

February 14, 2020



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Happy Valentines Day, Pro-D Day, and long Family Day week end.

Community News

One of the first things I did when I became Mayor was to offer that Lions Bay be featured in the Local Government Management Association's quarterly magazine, "Exchange." Their Winter edition was just released. 40 years later, for the same reasons that Mary and I came to Lions Bay to raise our family, new residents move here and seniors age in place. You will find our "Village proud" write up [here](#).

Council, Bylaw, Financial, Infrastructure and Services News

Strategic Planning session – This occurred in late November with the purpose of confirming and updating strategies and establishing priorities. You can find the outcome [here](#) which will also indicate what each individual Council members' priority at the time was, along with the amalgamated groups.

Cell Tower – Discussion has been delayed due to all Council unable to attend and key staff holiday absences. Staff's recommendation and all background data will be on Council's March 17th agenda.

Community Amenity Charges (CAC's) – We are aiming to have this come to Council in April. The discussion will be about what charges would apply to different forms of development (such as subdivision, multi-residential etc.). However, it won't go too far without having Development Permit Areas (DPA's) in place to account for our natural hazards in the context of development.

Development Permit Areas (DPA's) – This discussion involves Council determining an acceptable risk tolerance level for the Village in order to enable any development while accounting for our natural hazards. Financial opportunities associated with growth are at the core of this. Modest development consistent with the OCP and the Zoning Bylaw is a piece of the financial plan that needs to be considered to fund future Village infrastructure. This should come to Council in early May and I am hopeful the discussion is concluded by September.

Beach Park Renovation Grant – The short list of approved projects has been sent by the Province to Ottawa for their confirmation. Until there is a definitive yes/no we remain at a standstill on any beach improvements. I am tired of saying we should hear a decision shortly.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Bayview Drainage and Water Improvement Project – A resolution was passed at the last Council meeting to apply for a grant before month end. Financial details are not being released at this time other than to say the project is significant and the Village's contribution will come from previously approved Municipal Finance Authority borrowing. As with the Beach Park, it may take over a year before we know if we are successful in attracting the grant. Details of the project are [here](#).

Kelvin Grove Waste Water Treatment Plant (KGWWTP) – This week the re-build of the 1980 plant, without meaningful technical improvements, was awarded for \$1.019 million with additional engineering and SCADA costs to come. You can find more details [here](#). The replacement should be completed before the end of August and the Village will bridge the cost until 2021 when a parcel tax will be levied to users in conjunction with their property tax notice. More details will be in the mail to the users by the end of the month with the Utility bills.

Water, Solid Waste, and Sewer User Rates – They will go for Final reading on Tuesday.

- Water - 5% increase (about \$79 per household) with surplus going to reserves to fund future water infrastructure.
- Sewer – no increase.
- Solid Waste – 4% (about \$14 per household) which offsets increased Metro disposal costs.

(More details will be included with the Utility Notices which will be mailed out at the end of February. Utility budgets can be viewed [here](#).

Mayor's Activities of note

Metro Vancouver / Wood Burning Apparatus' – Addressed at length previously, we have recommended a 7- year exemption beyond 2025. Metro staff support our position but are delayed making their recommendation to the Climate Action Committee until mid-March.

BC Hydro – I received a few complaints about the recent 3-hour power outage. I have requested Hydro do some background work as to the frequency of our outages and how it compares to other communities, and how future outages could be more resident friendly.

Translink – To assist us make their service meet the needs and desires of our residents, our recommendations for increased hours and changes in 2020 are before them. We expect their response in early March. Kudos to CAO DeJong for a lot of heavy lifting in this process. The lack of alerts being sent for the 262 is also under review.

Snow Angels – This coordination of formalizing a program that assists the needy when it snows fell off my radar, although we have identified who needs assistance. More on this topic when I write next.

Regards,
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Updates from the Municipality



Single Vehicle Accident at Sunset Gate

SQUAMISH RCMP LOOKING FOR WITNESSES

Further to the information that was sent out earlier this week regarding a single vehicle accident at the Sunset gate, the Squamish RCMP are reaching out to the community of Lions Bay for any witnesses who would have been in the area, specifically the parking lot at the top of Sunset Drive, on the morning of Monday February 10th between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Police are searching for any information on any vehicles or individuals in the area at this time. Anyone with information please contact Constable Ashley Mackay of the Squamish RCMP at Ashley.mackay@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or 604-892-6119.

STATUTORY HOLIDAY

Please note that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 for Family Day, reopening at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.





**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW**

**DOG LICENSES
& BOAT SPACES**

REMINDER: February 28th is the deadline for receiving the early discount payment for Dog Licenses, and March 31st for Boat Space Licenses.

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

- Regular Council Meeting - February 18 at 7 pm
- Infrastructure Committee - February 20 at 7 pm

[Meeting Calendar](#)

What's happening in the community?

LIONS BAY SEARCH AND RESCUE SOCIETY IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION
AND WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING APPLICATIONS TO JOIN OUR TEAM.



LIONS BAY SEARCH & RESCUE

IS SEARCHING FOR NEW MEMBERS



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
AND TO APPLY PLEASE GO
TO OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.LBSAR.COM/CONTACT-US

LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

CALLING ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents Scholarships to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution. Applications are due by 4 pm on May 5, 2020.



We invite you to [DONATE](#) to the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, "*Helping Our Students Grow*".

Application Form

TRIVIA NIGHT

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FRIDAY, FEB 21
7PM - BROUGHTON HALL

.....
\$5 ENTRY - PRIZES TO WIN
CASH BAR & SNACKS

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