



Village Update

Friday, December 22, 2017

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

This week sees the installation of a new bus shelter next to the entrance to Marjorie's Meadows at Harvey Creek. This new location has been part-funded by special Translink dispensation to support innovative service models they will be starting next year, and finally replaces the rather steep rather wet bus stop 50 meters north (the Translink bus stop guy was reportedly horrified). It's an early Christmas present for us.

Hey, what innovative service models? I've mentioned before that Lions Bay has secured a pilot of what Translink is calling micro transit, a combination of conventional on-demand and divertible fixed-route models. Yes, lately I know just enough about transit to be dangerous. I also know that as a community at the edge of the service area, many of our mid-day buses are not economic for Translink. Before they told us that, I told them that if I had my druthers, considering the significant funds we pay for transit today*, we would rather use such funds to run our own to-the-driveway shuttles around the Village, to Horseshoe Bay transit exchange and perhaps to Caulfeild. The legislation is wise to that though: only Translink may run government-provided transit. "So what do we do about that?" asks I of them. Well, they are rising to the challenge, and like guinea pigs everywhere, I look forward to seeing what transpires. The day transit is a viable option for more Lions Bayers will be a good day.

Also mentioned before is that our Metro Vancouver regional overlords are drafting a bylaw to reduce indoor residential wood burning, which produces nearly one third of annual fine particulate emissions in the region--more than any other single source--and worse, mostly concentrated into the few heating months. Propositions for communities outside the Urban Containment Boundary (that's us) include phasing in over the next 8 years, no use of indoor residential wood burning appliances between May 15 and September 15, registration of appliances (including committing to operating procedures and fuel quality guidelines), and prohibition of unregistered appliances from 2025. Metro is seeking public input at <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/air-quality/consultation/reducing-residential-woodsmoke> (deadline January 15, 2018); there's a webinar at 1:00 pm on January 8th, details in the web link.

The Lions Bay Beach survey is in, with 128 responses. Pretty good. Results will be presented in the Committee's recommendation due mid-January, but as a sneak preview 83 percent of respondents liked the idea of a freshwater shower close to the sand, most wanted more picnic tables and the prime activity of a slight majority is swimming. There's more to come, with a view to some lower cost, easy-to-do items being in place by this summer pending a full budgeted plan to be phased in over multiple years.

Council and staff are winding down the year for the holiday hiatus, so I'll take this opportunity to wish them, and you, our fellow Lions Bayers, the very best compliments of the season, with thanks all round for a good year.

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

*Even before we even get to Translink tax of 17¢ per litre of road fuel bought in Metro Vancouver, not to mention actual fares, Lions Bay's share of such funds includes \$202,742.91 in one kind of property tax, \$3186.52 in another property tax, and \$3632.15 as a 21% parking lot tax on our small-scale 2017 pilot. Also coming, developer cost charges for multi-unit developments, and vehicle levies.



DECEMBER 22nd - CLOSED AT 12 PM

DECEMBER 25th - CLOSED

DECEMBER 26th - CLOSED

JANUARY 1st - CLOSED



BUS SHELTER



A new bus shelter will be installed outside of the Village Office and Broughton Hall some time during the week of January 3rd. Please watch for changes as the existing bus stop at the top of the street will be moved to the new shelter location 50 meters down the street.



DIP 'N DASH
JANUARY 1st
11 AM - LIONS BAY BEACH PARK

Dust off your bathing suit and jazz it up for your polar bear swim costume.

We look forward to seeing you at the beach on January 1. Sign-up is at 11 AM, with the swim starting at 11:15. The Events Committee will have hot chocolate and goodies for both participants and spectators to enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th
7 PM - BROUGHTON HALL

The holidays could be your perfect opportunity to study. Start thinking of who will form your well-rounded team that is destined to win!



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 - January 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Note: please check the [Village website calendar](#) for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.



CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING

Public Works will be chipping resident Christmas trees on **Thursday, January 11, 2018**. Residents are encouraged to drop their trees off at the far end (southern end) of the CN Rail parking lot between December 29, 2017 and January 10, 2018.

The service is free and only available to residents of Lions Bay. Trees must be stripped of all ornaments and hangings and be free of any metal objects.

DID YOU KNOW - Christmas lights can be recycled, too! Light strings beyond repair can be dropped off at the Waste Control Services North Vancouver depot at 1493 Dominion Street.

See what's happening on our social sites:



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