

November 22, 2019



# Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

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## Updates from Mayor and Council

### From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

There are a lot of really important things going on and the length of the Village Update last week reflects this. I don't want our biggest volunteer led Community project and the Remembrance Day service a casualty of Municipal information. The Memorial Cairn that is now a beacon in our Community, and the Remembrance Day service enjoyed by nearly 200 residents was made possible by dozens of volunteers and participants. Thank you. Their efforts are important and valued by all of us and warrant a second opportunity to read about if you didn't last week.

Regards,  
Ron McLaughlin  
[mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca](mailto:mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca)

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**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*

## Updates from the Municipality



**HAVE YOUR SAY**

# INFRASTRUCTURE BORROWING

**COUNCIL WANTS  
TO HEAR FROM**

*You*

## From the CAO's Desk

### HAVE YOUR SAY!

Feedback on [last week's piece](#) by the CAO, regarding infrastructure borrowing vs. using reserves, was brought to Council on Tuesday evening this past week. There's still an opportunity to send in your feedback on this matter by end of day on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The following is a recap of the key points, some additional information and some clarification intended to address a few of the questions and comments that have been received:

- The Province is letting us use up the remainder of the CWWF grant after completing the new water tank by doing 2 PRVs that were part of the original scope of work. We will borrow through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) for our share of the funding. Council has approved this plan.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> PRV, adjacent to the school, included as a high priority under the Infrastructure Master Plan (IMP) Capital Projects list (identified as the "Bayview PRV" in Project #57) is also to be replaced at the same time. This has been approved by Council.
- For the same reasons that Council approved borrowing for the first 2 PRVs (using MFA borrowing when available and saving our reserves for emergencies and all the infrastructure projects that won't get grant funding), it has been recommended that the 3<sup>rd</sup> PRV also be funded in that manner.

- Cost of borrowing at the current MFA rate of 2.51% for the 3<sup>rd</sup> PRV is estimated at \$29/year for an amortization period of 20 years. If reserves are used, they will need to be replenished, through taxation or other means.
- The question was asked as to how much these PRVs will cost. Our cost estimates were shared with Council in Closed meeting, which is the normal procedure for projects that have not yet been subjected to a competitive bid process.
- The Municipality does not have significant reserves compared to its infrastructure deficit. Click [here](#) for an overview of reserves and click [here](#) for Phase 1 of the Asset Management Investment Plan.
- All potential sources of funding, including loans, will be required over the next several years in order to address all of the work that needs to be done. We are seeing grant funding becoming more and more a diminishing source for these projects, many of which will need to be funded without grants (eg: roads, bridges, storm culvert replacements, sidewalk installations, zone water metering, watermain construction, railway crossings and more).
- It was asked whether we could use last year's infrastructure levy towards paying for this 3<sup>rd</sup> PRV. The answer is, in part, yes, but these funds are part of the reserve so the same considerations as above apply.
- It was also asked whether we could loan money to ourselves from the "restricted" reserve created for the net proceeds of about \$1M from the sale of the lot at 52 Brunswick Beach and the purchase of 63 Brunswick Beach. The answer is conditionally yes, but it must still be set up with a reasonable rate of interest (eg: the MFA rate) and repaid in due course. Using this restricted reserve as a bank for infrastructure financing should be a course of last resort, when there are no other options.
- Council has already agreed that borrowing is the best option for the first two PRVs. Had it not been for the statements made by the last Council with respect to having at least 50% grant funding before using the loan authorization bylaw, the decision on how to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> PRV would have been easy. It was a great plan, to leverage grant funding with borrowed funds to get the most possible projects accomplished. Unfortunately, the grant landscape has changed and at some point, whether now or later, we will need to borrow without grant funding in hand.
- The core question is whether you, the taxpayers of Lions Bay, feel it is acceptable to revisit Council's decision to only borrow for projects that are attached to a grant. If it is, we'll borrow; if it isn't, we'll pay from reserves.

**Council wants to hear what you have to say!** Send your comments by November 25<sup>th</sup> to [feedback@lionsbay.ca](mailto: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.





**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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

(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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rwhitney@lionsbay.ca).

*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 Strategy Committee - **Strategic Goals & 2020 Priorities** - Nov 25 & 26 at 5:30 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - Dec 3 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Calendar

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

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.

The Council Strategy Committee Agenda for Monday and Tuesday evening, November 25 and 26, can be found [here](#). If you would like to come and listen and/or speak during the Public Participation portions, you are welcome to attend.

## What's happening in the community?

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**.



**SENIORS  
SOCIAL  
CIRCLE**

**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](mailto:conlin@sfu.ca) or telephone or text: 604-562-2204).



**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.

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](mailto:calendar@lionsbayarts.ca).

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