



# VILLAGE UPDATE

*Friday, March 3, 2017*

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

After 10 years of ambiguity, the old GVRD is now officially known as Metro Vancouver Regional District, after the Province amended the applicable Letters Patent on Jan. 30. As you may know, the mayor is Lions Bay's usual representative to Metro, attending six to eight Board and Committee meetings a month. If you like arcane governance facts (and who doesn't), the Greater Vancouver Water District and ditto Sewerage and Drainage District renaming is still pending, but being self-sufficient, Lions Bay is not currently involved in either of those bodies; indeed until recently I actually had to vacate when their Closed meeting agendas came up!

Speaking of water and sewer, Lions Bay's utility bills have arrived. For Kelvin Grove properties on central sewer, sewer fees are the same as 2016. Solid waste fees for single-family residences throughout the Village are 7 percent lower, due to savings negotiated by staff with a new contractor starting in April (multi-family residences are the same as last year, per the contractor's rates). The best news is that water fees rise just 6 percent, the lowest increase since 2013's 6.4 percent, 2014's 10.0 percent, 2015's 16.0 percent and 2016's 11.4 percent. Secondary suites occupied by a non-family member pay an additional 40 percent uplift on rates.

I think it's fair to say that we're getting a handle on water, and the fully-funded draft budget for 2017 includes \$4.1 mil. in tank and valve refurbishment, contingent on our

application for 83 percent federal/provincial grant funding. We expect to hear "very soon" on whether that's successful.

Back to secondary suites. A reminder that Lions Bay Bylaw 513 requires all property owners to certify whether a property contains a secondary suite, whether it is occupied, and if so whether it is accommodating "immediate family members." The bylaw provides for pretty substantial fines for a false or non-report, with a view to safety: secondary suites need to meet minimum safety construction standards. If you're unsure of your obligations, now's the time to contact the office. It's also a good time to get involved in discussion of the new Zoning Bylaw if you have suggestions to make on our secondary suite regulations.

Lions Bay leases a small parcel of land from the province, on the shore at the far north end of Brunswick Beach. The leased parcel is designated as park and includes an attached foreshore lease, up for renewal in 2019. But no one on Council or current staff know why we went to the trouble of leasing this parcel and designating it as park in the first place. Please shed light at [feedback@lionsbay.ca](mailto:feedback@lionsbay.ca) .

Regards,  
Karl Buhr ([mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca](mailto:mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca))

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## **UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30pm on Regular Council Meeting nights.

- Council Strategy Committee Meeting - March 7, 2017 at 3:00pm
- Regular Council Meeting - March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm

*Note: please check the Village website calendar for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.*

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## **A NEW RESOURCES DIRECTORY FOR LIONS BAY**

A new Resources Directory is being planned by the not-for-profit group "Lions Bay Seniors Social Circle", with help from other members of the Community. It will be financed mainly from advertising revenue, backstopped by a municipal grant from

Council. One free printed copy of the Resources Directory will be provided to all households, with extra copies available for purchase. The Resources Directory is intended as a community endeavor, belonging to the community and will contain information of value to all age groups - young, old, and new residents as well as seasoned ones. A preliminary contents list is shown below.

The Lions Bay Resources Directory 2017  
Produced by the Lions Bay Seniors Social Circle

"To support and facilitate communication within the Village as well as the efforts and activities of all social groups and individuals that contribute to the well-being of the community".

Louis K. Peterson, pro tem chair of the ad hoc "SSC Resources Directory Group" (John Phillips, Tony Cox (signing officers); Hilda Mayo, Maria Morden, Valerie Cox, Helen Waterson, Wendy Conway-Mair, Rose Dudley, Trudi Luethy, Linda Thomson, , John Dudley, Karen Jeffery, and Ron McLaughlin)

Preliminary Contents List (Sections):

- 1 - Overview of Local Government Matters (*Municipality*)
- 2 - Updated Telephone Directory (*Panel*) [*Print Only*]
- 3 - Recreational Clubs, Groups, and Societies (*Events and activities*)
- 4 - The School Scene (*PAC, Playschool, School Daycare, Scholarships/Awards...*)
- 5 - The Arts Scene (*Artists, Writers, Photographers...*)
- 6a - Professional Service Information (*e.g., Emergencies, Health related, Legal advice, Advocacy...*)
- 6b - Professional Service Information (*e.g., Real Estate Agents, Contractors...*)
- 7 - Local Service Information (*public transport, volunteer drivers, grocery/ food delivery, babysitters, home care, dog walking...*)
- 8a - Advertising (*Commercial, business...*)
- 8b - Advertising (*not-for-profit organization...*)

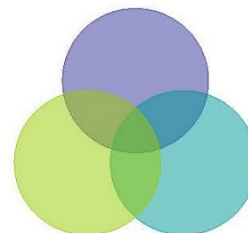
To protect people's privacy, the Telephone Directory portion will not be published online. To Opt-In and be listed in the Resources Directory, or to advertise your business or not-for-profit organization, please click the button below.

[Opt-In](#)

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## SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

SSC Notepad 1: A new 12-week session of the Lions Bay Tai Chi group will start in April - all welcome! Tuesdays at the Broughton Hall, tea social at 11:00 am, class at 11:15 am - 12:15 pm.



SSC Notepad 2: See the Kay Meek Centre for its North Shore Photographic Challenge for "Art & photo folks", March 4th, 7:00 pm. [kaymeekcentre.com or 604-981-6335].

SSC Notepad 3:

Invitation to Historic St Paddy's Luncheon at Troll's (Horseshoe Bay) on Friday March 17 at 12:15 pm. Travel on the Lions Bay C12 Bus, leaving Brunswick at 11:43, Lions Bay at 11:45, arriving Horseshoe Bay at 12:00. Please RSVP Louis (604-921-7260, [lpeterso@sfu.ca](mailto:lpeterso@sfu.ca), or Tony (604-921-9496, [coxtony@shaw.ca](mailto:coxtony@shaw.ca)) (Troll's needs reservation numbers).



SSC Notepad 4: A new Lions Bay Resources Directory is being planned by the not-for-profit group "Lions Bay Seniors Social Circle", with help from other members of the Community. It will be financed mainly from advertising revenue. Watch for details coming your way soon.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please see the attached March Community Calendar for events and programs taking place in the community.

**MARCH CALENDAR**

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## DOG & BOAT LICENSES DUE

Please be reminded that dog and boat licenses are up for renewal and must be paid before March 31st to qualify for the early discount fee. See [Fees Bylaw No. 497, 2016](#) for details. Forms are available on the [website](#) or in the Village Office.

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## LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

If you are a Lions Bay Grade 12 student intending to pursue post secondary education, you are invited to apply for consideration for a Scholarship available in the Village under the aegis of the Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund or the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation (LBCSF). Please see the attached documents for more information.



[Rules and Regulations](#)

[Application Form](#)

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See what's happening on our social sites:



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