Village Update
SPECIAL EDITION

July 2, 2025

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Vancouver Coastal Health today advised Public Works that:

1. The Lions Bay Beach A and B samples taken this Monday June 30 were below the 400 *E. coli* units per 100 ml limit.
2. VCH was changing the beach's red No Swimming/Wading status to yellow, Investigation.
3. The Medical Health Officer has approved removing No Swimming/Wading signage.

As background, Public Works is required by Vancouver Coastal Health to test the swimming water at our three beaches for *E. coli* weekly in summer. Testing usually happens every Monday, with results normally reported on Wednesday after the BC Centre for Disease Control laboratory culture and count. Two weeks ago the June 23 Lions Bay Beach A and B samples were reported on Wed. June 26 at 800 and 950, over the "Beach Action Value Investigation" limit of 235. An Investigation Advisory was posted on the VCH website, and Public Works took new samples and delivered them to the lab the same day. In the evening of Sunday June 29, the duty health officer advised that the A and B had come back at 665 and 645, over the consecutive sample max., and that the VCH status was being changed to No Swimming/Wading. Public Works placed signage on Monday, June 30, and took and delivered the regular Monday samples, which were analysed over the July 1 holiday, coming back today, July 2, at 240 and 280, close enough to the Investigate limit that the MHO was prepared to change the beach's status. We have not received results for the other two beaches, but if trends continue, they ought to remain well within limits:

Lions Bay Beach Water Sampling (units/100 ml) 235 = investigation 400 = consecutive sample max. 200 = average of 5 most recent samples max.						
2025	Lions Bay Beach		Kelvin Grove Beach		Brunswick Beach	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
20 May	10	50	5	<5	<5	<5
26 May	5	5	<5	5	<5	<5
2 June	5	10	5	55	<5	5
9 June	10	86	5	5	5	10
16 June	32	65	<5	<5	<5	5
23 June	800	950	25	<5	<5	20
26 June	665	645	-	-	-	-
30 June	240	280	Not yet reported			

Presence of *Escherichia coliform--E. coli*--indicates recent fecal contamination by warm-blooded animals--mammals and birds. Public Works has no need to speculate on the source of *E. coli*, although we can state unequivocally there has been no upset or overflow at the ocean-outfall Kelvin Grove wastewater treatment plant, which is operating well within its capacity. All we need to know is that there is *E. coli* at Lions Bay Beach, indicating the possible presence of disease-causing pathogens. The public would be wise to heed VCH water quality notices, with municipal signage being deliberately placed and removed. It can be relied upon. Find further information at **https://www.vch.ca/en/service/public-beach-water-quality#compliance_monitoring_status**.

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