



## THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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### WEEKLY E-POST

For the week ending: Friday, January 30, 2015

The Village would like to apologize for the ePost miscommunications this week. We recognize the importance of effective communication and are working to ensure clear and concise messaging in the first instance. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback and suggestions for positive changes to Village communications.

#### **REGULAR AND COTW COUNCIL MEETINGS FEBRUARY 3, 2015:**

The next Committee of the Whole Council Meeting is this Tuesday, February 3, 2015 commencing at 3:00 p.m. and following is the Regular Council Meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. The [Council packages](#) are now available on the Village website. Please be advised that to help serve you better, the Village Office is now open until 6:30 p.m. on Regular Council Meeting dates.

#### **MAGNESIA CREEK UPDATE:**

Village Public Works crews are excited to announce that the second stage of emergency remediation work at Magnesia Intake will be completed by contractors by the end of the day today. Crews were able to shift residences in Brunswick Beach and Sunset Drive over to Magnesia on Monday, however the water pressure had to be throttled back to ensure the safety of crews and contractors working to remediate an outfall pipe at the intake. Once crews are able to test the new infrastructure, the current water restrictions will be lifted, and advisory signage removed.

There is still considerable remediation work to be done at Magnesia, and ePosts will continue to be sent to update residents as to works upcoming. The Village would like to thank all residents for their patience and understanding with regard to the emergency repairs and water restrictions.

#### **HARVEY CREEK DEBRIS DAM UPDATE:**

To date, Miller Capilano crews have cleared more than 200 loads of wood and sediment debris from the Harvey Creek debris dam. They will be back to street sweep the road and provide a final clean up early next week.



#### **WASTE WATER SYSTEMS SEMINAR:**

How well do you know your septic system? There is a Waste Water Systems Seminar taking place on Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall: 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay.



This seminar will assist you with learning how the systems work, common problems and their solutions, what to ask for from a Maintenance Provider and how to avoid expensive and unpleasant surprises. The seminar will be presented by Ron Hein – Owner of Coast Mountain Earth Science.



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### **ORGANICS:**

Just a reminder that Smithrite will not collect your Green Can items unless the labels on your cans are visibly facing the road.



***Remember, there is NO LIMIT to the amount of organics, recycling and yard trimmings placed on the curbside each week!***

Garbage has switched to pick-up every two-weeks beginning February 13, 2015. For further information, please visit the [Organics page](#) of the Village website.

For those residents who have placed an order for the **Bear Proof** bins, the office will contact you as soon as the cans have arrived from the supplier, expected to be in next week. If you wish to place an order for a **Bear Proof** bin, please contact the [Village Office](#).

*\*\*Green Can Ambassadors will also be selling suitable **curbside** cans (at a cost of \$34, cash or cheque only) at the Village Office this Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

### **MEETING WITH MP JOHN WESTON:**

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Karl Buhr and representatives from Sechelt, Gibsons, Bowen Island and Islands Trust, with Squamish and Transport Canada representatives on the phone, met with MP John Weston and his staff to discuss the issue of abandoned and derelict vessels, docks and floats in the area. Attendees shared their experiences, including boats sinking at their moorings, boats with no identifying marks being washed up in storms, vessels being stripped of useful material then pushed out into the Sound without recourse, and commercial vessels—not large enough to justify towing to scrap yards in the Far East—being hidden out of sight behind Anvil and Gambier Islands and then "disappearing."

The communities talked through solutions they have come up with, including securing water leases and licences of occupation to regulate boats moored in their jurisdictions. However, even with a legal basis to remove problem vessels, the costs to seize, tow and dispose of them are high: a normal sailboat is around \$5000 if still floating, and the region's Receiver of Wrecks has just a \$20,000 annual budget. The issue is a national one, and MP John Weston is proposing introducing a Member's Bill in parliament that will harmonise overlapping rules and jurisdictions, tighten up on registrations, and establish a levy or bond, to fund the removal of abandoned property on both coasts and the inland waters of Canada. A working group is now being formed to research the issue, and make proposals for the Bill. Please let the municipality know if you can contribute.





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### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE (submitted by Brian Ulrich):**

The Infrastructure Committee met Thursday evening, January 22. This was our first meeting during this new Council term. Our Committee consists of alphabetically:

- Fred Bain – Councillor (Committee Chair)
- Karl Buhr – Mayor
- Jim Hughes – Infrastructure
- Greig Garland – Civil Engineering
- Tony Greville – Chemical Engineering
- Nikii Hogg – Public Works
- Mandy Koonts – Chief Administrative Officer
- Brian Ulrich – Mechanical Engineering

We have a good mix of staff, Councillors, and professionals in the fields we will be studying and we will be revising the Terms of Reference for the Committee. Our focus this year will be primarily long-range planning for the infrastructure needs of the Village. We are aiming to develop plans that will ensure the long-term viability of the Village to sustain the peace and comfort it offers, and instill confidence in the safety of our neighbourhoods in this excellent setting. We received a quick summary of infrastructure projects completed last year; Kelvin Grove washroom, beach septic field, and Oceanview access road rehabilitation being the major ones. Given the situation with our water system, it dominated an appropriate portion of our meeting. The remainder was spent bringing new members up to speed on previous work and setting the plan for the next few weeks.

Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome your comments and questions. We gather to serve the community.

### **LIONS BAY DANCE CLASSES:**

Lions Bay dance classes are starting in February at the Village Hall for children aged from preschool to grade six. For further information please email Laura at [laurazieroth@email.com](mailto:laurazieroth@email.com)