



Village Update

Friday, July 7, 2017

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Our Canada Day celebration was validation for me that Lions Bay is special as much for the people as the place. From our fresh-from-Depot RCMP officer in dress serge (with her protection detail in full gear), to pioneers and more recent arrivals chatting up a storm, to MC Elizabeth Moore's obscure Canadiana, there was something for everyone. Thank you to people too numerous to mention for a heck of a show, and to our faithful sponsors: Dale Falconer & Thyra McKilligan of REMAX Realty, Super Save Fuel, Howe Sound Marine, Windsor Meats, Cobbs Bread and the Lions Bay Cafe. Louis Peterson presented the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Awards to Kate Foley, Madelyn Nimmo and Fraser Peaker, and Her Worship Brenda Broughton announced and presented the eponymous Brenda Broughton Scholarship to graduating 12th grader Zackory Turpin. The highlight was welcoming the Syrian family sponsored by a large group of Lions Bay residents, who believed that "It takes a village to help a family displaced from theirs" and did something about it. Nihad and Salma Alghazala, and their super-cute kids Ivan, Rabarin and Rebaz arrived in Vancouver in March, and have settled in Burnaby close to relatives after three years as refugees in Kurdistan. I don't think any of us know what that really means, but they are here now, and Lions Bay was privileged to help celebrate their first Canada Day. I announced Council's award of this year's Curly Stewart Memorial Scholarship Award to...Zackory Turpin. Lions Bay's 2017 Citizen of the Year, awarded annually to a resident who in the opinion of Council has contributed to building the Lions Bay community over years, is Ian Mackie, for dedicated service on the Board of Variance, and in Committee.

Congratulations to all awardees, and thanks for making Lions Bay Lions Bay. Special thanks to our firefighters, who put on a fabulous 150th fireworks. In the words of my neighbour Taryn Biggs, a spontaneous O Canada! starting from the top of the park after the final firework shot up, was pretty dang amazing. That's my paraphrase.

Our Public Works department hosted Lions Bay's 22nd Brownies and WV 11th Guides on a tour of our water facilities in June this year. This is the kind of stuff that restores my faith in humanity (of government), since it is never too soon to understand dual-barrier disinfection and process control considerations of surface-sourced water. Thanks Nai, Garth and Donna, and please have another one on me. I will rue the day I keep saying this if I ever receive the beer account.

Around 10:30 am on Wednesday, July 12, the Pulling Together Canoe Journey touches at Lions Bay Beach Park for a lunch stop funded by Lions Bay. 400 first nations youth and public safety personnel on a pilgrimage of reconciliation will pull in here on a 7-day circumnavigation of Howe Sound. To my regret I will be away, but I hear dignitaries are coming, including designated Acting Mayor Ron McLaughlin doing the honours. Please come down to welcome them in the Lions Bay Way.

Regards,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca)

FIRES PROHIBITED

Please note that the Coastal Fire Centre has banned all open fires (including campfires) throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, which was effective as of July 6, 2017 at noon. Please read the information bulletin below for more details.



The Coastal Fire Centre's reports are back for the summer, be sure to check the [Village Website](#) for the latest issues.

Fire Ban Notice

FIRST NATIONS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS PADDLE TOWARDS RECONCILIATION

Pulling Together Canoe Journey visits Lions Bay on July 12, 2017



A long-time initiative to foster reconciliation and bridge the gap between First Nations and first responders is continuing its efforts with the 17th annual Pulling Together Canoe Journey, taking place this year from Sechelt to Vancouver July 7th - 15th.

The group of approximately 300 canoers, a combination of aboriginal community members and public service workers, will paddle along the Sunshine Coast, Howe Sound and English Bay, through the traditional territories of the Sechelt, Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations; with a [Canada 150+ event](#) involving a traditional Welcoming Ceremony at Vanier Park in Vancouver on 14 July, an culminating in a celebration in Stanley Park at the site of the former Xwáýxway Village at Lumberman's Arch on July 15.

The canoes will stop at Lions Bay Beach Park to greet Mayor and Council and share lunch from 10:30AM to Noon on July 12. Members of the Lions Bay community are welcome to attend and meet the paddlers.

For more information visit www.pullingtogether.ca



Did you know that during the summer water use in Lions Bay can jump by 50% because of outdoor watering activities? Take a look at the [Water Consumption Graph](#) on our website to see the trend. Did you know that your lawn only needs one inch (1") of water over a week to stay healthy? Help save water by following these simple tips:

1. Lay a Frisbee upside down on your lawn near your sprinkler and time how long it takes to fill up. That's how long you should run your sprinkler over the week - remember, this doesn't include any rainfall,
 2. Make sure your sprinkler is aimed correctly and avoid watering your driveway and our roads,
 3. Leave grass clippings on your lawn to increase organic matter and build a layer of thatch that will discourage weeds and retain moisture, and
 4. Consider helping Mother Nature water your lawn - get a rain barrel and use the water you capture to water your lawn and garden. Here's a [brochure on the benefits of a rain barrel](#).
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Did you know that the North Shore and other communities are experiencing increased bear activity which has led to several bears having to be destroyed? So far Lions Bay has escaped this disturbing trend - let's keep it that way. One of the main reasons bears will enter neighbourhoods is because of mismanaged garbage. The wildlife working group is asking that people tighten up on their bear etiquette and remember:

- Don't place your waste for collection at the curb the night before garbage day - only take it out after 5AM the day of pick up!
- Make sure you use wildlife proof containers to store your waste!

When bears learn that garbage means food, they keep coming back to it again and again. Did you know that unintentionally feeding bears (including unsecured garbage) is against the law in BC? ([Dangerous Wildlife Protection Act-section 33.1](#)).

Please help prevent bear deaths - be responsible with your waste!



The Village of Lions Bay has launched its new emergency notification system that sends alerts by text, email, or voice to landline, in order to keep you informed! We will use LBAlert to notify you about a variety of significant events, ranging from severe weather, wildfire, floods, debris flows, water restrictions, unexpected road closures, evacuations and any other emergency events that could impact you, your family and your community.

Ensure you receive real-time access to potentially lifesaving information when you need it most - Register now by visiting the [Emergency Notification System](#) page on our new website.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2016 Annual Report is now available for review. It can be viewed on the Village [website](#), or at the Village Office.

Council will consider the Annual Report at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the report.



Pay Parking Trial Period Begins the Week of July 17

The 2016 Parking Survey showed there's a strong desire to be more accommodating to visitors by increasing parking opportunities. To that end the Village will be trialing Pay Parking at the Lions Bay Beach Park lot, the Kelvin Grove Beach Park lot, and the Sunset Trailhead lot. This Pay Parking trial period will begin the week of July 10th and continue for about 10 weeks, after which we will share our analysis with residents. Click on the button below to view more information on this 10 week trial.

As the Lions Bay Beach Park lot requires payment for both residents and visitors, residents may wish to utilize the free street parking located in resident parking zones. In an effort to ensure that permit parking on the street is protected, any vehicle without an Annual Permit (or Contract or Guest Permit) will be ticketed.

**Please ensure that your Annual Permit
is clearly displayed on your windshield to avoid a ticket.**

[Pay Parking Information Brochure](#)

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.

- Infrastructure Committee Meeting - July 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - July 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

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.

ONLINE SERVICES FOR PROPERTY TAXES, UTILITIES AND PARKING FINES

Residents are now able to access information regarding their property taxes and utilities through our new online service portal.

The Online Service offers the ability to view print/pay or just view your property taxes and utilities, view historical assessed values and pay any outstanding parking fines. Click [here](#) to set up your online account; all you need is an email address.

To add properties to your online account you will need a copy of your property tax notice with your roll number and online access code (found just above the roll number).

To pay parking fines, all you need is your ticket # and vehicle license plate.

See what's happening on our social sites:



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