



Village Update

Friday, February 2, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

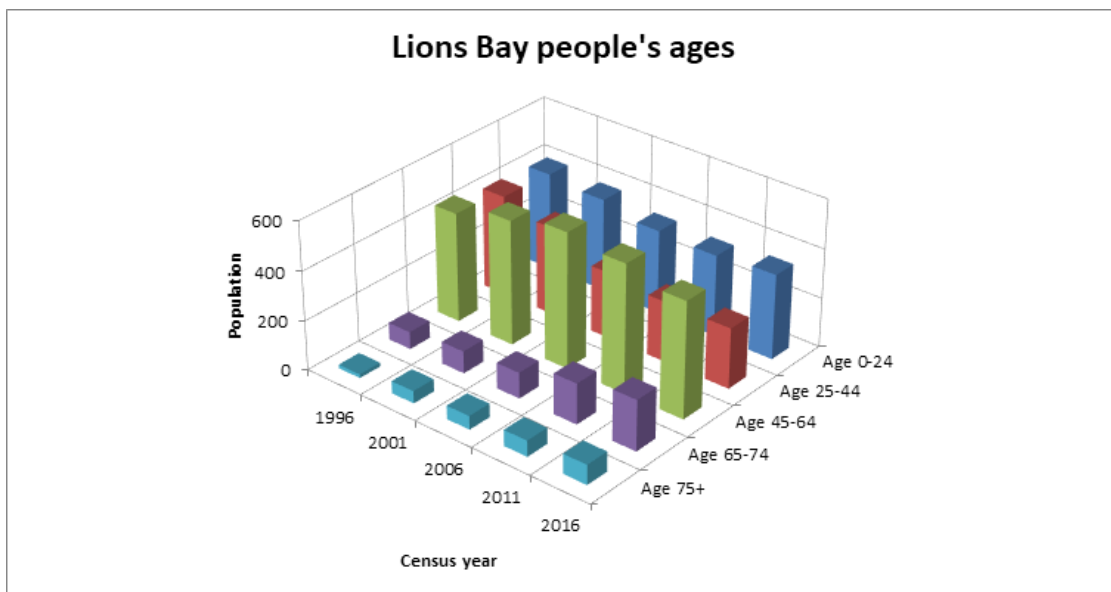
Hello Lions Bay,

46 turned out for Tuesday's information meeting on a Development Permit amendment proposed for Lions Bay's OCP. The change would require in addition to a standard building permit, a permit to develop anywhere in four identified major hazard areas in the community: coastal areas, creek areas, hillslope areas and wildfire areas. Pretty technical if you like that kind of thing (the underlying report is here), and I was struck how our current approach--occasional ad hoc geotechnical reports before a building permit is issued--may or may not offer adequate safety to owners or cover the municipality's liability. Development permit areas offer a map and checklist of where and what hazard mitigation is needed to be assessed, allowing an individual project's geotechnical consultants to hit the ground running. Excellent input was received from the meeting. What we saw there is not necessarily what Council will adopt, but we need to know what the community thinks, like this weekend, at feedback@lionsbay.ca. The first readings of the bylaw will be on February 20th. If you're planning a renovation that changes your footprint or moves soil around or involves new construction, you want to be aware here.

At the last Council Strategy Committee meeting I made reference to a story from my own Rockridge Sec. student, about a child who'd died after vaping opioid-laced juice. Someone who listened to the audio record brought it up with the School District. Turns out much of the story I was told was an urban myth, perhaps based on the tragedy in Delta, and there are a dozen versions doing the rounds. You'd think even an amateur, small-town politician would know better than to repeat hearsay,

because upon further enquiry, I find that nothing happened at Rockridge, there was never laced vape juice, and what likely did happen was elsewhere and for other causes. I apologise to all affected by my incorrect statement. That said, opioids are here, and Lions Bay is particularly not unscathed. As to the vaping, parents are hearing more from schools and sport leagues about its ills. I am too square to understand vaping's cachet, starting with the fairly ludicrous sight of users enveloped in a dense cloud of vapour while clutching a replica lightsabre. Hip or not, for the same reasons we ban tobacco smoking at our beach parks, this summer we think we need to add vaping (and toking if the Feds get their way). LMK how that sits, please.

I give a canned PowerPoint presentation on Lions Bay to any audience I can corner. Here's a part you might find interesting: the change in our age cohorts over time, drawn from the last six national censuses.



As the graphic shows, our ages 0-24, who are typically living with parents and don't have kids of their own, are slowly declining. 25-44s are the prime house-buying and school-using bracket, but those people came to Lions Bay 20-40 years ago, and are still here, and new ones are not arriving. So the next 45-64 bracket is pretty steady--no one's departed--and the 65-74 early retirement bracket has grown from 70 people in 1996, to 205 in 2016. Other than pioneers who've stayed, newcomers are already older, possibly because of average dwelling values of \$1.62 mil. These new arrivals already have social circles elsewhere, and don't have young kids to put through our K-3 school. Over-75s are increasing too: as the hills get steeper and mobility lesser, Council is well aware we need to do something if we want valued and

desired elders to age here in Lions Bay. On the other end of the spectrum, school enrollment has declined in the last ten years to today's low-30s. You'll be hearing more about what Council is doing to keep Lions Bay a complete community as we head into the second half of the year and municipal elections in October.

Regards,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca)

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30pm on Regular Council Meeting nights.

- Regular Council Meeting - February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm
(Includes discussion of the 2018 Preliminary Budget)
- Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee - February 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Note: please check the [Village website calendar](#) for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.

A graphic with a light green background. At the top left is a red recycling symbol with 'WCS' inside. To its right, the words 'Waste Collection Update' are written in large, bold, red font. Below this, on the left, is a green digital clock showing '7:30' in red. To the right of the clock, the text 'Roll your carts out after 5:00 am but no later than 7:30 am on collection day' is written in green. On the right side of the graphic are two stylized trash bins: a grey one and a blue one with a white recycling symbol on its side.

Waste Collection Update

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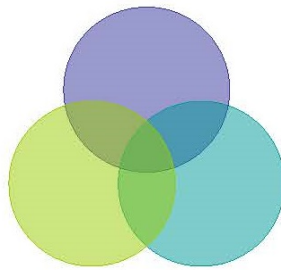
Waste Control Services would like to remind residents of the following:

Please put all materials at the curbside by 7:30am. If bins are brought out later than 7:30am there is a high likelihood that they will not be collected and residents will have to wait for the next collection date. Note that for pick-up to occur bins must be placed at the end of your driveway - where it meets the road's curbside. Material will not be collected from house entrance ways.

Green waste must be either bundled with twine, bagged, or put into a bin. If residents are using an unusual type of bin for green waste (i.e. a blue bin), please clearly indicate on the bin that it is "Green Waste." For the safety of waste collection staff, each bag, bundle, or bin placed at the curb must be less than 20 kg (44 pounds).

To ensure that organics/green waste is composted, please use only paper bags, newspaper, or translucent green certified compostable bags to contain organics material. Organics put in plastic grocery bags or black garbage bags will not be collected if seen by WCS staff. If plastic bags reach the composting facility, the bag and its contents will be flagged as contamination and sent to landfill.

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE



SSC Notepad #1: The Resources Directory is now available for purchase at the Lions Bay Store & Café Only \$10.00! Funds over and above cost go to support our community. For information contact info.lbdirectory@gmail.com.

SSC Notepad #2: On Tuesday 13th February, the Spring Session of Lions Bay House Concerts begins with "an opportunity for an evening of ultimate relaxation, while transporting us to another era, within the melodic sounds of jazz and blues music, as played by Janelle Nadeau on pedal and lever concert harp. Seating is very limited". And watch for the Whitney Rose Concert coming on Tuesday, 20th February, 2018.

Contact tamara@tamaraleger.com or register at www.eventbrite.com/lionsbayhouseconcerts.

SSC Notepad #3: As noted under the LBCSF update, SEASOIL IS BACK! Support the 15th Anniversary of the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation by buying your Seasoil needs from the LBCSF. Details available soon, or contact lpeterso@sfu.ca.

LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



If you are a Lions Bay Grade 12 student intending to pursue post-secondary education, you are invited to apply for consideration for a Scholarship available in the Village under the aegis of the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation (LBCSF). Please [click here](#) to download the application. Deadline: May 1, 2018.

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