



Village Update

Friday, February 8, 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

There are a lot of things going on, or are in play, or involve your tax dollars. Let's get right to it.

MLA Jordan Sturdy will be writing support letters for our two outstanding grant applications (infrastructure - ancillary parts and pieces for our water tower replacement, and the Lions Bay Beach Park improvement.) To better understand Lions Bay issues both MLA Sturdy and MP Goldsmith-Jones now receive our electronic newsletter, and get to read what I write about them. We must punch above our weight when we submit grant applications and their assistance to be successful is pivotal.

I am advised the efforts of the school, the PAC, Councillor Cunliffe, and CAO DeJong for getting the partnership agreement with Saplings are showing early positive results in growing the student population. This ties in with my meeting with the ownership of Furry Creek this week. Their preliminary rezoning application for development goes in this month. When approved and the development ultimately proceeds it contemplates a 1,000 home Community which includes a component of affordable housing being built. Fast forward to when young families in Furry Creek make public school choices between Squamish or West Vancouver (closer, ranked higher) school districts. I like the future prospects for Lions Bay Elementary School.

This week CAO DeJong and I met with the officer in charge (OIC) of the Squamish RCMP detachment about the Supplemental Policing Program. We are exploring having a part time, Community Officer in Lions Bay over the summer. Estimated costs are \$40,000. The OIC now understands our needs and will be reviewing the pool of officers available and a best fit for our needs. Our next meeting will be in two months when we hope candidates have been identified and both the RCMP and us have quantified the logistics. In the interim, CAO DeJong will work with the OIC to fine tune a proposal for Council to consider with the budget.

In the Fall the Infrastructure Committee (IC) reviewed drainage problems on Upper Oceanview Road. The Village has received many resident complaints over the years with respect to excess flow along the ditch. The review led to an IC recommendation to Council to undertake an engineering study. An engineering firm has now been enlisted. Phase I of their assignment will be to outline findings with advantages/disadvantages to reinstating an old drainage path or formalizing the current flow path. Phase II after review of the findings and in consultation with the Village will be to design a drainage system for the chosen option. Phase I is estimated to be completed in June. The report and background materials can be found [here](#).

Last night Council received a presentation of our new Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP) from Urban Systems. Council is still digesting it. The presentation can be seen [here](#). Background to this work is that Senior government is requiring municipalities and regional districts to undertake Asset Management Plans as a prerequisite to grant applications to ensure that local governments are all planning for the ultimate, end of life replacement of their assets in order to reduce and eventually eliminate their infrastructure deficits. We received a grant to cover 50% of the \$30,000 cost of this first stage of the Plan. Thank you CFO Pamela Rooke for reducing our costs. More is better than less information and I see this living document as critical to us in defining our infrastructure gap and priorities. More about this matter when I correspond in two weeks when I will cover the Village's draft budget, identify our infrastructure gap, and indicate how I see our infrastructure gap being funded. Councillor Barmeier will be providing an infrastructure concentric article in the Village Update next week.

Recently CAO DeJong was glancing through materials he receives from the Regional Transit Advisory Committee and noted the following update:

Bowen Island Pilot Project

"This pilot is testing the delivery of existing community shuttle service in more dynamic, on demand ways that could deliver better service for the same resources. The first test will launch on Bowen Island in late 2019, as a phase 1 beta test. This Phase will involve introducing a smart phone application while maintaining fixed route service. Feedback will be collected from riders on the technology before proceeding to Phase 2, which aims to provide some level of on demand service."

This suggests that Phase 2 will be complete in late 2020 which is different (delayed) from what I had previously been told. Translink executives have confirmed the release to me so this suggests Lions Bay will not be up for a "bus hailing" opportunity for two years.

Not everyone receives the Village Update or reads it. If you know someone in Kelvin Grove please draw their attention to this article. If you are on the Village Update mailing list and you live in Kelvin Grove you have received news as it is developing. For all those affected in Kelvin Grove, information will be coming to you non-electronically shortly. The News -- This week Council received staff's report on the Kelvin Grove wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), along with the WWTP 2018 Annual Report submitted to the Ministry of Environment [here](#).

The upper and lower Kelvin Grove neighbourhoods were developed in 1981. A WWTP was constructed adjacent to the Kelvin Grove Beach Park to service the development. There are 95 lots in Kelvin Grove. Currently 86 lots are connected to the WWTP and they pay the annual Sewer Utility fees. The WWTP is 38 years old and has frequent mechanical issues. The most recent situation is detailed in the Public Notice that was sent out earlier this week and again in this edition. Before the recent problems the Public Works Manager estimated the WWTP had a 5 to 10-year life span left. The Sewer Fund now has reserves of approximately \$200,000, less the costs of the pending repairs and the study noted below. Various issues and options were highlighted in a staff report ([here](#)) on Tuesday night. Without jumping to any conclusions but to provide a sense of what we are dealing with, *if* the replacement cost of a new WWTP to service Kelvin Grove came in around \$2 million, and *if* a Kelvin Grove parcel tax were to be used to fund this cost, it would amount to approximately \$21,100 per lot (\$2 million cost / 95 lots), in addition to the annual Sewer Utility fees. The parcel tax would need to be collected before replacement construction began, so time is our enemy as the collection period would likely be very short (eg: 5 years or less). Parcel taxes (levied specific to an area and for a specific service) are deferrable. No financing options have been selected at this point and many will be considered. Development opportunities to help defray costs should not be dismissed out of hand.

The 2016 Infrastructure Master Plan estimated \$70,000 would be the cost of an engineering study outlining current sewage regulations, treatment options and opportunities and providing recommendations. Council has asked staff to issue an engineering study RFP (request for proposal) with an aim of providing these recommendations. Cost of the study will be absorbed by the sewer fund. I wish there was better news for the Kelvin Grove residents but on this topic there is none other than we are doing what we must to plan for the continuation of this service.

Since the new Council has been in office there has been very little correspondence to us from the Community. I take this as meaning we are in sync with you. If not, please contact me at my email address below.

Regards,

Ron

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Asset Management Investment Plan

On Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Urban Systems presented the Municipality's Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP) to the Council Strategy Committee (CSC).

Since spring of 2018, Urban Systems has been engaged with Municipal staff in preparing a digital database and asset replacement forecasts for Lions Bay. The AMIP will help inform decision-making regarding the management of the community's infrastructure and other tangible assets and planning for the 2019 budget and beyond. It will also help to identify the annual sustainable funding levels needed to ensure that Village assets continue to provide a high level of service in the future.

The Asset Management Investment Plan will be a cornerstone document for the Village of Lions Bay going forward so public engagement is highly encouraged. An abbreviated version of the CSC presentation can be viewed [here](#). While not all of the slides are self-explanatory (audio of the presentation can be accessed [here](#)), there is a lot of important

information that taxpayers should begin to get familiar with as it will inevitably impact everyone. All municipalities across the country are having to face up to the challenges of infrastructure deficits and planning responsibly for the replacement of public assets. Council would like to commence this conversation with the community by sharing information and inviting questions and comments via the [website feedback form](#) or to feedback@lionsbay.ca.



Kelvin Grove Sewer Treatment Plant Capacity Severely Diminished

Dear Resident of Kelvin Grove:

On February 4, 2019 staff discovered a mechanical failure at the Kelvin Grove sewer treatment plant and were forced to turn the plant off. This has resulted in a severely diminished capacity to treat wastewater before it enters the waters of the Kelvin Grove Beach and Marine Park.

Staff are pursuing replacement parts as quickly as possible, but the plant will likely be limping along for several weeks. During the course of the break-down, we will be increasing the frequency of sampling in respect of the sewage being discharged and are in communication with the Ministry of Environment.

Residents of Kelvin Grove are being asked to help minimize the amount of wastewater entering the plant and flowing through to the ocean until the plant has been repaired. Some tips to help you help us and our environment include:

- Keep showers to the absolute minimum;
- Only do full loads of laundry when necessary to minimize discharge;
- Only run your dishwasher with a full load;
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or washing hands;
- If it's yellow, let it mellow...

We thank you for your assistance at this time and will keep you posted via the Village Update.



With more Arctic outflow winds in the forecast, residential water pipes may be at risk of freezing. For tips to prevent your pipes from freezing or what to do if you need to thaw them out, keep reading [here](#)...



Please be advised that some yard waste and green bins were not emptied by waste control today. Due to the freezing temperatures, materials within the bins were freezing and could not be removed. Waste Control drivers, concerned about damage to the bins, did not bang or hammer on the bins to loosen the frozen waste. With the cold weather forecast to continue into next week please consider the following tips to safeguard your organics bins from old man winter:

- Line your Green Bin or Kitchen Container to prevent organic waste from freezing to the sides of the Green Bin. Try the [organics origami](#) for easy-to-follow instructions on how to fold a Kitchen Container liner out of newsprint.
 - Keep the Green Bin in a shed, garage, or in a sheltered spot against an exterior wall of your home until you put it out in the morning.
 - Keep it loose - to make sure your Green Bin waste shakes out, keep its contents loose by layering wet and dry waste.
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Lions Bay Residents are tops in the battle against trash!

A recent Vancouver Sun [article](#) on solid waste diversion rates show Lions Bay is the Lower Mainland's smallest producer of garbage per single-family residence at 188 kg / year while Vancouver is at 426 kg / year for a single-family residence. Good work Villagers!

Despite this victory, the war on waste is far from over. Before replacing a product with something new, review the 5 R's:

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repair

Cut your "waste-line" and discover the savings by following these three easy tips:

Tip #1

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Rethink your needs: Is what you're about to purchase really necessary? If so, can you purchase a more environmentally-friendly version of the product?

Tip #2 - Reduce waste: Reuse items as often as possible! Repair items instead of trashing them and buying new! And buy in bulk to reduce excess packaging.

Tip #3 - Buy smart! Favour products that have a long lifespan and that are designed to be recycled.

The full [report](#) from Vancity provides more information on the province-wide picture and national comparisons, all indicating we've got a ways to go in the war on waste.

CURLY STEWART MEMORIAL TRUST FUND COMMITTEE



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO SIT ON THE CURLY STEWART MEMORIAL TRUST FUND AWARD COMMITTEE

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... [read more](#).

[Request for Applications](#)

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings take place in Council Chambers (now in the former library space upstairs) unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30 pm on Regular Council Meeting nights.

- Trees, Views and Landscapes Committee - February 14, 2019 at 9:30 am (61 Brunswick Beach Road)

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

LIONS BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lions Bay School needs your help!

We are doing a fundraiser through Developmental Disabilities Association. We are collecting used clothing, pillows, linens, bags, shoes and some household items. If you have items to donate they can be dropped off at the school on March 7. Empty bags can be picked up at the school. The school PAC gets \$2 for every bag collected. Thanks!





LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "LOOKING BACK"



Did you know that our Emergency Building is home to the volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, a sub-station office of the Squamish RCMP, BC Ambulance Service, Emergency Social Service and the Lions Bay Search & Rescue. The building was opened in August 1990 and dedicated The Klatt Building in 1993 in honour of former Councillor David Klatt for his dedication and service to the community.

Please visit Lions Bay Historical Society's [webpage](#) and [Facebook](#) page.



Bringing our Community Together

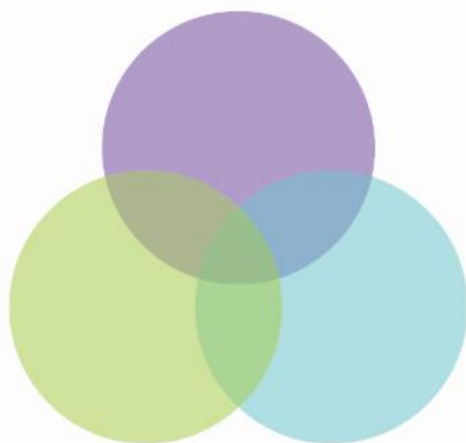
TRIVIA NIGHT: February 22nd, Broughton Hall

An all ages Community event. Grab your friends and neighbours to prove your intellectual excellence, mental mettle, and cerebral superiority! **\$5 entry. Prizes to win. Cash bar.**

LIONS BAY'S GOT TALENT: March 7th, Broughton Hall

Juggle, dance, sing or play the spoons? Time to get practicing! Lions Bay's Got Talent is coming to Lions Bay on March 7th. **Judges, prizes and memorable acts from all ages.**

**Email nicoladudley@yahoo.com to secure your spot in the talent lineup.



**SENIORS
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The next Community Social Centre event will happen on Tuesday, February 12th:

10:45-12:15: Tai Chi

2:00-3:00: Finding Stillness

3:15-4:00: The Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis - It's Origins and Solutions (talk by Rod Baker) and TeaTyme

Note: Blank time slots are for your suggestions.

For Tai Chi and Quigong Fusion there is a new option at a reduced rate for "newbies" and those with little or no previous experience - a half-hour session of warm up and health-promoting Quigong exercises. Come sample the fun in a social relaxing atmosphere (with tea!) on Tuesdays 10:45-12:15 pm.

"Finding Stillness". "Finding Stillness" is a group meditation experience. Learn to meditate or join others to deepen your practice - Tuesday, upstairs lounge, 2:00-3:00 pm.

"Finding Stillness@night" - COMING IN MARCH: Beginning Tuesday March 12th, 7:30-8:30 pm in the Kitchen Lounge. Both groups are facilitated by Anne Crosthwait. Questions and for more information please contact Anne: acrosthwait@outlook.com.



For all who are interested in joining a "Lions Bay buy/sell/trade/borrow/loan" service on Facebook, for information please contact the Administrator at lynblack42@gmail.com.

The North Shore Elder College Spring program ("Come Learn with Us") still has some vacancies. For details see, www.nseldercollege.org.

Coming Soon: (i) "Dance your Muse" (with Cristina Viviana); (ii) Art in Culture and Society (with Max Wyman); (iii) Which is the greater - Chemistry or Physics? (a debate); (iv) Lions Bay on the Internet; (v) DVD presentations of "Citizens".

Who would join a group for "soft exercise"?

Tell us your ideas for the Community Social Centre and we will try to accommodate you.

The Lions Bay Community Resources Directory 2018 is available free to residents at the Village Office, or contact info.lbdirectory@gmail.com for a copy. The Directory is also accessible online (see www.lionsbaydirectory.com).

To get information or to offer suggestions, please contact info.lbdirectory@gmail.com

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