

November 15, 2019



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from the Municipality

HAVE YOUR SAY

**INFRASTRUCTURE
BORROWING**

**COUNCIL WANTS
TO HEAR FROM** *You*

HAVE YOUR SAY!

With the new Harvey Water Tank up and running with 25% more capacity for additional required fire flows, it's time to provide an update on what's next. We're pleased to advise that the Province has agreed to allow us to utilize the balance of the grant funds remaining after completion of the new tank in order to construct two critical Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs). These two PRV's were part of the original project scope of work and will enable us to decommission the old Phase 4 and 5 Tanks. Some additional borrowing is required but the grant funding / loan funding ratio is still about 75/25 and has been approved by Council.

A 3rd PRV identified in the Infrastructure Master Plan as a high priority for replacement is the temporary above ground PRV adjacent to the school. The existing 75mm (3") valve is too small to provide requisite fire flows, with several critical deficiencies south of this station, including the school, which cannot be alleviated without installing a permanent larger sized PRV at this location. This strategic PRV is required in order to utilize the increased fire storage capacity built into the new Harvey Tank. It will also enable transfer of supply between the Harvey and Magnesia water systems and improve water quality. For these reasons and cost efficiencies of doing it with the other two, this project has also been approved by Council. So what's the catch, you ask?

Well, while the grant/loan ratio to fund all three PRVs with borrowing would still be a very acceptable 68/32, and it would only be an extra \$29/year on your water utility bill for the 3rd PRV, the fact of the matter is the 3rd PRV does not actually have grant funding attached to it. Why does that matter, some of you may ask? It matters because when the previous Council took the \$3M loan authorization bylaw to referendum, a promise was made to only draw from the loan funding if a project had at least 50% grant funding. Your current Mayor and Council want to be completely transparent about these details and get your feedback on the notion of borrowing for this 3rd PRV.

Why borrow instead of using reserves? Well, for starters, our current reserves won't put much of a dent in our infrastructure deficit as identified in the Asset Management Investment Plan, which is why Council has been focused on building up these reserves. Moreover, depletion of reserves now may result in having insufficient funds in the event of an emergency (eg: the Kelvin Grove watermain break in 2011 had to be funded from reserves to the tune of about \$327K).

As well, grants are becoming smaller, less frequent, more restrictive and more competitive, and there are many projects in our Infrastructure Master Plan which will not be eligible for grants or loans (eg: roads). Therefore, the case can be made that it is better to save reserves for projects not eligible for grants or loans. The 3rd PRV is legally eligible for funding under our loan authorization bylaw; the question is whether you agree that such funding is the smart choice in the circumstances.

Council wants to hear what you have to say! Send your comments by November 25th to feedback@lionsbay.ca, or fill out the box below and either fax them to 604-921-6643, or drop them off in the Village Office or through the mail slot after hours.



HARVEY CREEK WATER TANK CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

As mentioned in Mayor McLaughlin's piece in last week's Village Update, we have transitioned from the temporary Oceanview tank to the new Harvey Creek water tank. This week, Public Works and Industria have been checking and fine-tuning stop and start filling points, alarm setpoints, and other SCADA controls – all of which have passed with flying colours. Everything checks out and we will fully disconnect the Oceanview tank from the potable water system within the next few weeks. Site fencing and paving works are yet to be completed but we are in the home stretch to wrapping up this critical project. Once Industria's crews have completed all their works we will be posting a time-lapse video of the tank's construction.

WE ARE BACK TO NORMAL WATER USE

With the new tank fully functional and operating as designed, we are reverting back to normal water use for this time of year. Public Works would like to thank everyone for their support in conservation efforts for the duration of this vital infrastructure project. Please keep in mind that the additional capacity of the new tank is to address our previous deficiency in firefighting water supply and residents are requested, as always, to engage in the responsible personal consumption practices contained in the [Water Conservation Brochure](#) that was distributed earlier this year.

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



**Emergency
Support
Services**

**Hazard, Risk &
Vulnerability
Analysis**

**Emergency Operations
Centre Support**

Emergency Planning

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Emergency Program here in the Village has a number of volunteer opportunities for those who are interested in helping out during an emergency or are interested in providing input in the emergency planning in the Village.

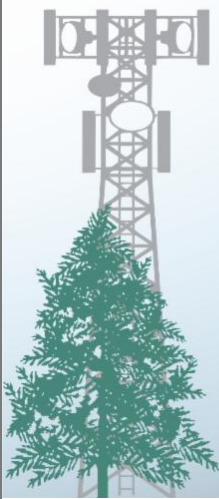
(1) Do you love your community? Do you want to help keep your neighbours safe during times of crisis? The Village of Lions Bay Emergency Program is looking for a small number of volunteers to form the new Lions Bay Emergency Team (LBET). This is a great opportunity for those who want to help during times of crisis or are interested in learning more about the field of Emergency Management. The time requirements will be minimal (2-3 hours a month) under normal circumstances and will involve a regular monthly meeting and occasional outreach activity. See the position description [here](#).

(2) If you want to help guide the Village's emergency planning the Emergency Program has a great volunteer opportunity for you. We are creating a workgroup to complete an assessment of hazards faced by the Village and are looking for two volunteer residents to be a part of the **HRVA Workgroup** and provide insight and knowledge about potential hazards. The end-product from this workgroup will be used by the Emergency Program in the development and maintenance of planning documents. If you are interested in volunteering, please respond before November 23rd.

(3) When people are put out of their homes because of housefires or flooding, when forest fires force the evacuation of whole communities there is a team of people who show up to help those in need. It could be your next door neighbour, the person

walking their dog or it could be the new person who moved in down the street. These are the people who volunteer their time to make up **Lions Bay's Emergency Support Services** team. Regardless of the time of day or night the emergency happens, these dedicated volunteers are ready to help anyone and everyone. We have some exciting things happening around ESS in Lions Bay; tapping into the common desire of all people who volunteer with ESS to help, we have arranged for some experienced previous ESS Directors to come out from the North Shore to provide us some leadership direction. This will also provide the opportunity for them to provide mentoring for our team members to help them to continue to grow and develop to better assist those in need. It's a great time for people with a similar desire to help to get involved and connect with likeminded individuals in the community. If this sounds like you, please do not hesitate to email with any questions, or if you would like to attend a meeting of the ESS team feel free to join them on November 26th at 7:00 pm at the Firehall.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the emergency program or want to volunteer, please email rwhitney@lionsbay.ca.



IMPROVING CELLULAR SIGNAL STRENGTH IN LIONS BAY

Taking the next steps...



Click [here](#) for updated information regarding the Telecommunications Tower project and the consultation process by the applicant, SBA Canada.

Residents are reminded the applicant will be hosting a **Public Information Meeting** at Broughton Hall on **Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm.**

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

- Infrastructure Committee - Nov 18 **CANCELLED**
- Regular Council Meeting - Nov 19 at 7:00 pm
- Council Strategy Committee - Strategic Goals & 2020 Priorities - Nov 25 & 26 at 5:30 pm

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?



NOV 17
10am - 2.30pm

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Broughton Hall, 400 Centre Road,
Lions Bay
Entrance is FREE

Mark your calendars! The 6th Annual Lions Bay Arts Christmas Fair is being held on Sunday, November 17th, 2019 and it's going to be a Ho Ho Jolly Affair!

Come join the fun 10am-2:30pm in Broughton Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, bring the kids – it's free!

UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL CAIRN & 2019 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

This space in the Village Update gives us a glimpse into what happened in our Village by the Sea over the weekend. With Mayor McLaughlin & Council's blessings I am trying to put it all into words...

Click [HERE](#) to continue reading about the unveiling of the Memorial Cairn on November 10th and the 2019 Remembrance Day Service: by Trudi Luethy.



Photo Above (L to R): Councillor Fred Bain, Tony Greville, Arlene Halstrom, Trudi Luethy, Tony Cox.

Missing from the Memorial Committee: Ingrid Wray, Philip Marsh, Councillor Jaime Cunliffe, Ute Philips.



*Photo Above (L to R):
Sir Norman Kirby, Tony Greville.*



Photo Above: Stewart Morton



2020 Lions Bay Arts Calendar Pre-Orders

Thank you to all for contributing such beautiful captivating photos of Lions Bay. They definitely aided us in creating another outstanding Calendar for 2020. We are busy finalizing our calendar, and are excited to be including the recycling & garbage calendar as well as other important village dates like volunteer week, etc in this edition.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to pre-order your calendars for pick-up at the Lions Bay Christmas Fair on November 17th from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.

Pre-orders are available at \$12 per calendar or 3 or more for \$10 each.

To pre-order your 2020 Calendar, email calendar@lionsbayarts.ca.

If you are unable to pick up at the Fair, we can arrange delivery.

ORDER CALENDAR HERE

The Lions Bay Seniors Social Circle invites **Seniors & Friends** in the community to a **festive lunch** on **Thursday, December 5, 2019** from **2:00 to 4:00 pm** at the **Broughton Village Hall.**



Tickets \$5.00 per person on sale to November 29th.

Space is limited to 40 seats. Get your tickets soon. Contact: Carole Conlin (email: conlin@sfu.ca or telephone or text: 604-562-2204).

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