Village Update

September 2, 2022

Updates from the Municipality

FROM THE DESK OF THE CAO/CEO

It was suggested by several people in attendance at the Candidate 101 session on Tuesday evening that the Mayor's Message in the August 26th edition of the Village Update constituted an unfair advantage for the incumbent Mayor and was not in keeping with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.I can assure you that this has been taken very seriously and that we have been following up with Elections BC since Wednesday.

While I am of the opinion that the impugned piece falls under the exemptions related to "election advertising" under the *Act*, no determination has yet been made by Elections BC. In the interim, and in an effort to mitigate the perception of unfair advantage, staff will be providing an equal opportunity for all others intending to run for office to have a similar opportunity to announce that they are running. Each candidate can have 150 words maximum to provide:

- Name
- Office for which they are running (Mayor/Councillor)
- Brief Biography

This is similar to what is offered up to candidates in West Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver and many other municipalities. Pending a determination by Elections BC, they have indicated that any such materials should also contain an authorizing statement from the candidate:

- the name of the financial agent,
- the words "authorized by" in front of the financial agent's name, and
- a B.C. phone number, or B.C. mailing address or email address at which the financial agent can be contacted.

* *Note: the financial agent is often the candidate themselves.*

There can be no forward looking statements regarding their reasons for running or their election platform as all candidates will get equal opportunity for that via PDFs to be published all together on a dedicated page on our website on September 19th per our Election Campaign Policy 1701 - see: POL 1701- Election Adv and Campaigning (revised 220803).pdf (lionsbay.ca)

Persons wishing to take advantage of this "announcement opportunity" shall have until 12 noon on Thursday, September 6th to submit their announcements. Those that do

not comply with the terms outlined above will not be published. Publication via the Village Update will take place Friday, September 9th.

As a final note, we confirm that nomination forms will be posted to the Village website as they are received and accepted. Addresses and signatures will be redacted but members of the public may come in to the office to view the original forms if desired. If there are any errors or omissions in the documents, the candidate will be contacted to advise them and discuss options. Ultimately, completion of the nomination forms is the responsibility of the candidate with whom final decisions rest regarding their nomination forms.

Peter DeJong,
Village of Lions Bay
Chief Administrative Officer
and Chief Election Officer

2022 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

The 2022 General Local Election will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The Village will be voting for 1 Mayor, 4 Councillors and 5 School Trustees for a 4 year term. Information is available on the Village Website and published in the official notice of nomination.

Nomination documents **must** be delivered to the Village Office between **9:00 am Tuesday, August 30, 2022 and 4:00 pm Friday, September 9, 2022** during regular business hours.



Public Works is asking residents to conserve water

Before watering restrictions began in June, residents were using approximately 440,000 US Gallons per day. While water consumption initially dropped after the move to Conservation Level 1, Public Works staff have seen consumption climb back up to 430,000 gallons per day as of last week.

At this time of year, especially during high and extreme fire danger rating periods, it's important for us to keep the Harvey and Magnesia Creek water tanks topped up in case

of fire fighting needs. Please do your part to help us conserve water and maintain our reserve capacities by reviewing the indoor and outdoor water conservation tips in the Water Conservation Brochure.

Under the current **Conservation Level 2** restrictions, lawn watering is restricted to **one day per week** as follows:

- **Mondays** for even-numbered addresses from 4 am to 9 am
- **Thursdays** for odd numbered addresses from 4 am to 9 am

Watering of trees, shrubs, flowers, or vegetables is only permitted if watering by hand using a spring-loaded nozzle, container, or by drip irrigation.

No washing of outdoor surfaces is permitted, including pressure washing. Washing of vehicles and boats is only allowed by bucket. See the attached infographic for a representation of the restrictions.

Bylaw Enforcement Officers have been tasked with ensuring these restrictions are adhered to and watering your lawn outside of allowed times and without a water exemption permit could result in a $100 fine.

What do I do if I see someone else not following the Level 2 rules?

If you are comfortable doing so, please let them know the details of the restrictions that are in place in case they are not aware we are on Level 2 and need to take water conservation seriously. To report people not following the restrictions, please email bylaw@lionsbay.ca or call the bylaw cell phone at (604) 834-3404.



Tuesday, September 6th marks the first day back to school for Lions Bay Community School students as they begin the 2022/2023 school year.

Public Works would like to remind residents and motorists to slow down and stay alert when driving through the school zone on Bayview Road and when approaching intersections and crosswalks throughout the Municipality. Parents, please reinforce your child's knowledge about walking to school, intersections, and traffic safety.

Residents will know that line painting throughout the Municipality is faded and deteriorating. Public Works has tried to engage contractors for the last three summers

without any success. First the pandemic, then a global shortage of paint, and this year, terrible weather in the spring and early summer have led to a massive backlog of line painting to the extent that line painters have advised us that they will not be able to paint for us this year.

In light of this, we ask that you share the road with the young pedestrians that will soon be travelling our streets and ensure that you:

- Watch your speed through the school zone on Bayview and throughout the Village.
- Don't block known crosswalks (faded or otherwise) when stopped at an intersection.
- Always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections, especially in a school zone.
- Always stop for children at crosswalks and intersections.
- Don't let your cell phone distract you.

While these are good habits to practice year-round, Back to School season is a great time to remind ourselves to think about pedestrian safety when we're travelling around the Village.



Maintaining your septic system helps maintain a healthy environment

September 19 to 23 is Septic Awareness Week and the Village of Lions Bay urge you to consider both what goes down your drain, and how you maintain your septic system.

When functioning properly, your septic system is an economical and efficient method of treating household wastewater and are also environmentally sustainable. However, when septic systems are neglected and malfunction, untreated wastewater and nutrients can leak into our local waterways. Systems that are not maintained – often underground and out-of-sight – can not only cost you money in the long run but can contribute to nutrient enrichment of sensitive water bodies.

Proper maintenance means more than simply pumping out your tank:

- Protect your system – Your septic system is designed to handle human waste and toilet paper only, termed the "Three Ps." All other household products, detergents, chemicals and personal care products can negatively impact the

system and be passed on to groundwater supplies. Use environmentally friendly cleaners and don't flush items like feminine hygiene products and wipes, ***even if they claim to be flushable***.

- Inspect your system – If you don't know where your components are located, if you're planning to buy or sell a home or if you suspect your system is malfunctioning, an inspection is a good idea. The Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) provide guidelines for **septic system inspection**.
- Maintain your system – Regular maintenance is critical to the lifespan of a system, and a well-maintained system can last a long time. Pump-outs should occur every two to five years, and components should be examined regularly.

To learn more about residential septic systems, visit the **Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association's website**.

NOTICE





Talon Helicopters will be performing low level flying for LiDAR surveys between September 6th and October 6th, 2022 during daylight hours. Authorization for this work has been issued by Transport Canada.

There will be approximately 7 days of work with flights estimated to be approximately 4 hours per day, covering power lines in the Greater Vancouver Regional District,

Sunshine Coast Regional District, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and Qathet Regional District. Flight time over a single area will be minimal. There will be no activity on the ground related to this flight.

Questions related to this project should be directed to Talon Helicopters at 604-214-3585 or mail@taloncopters.com.

What's Happening in Lions Bay



It's the annual call for photos for the 2023 Lions Bay Calendar!

Please send us those awesome shots you may have of our beautiful village, fun in the sun, hiking or any photos that speak to the amazing place we live in.
The photos need to be landscape orientation and a minimum of 2MB high resolution.

You can send them to **calendar@lionsbayarts.ca** – deadline for submissions is **October 15th, 2022**



FIREFIGHTERS DAY 2022
Saturday, September 10th
from 2 PM to 10 PM at Lions Bay Beach Park

Save the date and come down for lots of fun!!!

- DJ, Bar, BBQ
- Raffle ticket Draw
- Games: Kids Firetruck slide, corn hole and Spike ball
- in conjunction with the Fishing Derby

Also some of you may have received visits from us selling raffle tickets. The prizes this year are amazing!

1. 2 Mustang PFDs
2. Golf for 2 at Furry Creek
3. 2 Tommy Bahamas beach chairs + 2 Corkcicle tumblers
4. Golf for 2 at Northlands + 100$ at Hachi Hana Sushi

We will be drawing for 4 winners on Firefighters Day! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, you can call/text me (Lieutenant Mattie Gildenhuys 250-266-7873) or pick some up at the Village Office (cheque or cash).



Thank you to our generous sponsors:



Register Now for the LB Fishing Derby!

100% of the proceeds to this event goes towards raising much needed funds for our fantastic Lions Bay Fire and Rescue Department.

Register here:
https://lions-bay-fishing-derby.square.site/

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