

September 27, 2019



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

My media advisers tell me that most Villagers like the content of my articles but the delivery format is too old school. Everyone's time is precious, people would like to make choices on what they read, and many hits come from people on a small screen which makes long articles cumbersome to read. Demonstrating that this old dog can learn new tricks, my writing style has been modernized. What do you think?

Community News

The Lions Bay Charity Golf Tournament was held last week end. Roger and Tanya Cosgrave and a posse of their friends did all the heavy lifting to make the event sensational. Proceeds went to the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation and the Lions Bay Beach Restoration Project. On behalf of the Community – thank you! Details and pictures [here](#).

James, son of Tony and Angela Greville, who live on Upper Bayview, has been called to the Bar. His path to becoming a lawyer is told by his proud parents [here](#).

Madison Mailey, daughter of Kim and Victoria, who live in lower Kelvin Grove are proud to say she is on the pathway to the 2020 Olympics in Japan.



Madison raises her arm in victory at the 2019 World Rowing Championships in Linz, Austria. How Madison helped qualify for a spot at the 2020 Olympics for the Canadian Women's Four is [here](#).

My son Richard and his wife Vanessa, and their children Maeli (5) and Johnathan (7), moved from Hong Kong to Upper Oceanview on July 15th. What our Community means to them is [here](#).

New Infrastructure and Services News

- The Province of BC declined a half million dollar infrastructure grant application that we have been aggressively pursuing since it was submitted in August 2018. The infrastructure spending desired would maximize the capabilities of the improved Harvey Tank. Council will support funding for these improvements and staff are exploring an innovative way to minimize our financial burden. Specific details on all of this will be provided when I next write.
- Electric Vehicle charging station: Grants related to EV chargers are being explored and three potential locations have been identified: a. in front of the Village Office; b. beside the kiosk at the foot of Oceanview; c. at the Park &

Ride. The infrastructure committee has taken on this assignment to review the opportunities and issues for installing an EV charger in the Village.

Council News

- Film Policy: Council discussed this topic at the September 17th meeting and is generally in favor of filming in the Village - we have provided some recommendations for staff to provide an updated policy. Among these are higher fees, adjusting the threshold of approving and qualifying households to proceed, recognition of inconvenience to affected households, penalties for non-compliance, and some delegation of authority to the CAO.

Mayor's Activities

- Electoral Area A wants to pay us to have our Fire Department provide coverage to the three communities between here and Ansel Place. This is a tremendous revenue opportunity and the issues will be explored with Area A and our Fire Department.
- A Translink meeting will be scheduled for late-October to go over service issues and service expansion requests raised in our transit survey.
- Highway – Average Speed Over Distance (ASOD.): In July Minister Farnworth responded to my May letter to him regarding the impact of speeding on the Sea-to-Sky Highway. You can find his letter [here](#). We are going to have to undertake further consultation with our corridor neighbours to see if we can get some collaborative momentum.

This week brought us officially into Fall, with Christmas less than 90 days away. Does time fly by for everyone or is it just me?

Regards,

Ron

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Updates from the Municipality

CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE VIEW BYLAW PROPOSED BY SOME RESIDENTS

In September 2018, a delegation led by resident Arash Iranshahi made a presentation to the previous Council about the potential for a view bylaw, fashioned after one or more of the three California examples he provided. At the time, staff noted a variety of issues that would make such a bylaw very difficult to implement in Lions Bay. No further time or effort was expended on the matter by the Municipality.

Earlier this year, a group of residents signed a petition led by Mr. Iranshahi, requesting Council to develop a view bylaw as previously suggested in September 2018. The petition was presented to Council in July 2019 and Council advised that the matter would be referred to the Council Strategic Planning and Priorities session in the late fall. In the interim, the bylaw advocates decided to take a stab at bylaw drafting, presumably in the hopes that this would provide greater substance to the concept for Council's consideration.

Strategic planning and priority setting is a process that takes place each year in virtually every local government. It is a process wherein Council and staff review all ongoing, previously identified, and potential new projects, over and above the core work involved with operating a municipality, and within the framework of Council's overarching goals and objectives, determine which matters are going to be prioritized in terms of the financial and staff resources required to advance them. This helps shape the budget process, which swings into high gear through the peak of winter, ultimately leading to adoption of the budget for the year, along with the five year financial plan, in late April or early May. You can view the 2019 Strategic Planning and Priority Setting document [here](#).

To clarify the status of the view bylaw proposal, when Council undertakes its strategic planning process (likely late November), it will decide where the matter sits in priority in relation to other matters (eg: infrastructure, emergency management, development issues, etc.) given our limited resources, and whether the proposal will be identified for the allocation of resources to explore it further (eg: staff time to provide detailed analysis, public consultation, legal review, etc.), or whether it will be put on the shelf, either indefinitely or for further consideration at some point in the future. Rest assured that if the matter is to be explored further at any point in the foreseeable future, there will be a very public and thorough consultation process.

Peter DeJong, Village Manager
and Chief Administrative Officer



CAUTION: CRIMINALS AT WORK

RCMP have noted an uptick in organized criminal activity through the corridor lately, particularly with groups from Surrey and the Okanagan. Much of it involves vehicle break-ins and theft, which are crimes of opportunity that can be prevented by residents locking their vehicles and not leaving anything valuable in them.

Experienced thieves need only seconds to ransack an unlocked vehicle, or smash & grab if they see anything valuable in a locked one. Don't be a statistic on the next Council agenda RCMP update – get in the habit of taking preventative measures and be vigilant: report suspicious activity by dialing 911.



DEATH CAP MUSHROOMS FOUND IN WADE PARK

The death cap mushroom (Amanita mushroom) is a high health risk species that is the subject of a BC Centre for Disease Control Advisory. The mushrooms can be found on lawns, in parks, along roadsides, or in the forest. These toxic mushrooms may grow in public areas such as school yards, parks, recreational sites, urban streets, outdoor shared space areas, as well as private property. They can cause serious poisoning when picked by individuals for food, or when accidentally ingested by children and pets. In October 2016, a child died after eating a mushroom that was picked in downtown Victoria, BC.

Public Works has located a small patch of the mushroom in Wade Park and has disposed of them. Residents are advised to review the information provided by the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) and read the [Death cap mushroom \(Amanita phalloides\) BC Prohibited Species Alert](#).

ShakeOut. Don't FreakOut.
October 17, 2019 Register Now at www.ShakeOutBC.ca

The Great
British Columbia
**Shake
Out**

If you feel an earthquake...

1 **Drop, cover and hold on.** Drop to the floor and take cover under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. Hold on to the table or desk and be prepared to move with it; cover your head with your other arm.

- Do not stand in a doorway – that will not provide protection.
- Do not run outside – you could be injured by falling debris.
- If you are in bed, remain in bed and cover your head with your pillow and your body with the covers.

2 **After the shaking stops,** follow the instructions of staff. If you are asked to evacuate:

- Immediately gather those around you and bring only items that are essential: coat, hat, phone, medications, wallet, etc.
- Avoid downed power lines and stay away from buildings and bridges from which heavy objects may fall in aftershocks.

3 **Remember** to keep roads clear for emergency officials.

4 **Be prepared for aftershocks.**



PLASTICS ACTION PLAN

RESPOND BY *Sept 30th*

More than forty percent of plastic is only used once and then ends up as waste, littering our Province and threatening a wide variety of species. Here in B.C. we can do our part to change this and we want your thoughts and ideas. The purpose of this engagement is to solicit feedback from all British Columbians, including employers, employees, organizations, professionals, and Indigenous communities on the path forward to reduce plastic pollution in B.C.

Visit the Clean BC Plastics Action Plan [website](#) and read the [Policy Consultation Paper](#) to learn more about the solutions being considered.

**B.C. can be a place where
plastic pollution becomes a thing of the past**

Submit your feedback in the following ways:

1. Complete the [online public survey](#)
2. Send [formal submissions](#) to: Plastics@gov.bc.ca
3. Email your comments to: Plastics@gov.bc.ca
4. Mail your comments to:

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Recycling Regulation Amendments
PO Box 9341 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

The opportunity to provide feedback will be open from July 25, 2019 until September 30, 2019 at 4 p.m.

WHISTLER BLACKCOMB FOUNDATION GRANT



Lions Bay Fire Rescue (LBFR) is pleased to announce that they are the recipients of the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Grant for the purchase of eighteen radio headsets with boom mics. The radio headsets, worth over \$8,600, are an essential part of LBFR's communication system on the fire trucks. LBFR is very thankful for Whistler Blackcomb Foundation's generous donation and their continued support.

“The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation is dedicated to providing financial support to registered non-profit organizations whose activities provide benefit to residents of the Sea to Sky Corridor in the areas of health, human services, education, recreation, arts and culture and the environment with an emphasis on children, youth and family programs.”



- Courtesy www.whistlerblackcombfoundation.com

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 & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Council Meeting - October 1 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?

SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS



**FIREFIGHTERS'
DAY**
Sept. 28th



**JOIN US
FOR SOME
GREAT
FAMILY FUN**



Our famous Firefighter's BBQ



Silent Auction



Beer Garden



Live Music



Kids' Entertainment

**This Saturday at the
Lions Bay Beach Park
2:00 - 11:00 pm**



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