Village Update

December 16, 2022

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Message from Council

Season's Greetings from Mayor and Council

Warm greetings from your Mayor and Council! We've had a very busy start to the new term and we'd like to update you on progress made to date.

Beach Park Project

One of Council's immediate priorities is to deliver on a refreshed and revitalised beach park. More than 18 volunteers have stepped forward to take part in the project. A first meeting was held at the beach park on Sunday. The purpose of the meeting was to review the latest concept plan in an open forum, welcome feedback and discussion, and reignite the momentum necessary to move the project forward. With the help and leadership of Scott Gordon and Susan Davis, this resident's working group is meeting again on Monday to synthesize their findings into a list of insights, which will ultimately become detailed recommendations to be reviewed by Mayor and Council and shared with residents. And of course, we will be sending out a Have Your Say on this important project so that all residents' voices can be heard. The intention being to move ahead without delay.

Committees and Volunteers

The spirit of volunteerism and community engagement is alive and well within our Village! Thank you to all who came forward and offered their help on the Beach Park Committee. We will be reaching out for further expressions of interest in the New Year regarding the other committees of Council. If you have skills or expertise, you're willing to share in the interest of the community we would love to hear from you.

Staff Changes

Several residents have asked for clarification about the departure and replacement of the CAO and CFO. Some have asked the same questions, some of which we are unable to answer at this time. As an employer, we must always be careful to meet the legal requirements for protecting the privacy of our employees. We have not only an ethical but also a legal duty to conduct ourselves with scrupulous duties of care in this regard. Our postings are public and we will ensure that we recruit the right candidates for these positions. We would like to reassure residents that our Council is committed

to ensuring we represent the residents of Lions Bay to the highest professional standards on this front.

We can confirm that Peter DeJong leaves the Village's employ as of today, and that CFO Pam Rooke, who has resigned and accepted a job closer to home, will be leaving us mid January. We thank them both for their service to our Village and wish them well in the next chapter of their professional and personal lives. Council is conducting an appropriate search to identify suitable applicants to take on the roles of CAO and CFO, which will also include a rigorous review of skills, experience and security background checks. An interim CAO will be appointed until a suitable replacement has been found. This is a key focus for us at present.

And in closing:

It has been an exceptionally busy few weeks and we are confident we are in a good position to move forward in January. Like you, we are looking forward to some quiet time with family and friends over the holidays.

We wish everyone best wishes for the holiday season and a happy 2023!





Click HERE for the 2023 Waste Collection Guide and Calendar

Please note: No changes to Waste Collection Schedule during the Holiday Season



2022 Utility Fees Due

The 2022 utility fees, which were sent out in February, are due by December 31, 2022. Please note that any outstanding balances on January 1, 2023 will become taxes in arrears, and interest will start to accrue. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, debit, online through most financial institutions, or by credit card through the **Village's Online Service Portal**. Please see original bill for account information if paying online or through the bank.

Homeowners are also required to complete the Secondary Suite Declaration at the bottom of their utility notice. It may also be completed **online**.

Please contact the Village Office at 604-921-9333 if you have any questions.

Utility payments may be dropped off through the front door mail slot during the office closure

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The Village of Lions Bay is committed to promoting an enriched Community, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike, by supporting Community Projects through the Village's Municipal Grant Program. Council is again inviting interested groups to apply for a financial or in-kind Project/Services/Events/Program grant by completing the **Municipal Grant Application form** and submitting it to the Village Office by January 3, 2023.

This form may also be obtained on our **website**.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Rooke at 604-921-9333 or **finance@lionsbay.ca**.

Council & Committee Meetings

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: December 20, 2022 at 6:00pm*

***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

View the Council and Committee Schedule, Agendas, & Minutes HERE!

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found **here**.

Public Viewing Etiquette:

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Attendees will have two minutes to speak on any matter at the beginning of the meeting*
- *Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired).*
- *Please do not interrupt Council discussion.*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).*
- *If interruptions are repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY

All raffle items are now up for grabs in the Curly Stewart Scholarship Fund 2022 Silent Auction

Links to all items are below and bidding closes at 6pm on December 17th

EMINENCE ORGANIC SKIN CARE GIFT BOX link

BRITANNIA MINE MUSEUM link

DINNER AT THE BEACH HOUSE RESTAURANT link

SEA TO SKY GONDOLA link

VILLAGE PET FOOD AND SUPPLY link





2023 Lions Bay Arts Calendar

Now available at the Village Office and at the Lions Bay General Store & Café

$12 each, or $10 each when purchasing 3 or more



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