March 29, 2019



Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the desk of Councillor Abbott

Update on the Proposed Metro Vancouver Bylaw to Restrict the Use of Wood-burning Appliances:

Thank you, Lions Bay for your wonderful feedback!

We received around 300 responses to our "Have your say" request. I will be working a lot harder than I'd planned to review/summarize all this data over the weekend so that I can report back to Council at our next meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 2nd. All are welcome to attend and listen to the discussion. And, as at every Council meeting, there is an opportunity for you to "Have your say" for two minutes under "Public Participation" early in the meeting. Feel free to come along and do so.

Neville Abbott

Click <u>here</u> for survey results.

Updates from the Municipality

Noise Control Bylaw

As the weather improves and people open their windows more and get out and about doing chores and other activities around their properties, residents are reminded to keep noise producing activities within the parameters of Noise Control Bylaw No. 283.



Lawnmowers and most other small power equipment are restricted to the hours of 8 am to 8 pm Monday to Saturday and 10 am to 8 pm on Sundays and Holidays. Chain saws, chippers and leaf blowers are restricted to 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Saturday. Other restrictions pertaining to the barking of dogs, amplified and unamplified music and continuous sounds can be reviewed in the bylaw.

As always, thanks for your cooperation. Should you have any related complaints, please read the following important information Before Making a Complaint.

SWITCH OFF this EARTH HOUR March 30, 2019 @ 8:30 PM

Earth Hour 2019 is March 30, 8:30 – 9:30 pm. See: https://www.earthhour.org/

Plan some quiet, disconnected, time with the family and reflect on our impacts on Mother Earth. What started in Sydney Australia in 2007 is now celebrated by millions worldwide. Please join in by flicking the switch, lighting some candles or firing up the BBQ.



Metro Vancouver has initiated a new program for residents to dispose of new and used gypsum (also known as drywall, gyproc, wallboard or plasterboard). Residents of Lions Bay may now bring their new or used gypsum to the North Shore Transfer Station on Riverside Drive in North Vancouver.

"Used gypsum" is gypsum that has been previously installed. Gypsum installed before 1990 may be contaminated with asbestos in the tape and mud, and should not be disturbed or removed without protective equipment.

"New gypsum" is gypsum date-stamped 1990 or newer that has never been installed (no tape, paint or mud; sometimes called "cut offs"). New gypsum does not need to be bagged.

For more information on safe handling of Used gypsum and disposal fees, please visit Metro Vancouver's website.



Public Works will be conducting our annual spring watermain flushing program a little earlier than usual this year due to the impending construction of the new Harvey Creek Water Tank. Staff will attempt an accelerated flushing schedule of April 8th through to April 19th.

Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Though locations and dates may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, our intent is to adhere to the following schedule:

Crosscreek/Upper Bayview/Bayview/Sunset/Timbertop: Apr 8 – Apr 12

Oceanview/Upper Kelvin Grove/Isleview: Apr 8 – Apr 12

Brunswick Beach/Lower Lions Bay/Lower Kelvin Grove: Apr 15 – Apr 19

The flushing of watermains is necessary to remove sediments that gradually deposit in the pipes over time. The Municipality is mandated to flush our watermains twice a year to comply with our drinking water treatment permit to operate issued by Vancouver Coastal Health.

During the flushing period, residents are advised to avoid using water to the extent possible and to place their filters, softeners and other water treatment equipment in 'by-pass' mode. Use of water during flushing will draw into the residential system the agitated sediment, thereby requiring more rigorous clearing of your water lines. Water drawn in during flushing can also lead to clogged filters and screens and may discolour laundry. During the flushing period the water will remain safe and potable, however, there may be brief periods of discoloration, cloudiness and temporary pressure fluctuations. The Village of Lions Bay accepts no liability for inconvenience

or damage caused by low pressure or discoloured water use during its flushing program.

After the flushing is completed, we advise residents to clear their water lines. To do this simply let your cold water tap (remove screens/aerators on tap) closest to the incoming water line run until the water flows clear prior to returning any water treatment equipment back on line.

The Village of Lions Bay thanks you for your co-operation during this seasonal flushing program.



The Harvey Creek water tank construction project is in its initial stages. Industra's construction crews have begun preparing the site for construction by moving in a construction office trailer and installing signage. Some small diameter trees along the access road and around the tank will need to be removed. All the trees are within the tolerances permitted in the Municipal Trees, Views and Landscapes Bylaw No. 393, 2007.

Further mobilization tasks will include trucking in construction materials including lock-blocks, fencing, small and large heavy equipment. To this end:

- Expect increased traffic along Oceanview from the highway up to the top culde-sac;
- For hikers and dog walkers, expect heavy traffic and congestion on the gravel access road from the cul-de-sac up to the Harvey Creek tank site;

- Please consider using alternate hiking trails during this construction project;
- If you do proceed beyond the Oceanview gate, please keep your dogs on leash through the construction area;
- Expect dust and noise levels to increase during the daytime as demolition of the old Harvey Tank begins.

Please accept our apologies in advance and bear with us as we work through the commencement of this critical infrastructure project. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Please provide any feedback or comments to Public Works via email at works@lionsbay.ca.



LAST CALL FOR EARLY DISCOUNT PAYMENTS! Boat spaces and dog license renewals were due starting January 1 for this year. The **early discount payment** ends March 31 at which time fees will increase to their regular amounts:

- Dog Licenses will increase from \$30 to \$60 (spayed or neutered) and from \$60 to \$90 (unaltered);
- Boat Licenses will increase from \$125 to \$150 (note: after May 31 a boat will be seized and removed, and charged a daily fee).



LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARLY DISCOUNT!

The 2019 Utility Notices were mailed out on March 1. Pay by April 1st at 4 pm in order to qualify for the prompt payment discount.

The notice (for single family houses) includes a Secondary Suite Declaration. Please complete the questions in the declaration and return to the Village Office. The declaration can also be completed online on our website (here). Section 7 of the Secondary Suite Surcharge Bylaw No. 513, 2017, as amended, requires all single family property owners to answer the questions on the Secondary Suite Declaration. The mailing also includes a brochure with information about secondary suites. (Click here to see brochure).

Online Services:

Residents are now able to access information regarding their utility notices and property taxes through the online service portal. The portal can be found under the Financial Services section of the Village website (here).

To set up your account, all you need is an email address, your account number and the online access code that you will find under your civic address on the front of your utility notice. Once set up, you will be able to add accounts and view and pay any outstanding bills with a credit card. Please be aware that a processing fee is applied to the payment by the third-party provider.

If you have any questions please email accounting@lionsbay.ca.



Is your garden free of invasive plants?

Spring has sprung, and the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council, a local environmental non-profit, wishes to remind gardeners and homeowners about invasive plants, and the risks they pose to our environment. Worldwide, invasive species are the second biggest threat to biodiversity, after habitat loss. They tend to grow rapidly, form monocultures, and outcompete native species.

As a gardener, you can help stop the spread of invasive species by learning about the plants in your environment and planting non-invasive exotic or native plants in your garden. An informed consumer is a responsible consumer: beware of plants labeled as "fast spreader" and "vigorous self-seeders", as they are often invasive. Caution is also to be exercised when buying wildflower mixes, as they often contain invasive plants like common foxglove. A full list of invasive plants that pose a threat to ecosystems in the Sea to Sky region can be <u>downloaded here</u>.

You can also help stop the spread of invasives by disposing of invasive plant debris responsibly. In the Sea to Sky, invasive plants should be disposed of in the household waste stream at other waste disposal locations. **Invasives should never be composted**, as these plants might survive the composting process and contaminate new sites.

For more information, please visit ssisc.ca/plantwise or the <u>Grow Me Instead</u> booklet.

Note: All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30 pm on Regular Council Meeting nights. Please check the Meeting Calendar for changes or cancellations.

Council and Committee Meetings

• Regular Council Meeting - April 2, 2019 at 7 pm (1st and 2nd Reading of 2019-2023 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw)

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?





Seniors Social Circle

For details on the scheduled events in April, such as Tai Chi and Finding Stillness, and for info on more upcoming events, click <u>here</u>.

To take the "Community Centre Survey" for Lions Bay Social Interests, click here and send your completed survey to info.lbdirectory@gmail.com.



Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation



Calling All Grade 12 Students

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents Scholarships to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution. Applications are due by 4 pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Click for: Information and Application Form.

Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award



Are you a grade 12 student?

The Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund was established to honour the life and public service of the first mayor of the Village of Lions Bay, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 to 1981. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually from the trust fund, to the applicant who best exemplifies the criteria described in the official terms of reference for the award. Please see the application form below for more details.

Applications must be received by the Village Office no later than **4:00 pm on April 30, 2019.**

Application Form

The Village of Lions Bay | 400 Centre Road , P.O. Box 141, Lions Bay, BC VON 2E0 Canada