Village Update

May 24, 2024

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

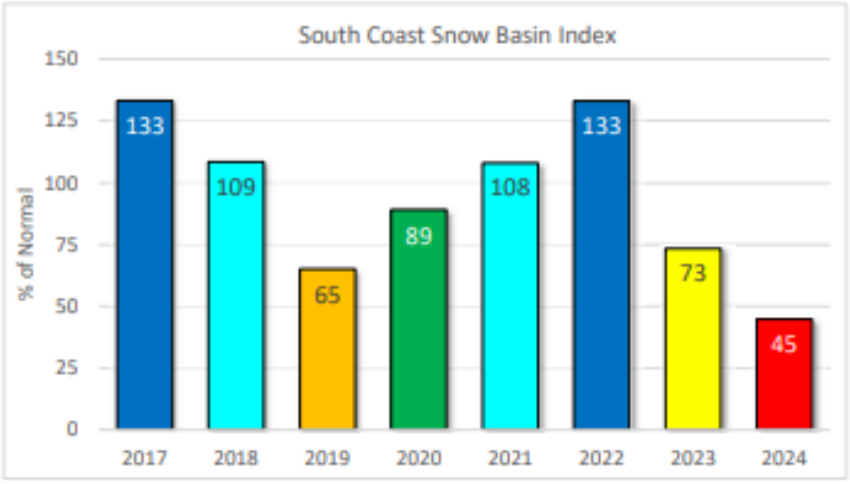


The Village of Lions Bay is currently hiring for a Deputy Corporate Officer.

Please **click here** for more details.

FROM THE YARD

Provincial snow surveys gather data from 17 manual snow measurements and 105 automated snow weather stations around the province. The May 15 edition corroborates Public Works' expectation of low snowpack this year. On average, 17% of the seasonal snowpack melts province-wide by May 15th. This year, 31% of peak snowpack has melted, driven by low elevation melt in April and the significant heat event May 9-12. Our South Coast region is at 45 percent of normal (average) snowpack for the date, the lowest in at least eight years:



At Lions Bay in some years snowmelt lasts until the main rains return in the fall, but that doesn't seem likely this year. We'll be relying on groundwater and occasional summer rain much earlier than usual. Will it be enough? Last year we reached groundwater-only supply in mid-September, with one or two fortuitous rain events keeping us out of Level 3 conservation. If the groundwater column is fully replenished and constant every year as we currently assume (we've engaged a hydrologist to do the work to be sure), this year too will depend on how often it rains.

In case that's not enough, Public Works has been working to reduce water needed by seeking out private and public leaks and having them addressed by July 31. Target Village-wide consumption is 300,000 gallons per day under Level 3 outdoor use conservation. That'll be the lowest we've been in summer in eight years, but this year is possibly without precedent, so we're doing more:

- Magnesia Creek has never been fully tapped, even in lean years, due to a cap on throughput needed for chlorine contact time in the plant's smaller treated water storage tank. Expansion of the tank, or even just a serpentine baffle to increase residence time, would have been interesting projects if you like that sort of thing, but proved unnecessary once the engineers started working: turns out the baffle factor of the tank's existing layout allows for multiples more throughput while maintaining required chlorine contact time. Yesterday we completed the necessary reconfiguration of the mains network and added 80 houses to the 110 usually served by the Magnesia Plant on a trial basis, pending regulator approval.
- The Alberta Supply Augmentation Project (ASAP) to utilise as much as 80,000 GPD of currently untapped water from Alberta Creek will be presented to Council for funding consideration in mid-June, as soon as the consulting engineers' Class C preliminary design and cost estimate is ready. Part of the plan is ensuring a seasonal system can be operational by mid-August.



As a friendly reminder, the use of the boat rack at Lions Bay Beach Park is reserved for valid permit holders who have rented the space through the Village Office.

We have observed numerous kayaks, canoes, and boogie boards placed underneath, next to, and in front of the boat rack. Many of these do not display a current-year permit sticker. If you have watercraft at the boat rack, please ensure it is stored properly in the designated space with the permit sticker clearly visible.

Please note that any boats not properly stored within a registered space on the boat rack and/or lacking a valid permit will be removed on or after June 1, 2024.

Additionally, permit holders are reminded that discounted fees were due by March 31, 2024, per Fees Bylaw No. 497. Since this date has passed, any outstanding fees are now due at the regular rate of $150 per space by the end of the day on May 31, 2024, to avoid your watercraft being removed.

Thank you for your cooperation.



NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

June 18, 2024 at 6:00pm*

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Climate Action Committee Meeting - May 28, 2024 at 7:00pm

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - May 30, 2024 at 6:00pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting - June 4 , 2024 at 6:00pm

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

View the Council and Committee Schedules, 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 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.



Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation
Helping Our Students Grow

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation celebrated our village's latest high school grads with a special ceremony at Broughton Hall Tuesday evening, May 21st. The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation is proudly celebrating its 20th Anniversary. What the LBCSF has accomplished over the past 20 years is remarkable - 74 scholarships awarded and

more to be conferred in June. Much more remarkable, though, are all the Lions Bay graduates over the years, including these six representing the 17 students graduating this year!

Congratulations Lions Bay Graduates of 2024 !

Michael Broughton, Chair, for the LBCSF Board. ~ Tanya Cosgrave - Vice Chair, Kim Mailey - Treasurer, Brenda Broughton – Secretary, Meighan Jury – Director-at-Large, Michael Moore – Director-at-Large, Jon Wescott – Director-at-Large.











We're thrilled to announce that, working with several community groups, councillors and staff, Lions Bay has successfully renewed its Bird Friendly City designation, and has also advanced from Entry to Intermediate level. But it truly takes a village!

Education is an important pillar of the program and our events and collaborations have received very positive feedback from Nature Canada. These would not have been possible without the combined efforts of so many residents. For example, almost 30 volunteers and 11 groups participated in our recent annual Bird Friendly Community Event.

Once again, Lions Bay volunteers have led the way in line with our community's long standing and proud commitment to environmental stewardship.

Special thanks to the native plant garden and Butterflyway project, the Trailblazers, Lions Bay Art/Artspark, the Seniors Social Circle, and the Bird Team: Rod Baker, Arlene Halstrom,

Danielle Wills, Charlie Bradbury, Taryn Biggs, Harry and Katrina.

Nature Canada's national press release has this to say:

"*As the very first Bird Friendly Certified Town in 2022,* ***Bird Friendly Lions Bay*** *is a powerhouse in their village. From hosting ocean shoreline cleanups to sustainability coffee chats and starting a birder backpack program, Bird Friendly Lions Bays' renewed commitment to the Bird Friendly City Certification program demonstrates that no matter how big your municipality may be, there are always ways to make positive changes for birds."*

The press release specific to **Lions Bay** is here.

Penny Nelson
Lions Bay Bird Friendly Team Lead

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LIONS BAY, BC
CERTIFIED BY NATURE CANADA





SATURDAY June22 "AVATAAR: Worldview" Jazz Concert at Lions Bay **Village Hall**.

7 Reasons TO HEAR AVATAAR in Lions Bay:
#6: UNIQUE: Avataar stands out in the jazz landscape for their innovative approach, exceptional musicianship, and ability to create a transcendent, award-winning musical experience that resonates – COME HEAR! **SPONSORED BY** Realtor Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters.

TICKET LINK HERE

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