to the deadline via courier or hand delivery.

School District 45 School Trustee Candidate Profiles and Nomination Documents

COUGAR SIGHTING



Please be aware that a cougar was sighted in the lower Lions Bay area on Southview Place this week on a resident's driveway. If you see a cougar, please remember to call the RAPP line to report the sighting at 1-877-952-7277.

Here are a few helpful reminders from the Provincial Government's website: if you come in to contact with a cougar, remember to always stay calm and keep it in view, pick up your children immediately and back away slowly, ensuring the cougar has a clear avenue of escape. Make yourself look as large as possible and keep the cougar in front of you at all times. Never run or turn your back as sudden movements may provoke an attack. If a cougar shows interest and follows you, respond aggressively, maintain eye contact and show your teeth and make loud noises. Arm yourself with rocks or sticks as weapons. If it should attack, fight back! Convince the cougar you are a threat and not prey, use anything you can as a weapon, and focus your attack on the cougars face and eyes.



CDC Advisory on the Death Cap Mushroom

Death cap mushrooms cause most fatal mushroom poisonings around the world. Originating in Europe, the mushroom is now growing in British Columbia, and is recognized as an emerging public health concern in urban areas. These toxic mushrooms may grow public areas such as school yards, parks, recreational sites, urban streets, outdoor shared space areas, as well as private property. They can cause serious poisoning when picked by individuals for food, or when accidentally ingested by children and pets.

For more information on this species of mushroom please visit the BC Centre for Disease Control website and read the Death cap mushroom (Amanita phalloides) BC Prohibited Species Alert.

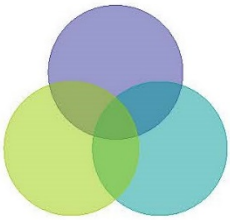


What are you doing to get more prepared?

Join us in the world's largest earthquake drill on October 18, 2018! Visit Shake Out BC for more information.

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS



1: The Bay Pharmacy (Horseshoe Bay) is kindly providing a FLU SHOT CLINIC (free) in Lions Bay on Saturday, 13th October, 2018, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Community Common Room (former Library) at 400 Centre Road. Refreshments available. If you require a Shingles vaccination at your home, please contact the Bay Pharmacy, 604-305-0330 (fees apply).

2: The SSC is seeking a new name - imaginative suggestions please!

3: Come to the meeting of the SSC on Tuesday 16th October to join our planning sessions over tea and cookies, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

4: Watch for new events and activities to happen in November!

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.

- Council Strategy Committee Meeting - October 16, 2018 at 6:50 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - October 16, 2018 at 7 pm

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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