



# Village Update

*Friday, September 29, 2017*

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Local governments need shovel-ready plans on the shelf to be able to apply against short deadlines for grant programs. Accordingly, Council funded one such plan in the 2017 capital budget, for vital drainage improvement and roadway renewal on mid-Bayview, between Stewart and Mountain. The design work is now done, at a taxpayer-funded cost of \$29,700. The scope of the design is for a new wider road including a walking path, plugging and grouting the old deteriorated corrugated metal culvert, and installing a new storm drainpipe from top to bottom as part of meeting new requirements for handling "[First Flush](#)" contaminants before they reach streams. The construction cost estimate is \$825,000 with a \$125,000 contingency. Now we wait for a funding program to open and then weigh priorities between eligible projects. We have high hopes for the as-yet-unannounced Phase 2 of the federal Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (Phase 1 of which funded 87 percent of our \$2,700,000 water network project just finishing design and getting underway).

At this Thursday midday writing I'm looking forward to tonight's All-Candidates Meeting, where we learn the positions of the three candidates for our open Councillor seat. If you couldn't make it, check the By-Election webpage for Candidate position papers [here](#), and please vote on Oct. 21 to provide them a mandate.

The UBCM conference downtown this week has been fruitful. CAO Peter DeJong, MLA Jordan Sturdy and I've met several of our new government's Ministers to

present Lions Bay's case in multiple arenas. Lions Bay is small, underfunded and changing, but I must say it's sobering to talk to mayors and councillors of similarly challenged small communities who went through wildfires this summer. We need to count our blessings too.

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

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Constructed in 1984, the old Harvey Creek Intake Weir has seen hard times. Over the last 33 years, the weir has been exposed to significant debris torrents and weathering which have resulted in its gradual deterioration.

This summer, our battered old weir was demolished and a brand new and more substantial weir was constructed. To see more of what was and now is, see the attached infographic.

Final budget numbers have yet to be tallied but the estimated total cost of the project is \$187,000 of which the residents of Lions Bay funded one-third of the costs through Water User Rates while the remaining two-thirds were provided by the federal and provincial governments under the New Build Canada Fund.

Harvey Weir

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# BY-ELECTION OCTOBER 21, 2017



The Village of Lions Bay will hold a by-election for the office of one Councillor on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The term for the position will end in October 2018, when the next general local election will be held. The by-election is being held to fill the vacant Councillor position.

The candidates are: **Norman Barmeier; Jamie Cunliffe; Scott Ando.**

Eligible voters will be able to cast their ballots at Broughton Hall on October 21st or during the advance voting opportunity on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Electors may also vote by mail ballot - click [here](#) for the Notice of Election, including information on mail ballot voting.

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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.

- Regular Council Meeting - October 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

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