THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Weekly Village News

Week Ending: Friday, April 10, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello!

Spring is sprung, and the Village is stretching from its winter slumber. This year will be a good time to plan those spring cleaning tasks with a vengeance.

This summer will conceivably be particularly dry, and I encourage all of us to make extra effort to clean up deadfall and combustibles, especially if we border a creek or the hinterlands. The curbside chipping program of yore was…let's say, overused, so we're on our own for getting rid of the larger pieces, but the green waste pickup every Friday should take care of most it—there is no limit to the amount of Kraft yard waste bags we can put out. That said, Councillor Ron McLaughlin is piloting a neighbourhood beautification event along Oceanview, and we'll hear more about that effort as it develops. Chipping may be involved!

If pressure washing is part of your spring regimen, do it before June, when the Village will automatically enter Level 1 water conservation (an Outdoor Water Use Bylaw is working its way through the Infrastructure Committee for recommendation to Council, preparing for potential water shortages this summer). I know I've gone on a bit about water lately, but I wanted to mention that Public Works last week completed a network drawdown test overnight (when no normal usage would be expected), with the preliminary result that 3,500 gallons an hour are being consumed in the network in early morning hours. We can assume that much of this flow is leakage. 3,500 GPH or 84,000 GPD represented 26% of that day's consumption, so we've clearly fixed a lot of the leakage since the measurement a year previous of 44%. However, the overall daily consumption of 1,200,000 liters still represents about 900 liters of usage per current resident, about double the regional average. Virtually no one will be watering the garden or filling the pool yet, and if no more than 26% is leaking, where is all that water going? More importantly, we'll need a very strict conservation regime to be able to get consumption down to say 300 or 400 liters per person per day in summer, in case the creeks are unprecedentedly low. I'll talk more about this in future as repairs and measures take effect, but suffice to say for now, this year's budget was changed at the last minute to include $60,000 for water contingency work.

Back to spring cleaning. If you've noticed a neighbouring property could use some attention and you're leery of asking them yourself, please get in contact with the Village office (office@lionsbay.ca) about it. The municipality will not take action under the Good Neighbour Bylaw *until a resident request is made.*

Finally, in concert with the Trailblazer, Hiker and other Village groups, we will be doing a major cleanup this spring on the in-Village trails: Centennial, Crystal Falls, Harrison, Kelvin Grove, Pride, and others. We hope to have 200 or more volunteers plus Public Works crews clearing brush, felling dead trees, chipping branches and remediating trails, all with a view to increasing safety and reducing fire risk this summer. A Village barbeque will follow! In the meantime, if you're walking the trails, please feel free to start making piles of branches where they can be reached by the future chipping crew.

Regards,
Karl

PS: I'm increasingly conscious that some Lions Bay residents are missing out if they don't have email. It's time to move on from cleft stick and the Penny Post, and Lions Bay can help. I'm in discussion with the school district on Lions Bay's Grade 7 thru 12s doing their service hours in the Village. One such service task could be "computer renovation" and mayhap "basic skills tutoring, in the Library." First, we need computers, starting with in the Library, but that line item didn't survive this year's budget cuts. If you have old PCs knocking around—just barely-working is fine--can you let me know? As always, reach me on mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca.

NOTICE OF WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works Department of the Village of Lions Bay wishes to inform residents that they will be undertaking their spring seasonal water main flushing during the time period of April 13 to May 15, 2015. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm.

Scheduled locations to be flushed during this period:

Sunset/Bayview/Mountain/Timbertop (and side streets)	April 13 to 22
Oceanview/Upper Kelvin Grove/Isleview (and side streets)	April 23 to May 8
Brunswick Beach/Lower Lions Bay/Lower Kelvin Grove (and side streets)	May 11 to May 15

*** Please Note:** Specified locations and dates may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

The flushing of water mains is necessary to remove sediments that gradually deposit in the pipes over time. During the flushing period, residents are advised to avoid using water and place their filters, softeners and other water treatment equipment in 'by-pass' mode. 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.

The Village of Lions Bay thanks you for your co-operation during this seasonal flushing program.

LIONS BAY NATIVE PLANT SALE

Visit the Native Plan garden on Lions Bay Avenue at Cloudview this Saturday, April 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – the second annual Native Plant Garden Fundraiser. Further details are in the flyer attached.

ANIMAL SIGHTINGS

Please be aware that cougars, coyotes and bears are out and about now that spring is here. There was a cougar sighting last weekend in the Village with an unfortunate attack of a household cat.



For information on what to do if you see any of the above listed animals, please visit the wildlife page on the Village website. It is imperative to report sightings to the RAPP line! The operator will ask very specific questions about your encounter – this is why it is extremely important for the witness to contact the RAPP line directly at 1-877-952-7277. The Village office also appreciates receiving notifications so that we can include the information in Village communications.

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Council received a copy of a letter to our Fire Chief, Andrew Oliver, in which the Fire Rescue International Training Association (FRITA) addressed the "exemplary contribution made by two of your members".

FRITA went on to say, "During February of this year, Eric Picher and Tim Hannan deployed to Columbia as members of our training delivery program in this developing nation. The level of professionalism, dedication, and enthusiasm displayed by Eric and Tim represented not only Lions Bay Fire/Rescue and FRITA, but stood as an example to our hosts of the giving and professional nature of Canadians."

Please join with Council in congratulating Eric and Tim as well as the membership and leadership of Lions Bay Fire/Rescue for their skill, dedication and commitment to excellence.

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UPCOMING COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Infrastructure Committee**: Monday, April 13th at 7 p.m.
Bylaw & Policy Review Committee: Monday, April 20th at 7 p.m.
Council Strategy Committee Meeting (COTW): Tuesday, April 21st at 3 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st at 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers at the Village Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay.

***Please note: the Infrastructure has modified their monthly schedule and will now meet regularly on the second Monday of each month.*

SPEECH BY MP JOHN WESTON

Further to last Friday's ePost piece containing John Weston's speech made in the House of Commons, MP Weston's office has shared the following link to access the speech on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LB_N_I-B3jY&feature=youtu.be

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 FROM 7-9 PM VILLAGE HALL

Lions Bay's location at the foot of the mountains surrounded by trees means we need to be aware of some risks. Villagers are encouraged to attend this informative and interactive meeting to prepare for the upcoming season of living with wildlife and what could be a dry, hot summer.



Hear from Conservation Officers regarding wildlife management, RCMP and Block Watch on crime prevention, Lions Bay Fire Rescue and BC Wildfire Service on fire prevention, Village Infrastructure Committee on water conservation, and Emergency Social Services introduces the "Life Baggie".
Ask questions and view the exhibits. Refreshments provided.

INFRASTRUCTURE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

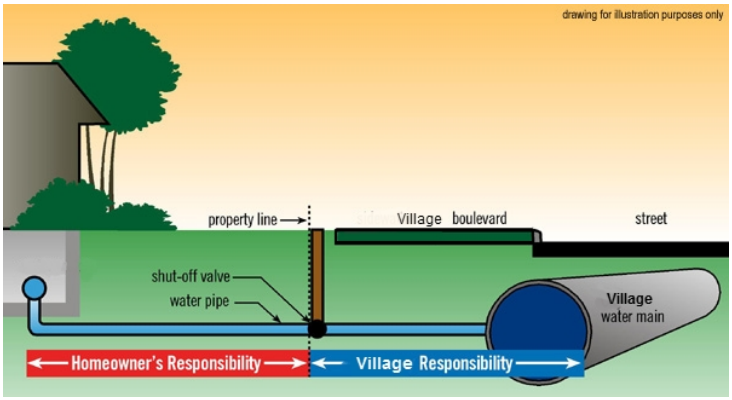
Have a question for the Infrastructure Committee? Please send it to feedback@lionsbay.ca with the subject line "Infrastructure Q&A".

Water Conservation for a Dryer Summer:

The Infrastructure Committee (IC) has been in discussion about the low snow pack on the mountains behind us and its impact on the Village. During the next few weeks, we intend to post information of water conservation for Village residents in an attempt to lessen the impact of less water on us all. We are, after all, going to go through this summer together with less water than we are accustomed to.

This week, we will look at leakage. The Public Works department has been hunting down as many leaks in our system as they can. This will continue as leakage diminishes our supply needlessly.

How can we all help? Let's understand one of the basics.



You own the water pipe from your home, up to and including the water service connection valve per the Village's Water Bylaw No.2. The responsibility for a leak on private residential property can be determined by turning off the water at the water service connection valve. If the leak stops, repairing the leak is your responsibility.

The Village does not trace private water pipes, nor do we keep records of pipes that are not Village-owned. It is your responsibility as a homeowner to know where your service connection valve is (and to keep it visible at all times so that the Village's Public Works crews can easily locate it, and to keep records of any contracted work done on your side of the property line.

If Village Public Works crews determine a leak exists on your property, the Village will send you a notification that states a leak has been found and determined to be on your property, and asks that you have the water lines located on your property inspected and repaired as soon as possible by a licensed contractor.

Having your leaks fixed as soon as possible increases the amount of water the Village can conserve for everyone's use.

A LETTER FROM ERIN MOORE'S FAMILY

Dear Lions Bay Community,

It is over three months now since the sudden tragic accident that claimed our daughter Erin Kate Moore's life on the 22nd of December. We know that many of you have been touched by this senseless accident, just three days before Christmas, on the doorstep of the Village, on a trail where so many have walked.

We have been deeply touched by the many people who have reached out to us--emails to Erin's email address erinkatemoore@yahoo.com, cards, meals, gifts and remembrances, a Brownie badge, tributes, invitations for meals. And we are so grateful to the quiet angels who are creating the beautiful Enchanted Forest above Lions Bay to honour the memory of Erin. We cannot begin to tell you how much these gestures mean to us, and how much they have helped ease our pain.

Reaching out to the bereaved is difficult and we recognise this. A simple way you can walk with us is to hold hands with us on our journey by subscribing to our blog erinkatemoore.weebly.com.

With deep and grateful thanks,
Elizabeth and Michael Moore

BC HYDRO BRANCH-CUTTING NOTICE

Please be advised that BC Hydro has been around to cut branches back from hydro lines around the Village, and it has been noted that some of the debris has been left on the ground. This is a fire hazard with the suspected upcoming dry summer. The crews have been advised to clean-up the debris, but please check your property for any remaining debris that may have been left behind. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB



The Lions Bay 55+ Club would like to invite you to join Chairobics on Wednesday, April 15th from 1pm-3pm. This will be a gentle stretching and strengthening class using bands and balls, while seated! All are welcomed… you do not have to be 55+.

Upcoming Events (1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Village Hall):

April 15 – **Chairobics – Gentle Stretch and Strength (MILD)**
April 22 – **Personal Safety and Fraud Prevention by Squamish RCMP**
April 29 – **Healthy Eating by Vancouver Coastal Health**

An RSVP to office@lionsbay.ca for any of the above mentioned events would be appreciated.



We are also looking for an Age Friendly Program Assistant to help promote and organize future 55+ Club events and activities. This position will be fully funded by the Age Friendly Grant and allows for 5 hours per week on Wednesdays in the office (time flexible), but may require additional volunteer time to attend meetings with the 55+ Club organisers, as well as help to set up events and activities. If you love to work with people and are looking for a way to give back to our wonderful community, please apply by April 17th. Visit www.lionsbay.ca/employment.html to view the details of this posting.

LIONS BAY MUSIC CLASS

Starting April 16, 2015, a new program by "Music Together" is being offered at the Village Hall. Classes are offered on Thursday's at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The program is designed for children aged 0-5, in a mixed age class environment. For more information about this program, or to sign your child up, please contact Tanya Cosgrave at tagsales@telus.net or call 604-813-0181.

EASTER EGG HUNT – A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the beach on Easter Sunday to enjoy the chocolate egg hunt, face painting, games, relays and more. Also a big thank you to those who helped raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society through the 50/50 draw. We also thank the Events Committee members who helped organize this year: Noelene Searle, Gabriela Ionita, Anca Vlad, Rachel Harris, and Kate Pratt. They had great support from the Village Works crew, and on the day from Will Harris, Max Waterson, and Montserrat Powell. And a very special thank you to the Village Easter Bunny, Mia Lemmers, who has done superb hopping with a smiling face for many years at Easter.



Events like this wouldn't be possible without the help that the Lions Bay Events Committee receives from our sponsors. In our immediate community we thank Howe Sound Marine, Dale Falconer & Thyra McKilligan of REMAX Realty, and Super Save Fuel. And for the supply of chocolate eggs, coffee, hot cross buns, and eggs, we thank Save-On-Foods, Starbucks, Cobs Bread and Safeway.

LIONS BAY NATIVE PLANT SALE



Aquilegia formosa
Lions Bay's Floral Emblem

Saturday 11th April 9:30 - 12:30 PM

Visit the Native Plant garden on Lions Bay Avenue at Cloudview and buy some native plants or other interesting plants potted up from Mary's and the other volunteers' gardens.

2ND Annual Native Plant Garden Fund Raiser