



Village Update

Friday, June 2, 2017

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Property tax notices are being mailed out today. I know, I also gnashed my teeth! The municipal tax portion reflects a 5 percent increase over 2016. In 2016 an average Lions Bay home paid \$2,392.18 in property taxes and will pay \$2,482.35 in 2017. Lions Bay's average assessment in 2016 was \$1,227,386. In 2017 it's \$1,672,518, a huge increase of 36.3 percent: more on this next week, but more than a few property owners are going to go from full Homeowner Grant eligibility to none by being over the value cutoff. As always, local taxes are determined by our budget and our assessments only slice the pie. Same for external taxes, but there the mill rates often apply province-wide, and we may notice a difference to last year. Taxes are billed by Lions Bay on behalf of the BC Assessment Authority (\$72.25), Metro Vancouver Regional District (\$84.46), Police (\$268.94), TransLink (\$366.78), and the Provincial "school" levy (\$1,367.79) - all based on the average 2017 assessed value of \$1,672,518. I like to use "quotes" because the levy actually goes into general revenue, and has no relation to what schools get.

Beyond \$1.45M raised by taxation, \$1.09M by utility charges, and \$447,000 from fees, annual grants and other revenue, the budget includes net proceeds from the planned sale of a municipally-owned RS-1 zoned lot at Brunswick Beach Road (budgeted at \$3.2M but conceivably higher or lower). We plan to spend part of those funds to buy the land at 63 Brunswick Beach Road for future municipal use. To repeat a previous Mayor's Desk, this purchase meets the rules for these funds, which require that net proceeds from the sale of any land that provides public access to a

body of water can only be used for acquisition of property that will provide access to the same body of water that is of at least equal benefit to the public. Council has determined that the purchased parcel meets this requirement. In the meantime remaining funds are held in a restricted reserve for future qualifying land purchases. We can also lend the money to ourselves for unbudgeted emergencies and vital capital projects, so we again have cash available for emergent needs.

The 2017 budget that spends our revenue is found [here](#). A flyer in the tax bill will provide more details, but as usual the big pieces are general government, public works, Lions Bay Fire Rescue, water, garbage. Also being spent this year and early next is \$2.7M on water infrastructure, funded 87 percent by higher levels of government. Our local government share will be borrowed, as authorized by voters in last year's referendum.

Our new website is up! The feature I'm most looking forward to using is search, not only of the webpages, but of archive agendas and minutes, and all bylaws and policies. Upload of information is still a work in progress. Comments are solicited.

Regards,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@gmail.com)

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.

- Regular Council Meeting - June 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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



Improving Cellular Signal In Lions Bay

The Village of Lions Bay, acting on a recommendation from the Infrastructure Committee is preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified firms for the construction of up to two towers to be located nearby the Magnesia and Harvey Creek water treatment facilities. The towers are intended to improve cellular connectivity and provide a revenue stream for the Village of Lions Bay. A further benefit of the towers is that it will enable us to better remotely control and monitor our infrastructure components such as our pressure reducing stations, treatment plants, and storage tanks. The initial purpose of the RFP is to determine the level of interest in the communications industry for providing enhanced cellular coverage in Lions Bay and the Sea to Sky corridor. For comments or further information please email feedback@lionsbay.ca.



GPS waste collection tracking is here!



WCS is using GPS software in all of its waste collection vehicles in order to improve route collection accuracy. What does this mean for you? It means that WCS dispatch can track a truck's route and where it stopped in order to ensure your waste gets collected. The WCS dispatch team and drivers are in constant communications to ensure that any missed put outs called in before the trucks leave the Village are collected that day.

Any such calls received after their trucks have left the Village will be collected on the next scheduled collection date. To avoid any pick up issues please ensure your materials are placed at the curb by 7:30 AM. If you have any questions please feel free to call WCS at 604-986-9777.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS

For those residents who currently defer their property taxes, renewal applications have now been mailed out by the Province. If you do not receive your form, please contact the Property Tax Deferment Office at 1-888-355-2700 or taxdeferment@gov.bc.ca.

The tax deferment application must be received by the Village Office by the tax due date (July 14 by 4:00 p.m.) or the late payment penalty will be applied. If the property is eligible for the Home Owner Grant, the grant application must be completed before the deferral can be accepted.

For more information about the deferment program, please go to their [website](#).

For any residents interested in the deferral program, you may be able to apply for a low interest loan (deferral) from the Province to pay your current year property taxes on your principal residence, once you receive your property tax notice. There are two programs you may qualify for:

Regular Program:

You may qualify for this program if you are:

- 55 or older during the current year
- A surviving spouse of any age, or
- A person with disabilities

Families with Children Program

- You may qualify for this program if you are a parent, stepparent or financially supporting a child.

SPRING WATERMAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Public Works will be flushing the Village's watermain between June 5 and June 13, 2017. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm. Though locations and dates may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, our intent is to adhere to the following schedule:

Sunset/Bayview/Mountain/Timbertop (+ side streets):	June 5 - June 7
Oceanview/Upper Kelvin Grove/Isleview (+ side streets):	June 8 - June 9
Brunswick Beach/Lower Lions Bay and Kelvin Grove (+ side streets):	June 12 - June 13

The flushing of water mains is necessary to remove sediments that gradually deposit in the pipes over time. The Village is required to biannually flush our watermain in accordance with our drinking water treatment permit to operate issued by Vancouver Coastal Health.

During the flushing period, residents are advised to avoid using water to the extent possible and to place their filters, softeners and other water treatment equipment in 'by-pass' mode. Use of water during flushing will draw into the residential system the agitated sediment thereby requiring more rigorous clearing of your water lines. Water drawn in during flushing can also lead to clogged filters and screens and may discolour laundry. During the flushing period the water will remain safe and potable, however, there may be brief periods of discoloration, cloudiness and temporary pressure fluctuations. The Village of Lions Bay accepts no liability for inconvenience or damages caused by low pressure or discoloured water use during its flushing program.

After the flushing is completed, we advise residents to clear their water lines. To do this simply let your cold water tap (remove screens/aerators on tap) closest to the incoming water line run until the water flows clear prior to returning any water treatment equipment back on line.

The Village of Lions Bay thanks you for your co-operation during this seasonal flushing program.



Per the Village of [Lions Bay Outdoor Water Use Bylaw No. 484, 2015](#), municipal water use conservation level 1 will begin on June 1st and run through to September 30th. Residents are asked to review the bylaw for details on what is and is not permissible.

Despite the unseasonably wet weather this spring, water restrictions are intended to curb demand, which always increases in the summer when we get the least amount of rain and surface supply decreases.

As part of Stage 1 of the water restrictions, residents are only allowed to water the lawns - either by sprinkler or by handheld hose - on alternating days and between certain hours:

Residential Addresses

* Even numbered addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

* Odd numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

Remember to install spring-loaded shut off nozzles on all your outdoor hoses and consider getting a rain barrel - a demonstration barrel is set up outside the Village Office.

For some great information and tips read the Waterwise Lawn Care brochure.



Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation

Grade 12 Reception
and
Annual General Meeting

Date: 6 June 2017
Place: Former Lions Bay Library
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Agenda

SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

SSC Notepad #1:





**ALL ARE INVITED TO
THE LIONS BAY SENIOR SOCIAL CIRCLE
ANNUAL MINI GOLF AND BBQ LUNCH
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017...11:00AM TO 2:00PM**



**Date: Wed., June 14, 2017
Place: Squamish Whistle Punk
Adventure Golf
1940 Centennial Way, Squamish**

**Time: 11:00am (golf course),
12:30 (lunch)
Fee: \$10 for Golf and BBQ Lunch**



**For more information, or to RSVP:
Tony Cox - coxtony@shaw.ca or
604 921 9496
Hilda Mayo - hmayo@mac.com**

(Please RSVP by June 2, 2017)



SSC Notepad #2:

RESOURCES DIRECTORY: The deadline for "Opting In" to the Phone List Section (Privacy Act requirement), and for submitting Advertisement Items, is June 9, 2017. "Opt In" forms for the phone section are available in the Village Office, the store, and on-line. The Resources Directory, including advertising and community material except for the phone list section, will be on our website. This is an opportunity for artists, photographers, societies, clubs and other groups to highlight Lions Bay! Each home will receive one free copy. For information contact lpeterso@sfu.ca or info.LBdirectory@gmail.com. **Deadline: June 9, 2017.**

Resource Directory Opt-In Form**SSC Notepad #3:**

Professional instructor teaches Tai Chi every Tuesday, 11:00 - 12:15, in Broughton Hall. "Newbies" welcome!

SSC Notepad #4:

Pro Nova Chamber Music Concerts at Mt Seymour United Church, North Vancouver, Sunday June 4th. Admission by donation.

(www.pronova.ca)

Program:

Haydn String Quartet Op. 20 No 5

Shostakovich String Quartet No 3

Elgar Piano Quintet Op, 8*

*Guest Artist Rosemary O'Connor, Piano.

See what's happening on our social sites:



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