



Friday, July 20, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Tuesday's Council meeting got through a slew of work. Our grant-supported Four Tanks Rationalisation project has earned the province's sympathy for construction market conditions that saw bids on our March tender come in so laughably higher than originally estimated that we had to kill the project. This infrastructure project, our largest in recent times, had planned to replace the 1.8 mil. liter Harvey treated water tank with a new 2.3 mil. liter vessel (larger, to accommodate a long-time deficiency in fire reserve capacity, balanced against shorter overall retention times arising from reduced consumption). The project was also to have replaced the obsolete Green Monster and the crumbling Phase IV and Phase V Tanks with large pressure reducing valves and specialized piping. The municipality's approx. 30 percent share of the final cost was to be funded by debt, as approved in our November 2016 referendum.

Fast forward to today, with a new market reality of lots of infrastructure projects out there and contractors spoiled for choice, with the blessing of government and a further deadline extension (to March 2020), we are seeking Expressions of Interest on a reduced project scope, including allowing a steel alternative for the new Harvey tank. Steel lasts shorter, but is cheaper, so I look forward to comparing the alternatives there. The old Harvey tank must be demolished to make way for its replacement, but replacement of the three other tanks with pressure reducing valves and sundry appurtenances, let alone their demolition (plus my hoped-for demolition of the long-abandoned Brunswick and Sunset tanks), might have to wait for another day, unfortunately leaving Lions Bay under-optimised infrastructurally, and looking maybe a little pre-apocalyptic. Where we end up and how much it will all cost depends on the bids we receive in the next round, due around mid-September.

Tuesday night's meeting also saw progress on carving off a piece of road right-of-way between Kelvin Grove Way and the highway as a lot we can sell to add to municipal coffers (see above why). We also saw a new draft of a community amenity charge policy, which says what owners developing property need to pay into the coffers, in exchange for the municipality allowing rezoning or subdivision. This draft was a lot more like it than the one we saw a year-and-a-half ago, but we referred it back to staff for comparison with other communities, otherwise we'd be guessing what'd be appropriate.

The CAC policy is but one of the several new pieces of legislation needed for even limited development in the modern era. Another piece is a required OCP amendment to advise all-comers of known natural hazards and how the municipality requires such hazards to be addressed. Following the Public Hearing on the matter last Tuesday, and after review Tuesday, we sent the proposed OCP amendment back to staff too, for more and deeper community consultation, and a review of how other places do it. Regarding that consultation, we only had approx. 45 people come to the informational meeting at the Hall for the first go-round in March, and 37 to the Public Hearing last week. This regime works in places where the developer's lawyers have lawyers, but in little Lions Bay it doesn't serve us at all. Other than Council members divvying up streets and knocking on doors to tell everyone individually, we've been talking about all this in public for two years. Some have only realised at the last minute they have something to say, and we've been lectured on our duty a bit lately! We actually understand our duty pretty well, but at a certain point Council needs to make a decision based on its best guess at what the community desires. There'll be another kick at the can on the natural hazards piece and what that means for properties, so please speak up in time, this time.

We did at least adopt another vital and scintillating piece of legislation after giving it three readings in prior meetings, the Soils Deposition and Removal bylaw. That's [here](#), among other bylaws you might find interesting. But we're not just doing this because we like bylaws and lots of midnight Council meetings. Having determined three years ago to action the 2008 OCP's call for "limited thoughtful development" I think it says, I know Council would have liked the municipality to by now be in a position to receive the many subdivision, cottage and duplexing applications from Lions Bay property owners we know have been patiently waiting. With referrals back to staff, and August furloughs, and vacation downtime, and municipal elections in October, I cannot imagine that we'll be ready any time this year. Sorry. I like it less than you do. Why so all-fired important, Karl? Because this Council agrees with the OCP that limited development is a way to reverse the fast-aging demographics of the Village through more age-friendly housing, and to secure the young families needed for us to remain a complete community, and to support the \$30 mil. infrastructure spending shortfall identified in the Infrastructure Master Plan (found [here](#)), and to generally allow Lions Bay to continue thriving. But another year won't kill us, right?

One of the things I wanted to do when I ran for the office was to reduce the number of bylaws. Ha ha. Another thing I wanted to do was "fix" parking. As we know all too well, there are now more people wanting to park in Lions Bay than we have suitable parking for, especially in summer. A resident Committee in 2015 produced a preliminary report, out of which Council drafted a plan with the idea of *managing* parking with easy-to-understand rules that make everybody happy. Simple! The municipality has put several provisions from the draft plan in play, like basic seasonal pay parking for visitors in three high-demand areas, positive-reinforcement signage, and enhanced enforcement. All vintages of "Resident" permits expire at the end of the month, and a new Annual Permit regime starts; if nothing else that'll speed up the Bylaw Officers' day. With these changes coming in dribs and drabs, and given that demand is beating down the doors regardless, I have no idea if any of it's working. What do you think?

Beyond a Special Council meeting next Thursday to meet a new grant program's requirement for a Council res. on the project being applied for, we down tools (meeting-wise at least) in August. Have a good rest of the summer, Lions Bay, and see you in September.

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

CAMPFIRE BAN

With our particularly hot May weather this year, forest fuels dried out quickly and we have not had any appreciable rainfall in southwest BC since July 9th. With no rain in the long term forecast, the fire danger rating is now HIGH and people are requested to act accordingly. Signage is being installed at trailheads to reinforce the message that no campfires are permitted. There is a chance of dry lightning reaching the North Shore by this evening - as always, if you see a fire, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone.



Click [here](#) for more information.

FUEL SPILL

A barge sank off of Strachan Point (between Horseshoe Bay & Lions Bay) late Wednesday night. Contents included up to 1000L of gas, hydraulic oil and oil. The Coast Guard boomed the area, but a small amount of non-recoverable oil is expected from in and around the boom. Clean up efforts are continuing and boaters are asked to stay clear.



PUBLIC WORKS would like to acknowledge the lateness...

of this year's biannual flushing program. As part of our responsibilities as potable water suppliers we are required to flush all of the Municipality's water mains twice a year - once in October and then again in April. Due to unforeseen circumstances and an ever increasing workload, we find ourselves behind on this critical process. More to the point, we find ourselves having to flush while we are at stage one water restrictions. We understand that this may send the wrong impression to residents who diligently obey the watering restrictions. We will endeavour to do better in the future.

The flushing of water mains is necessary to remove sediments that gradually deposit in the pipes over time. The Village is mandated to flush our watermains twice a year to comply with our drinking water treatment permit to operate issued by Vancouver Coastal Health.

Watermain flushing will begin on July 9th and continue through to July 27th, 2018. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 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/ Upper Bayview: COMPLETED
Oceanview/Upper Kelvin Grove/: COMPLETED
Brunswick Beach/Lower Lions Bay/Kelvin Grove/Isleview: July 23th to July 27th

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 'bypass' 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.

Public Works would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation during this flushing program.



The Sea to Sky Invasive Species
Council invites you to the first ever

Lions Bay

*Community
Weed Pull*

July 22nd - 11am at
the Lions Bay
elementary school

*Bring gardening gloves if you have them! Light
snacks and refreshments provided*

Visit ssisc.ca/lionsbay for more info



LIONS BAY ARTS FUNDRAISER SUNDAY AUGUST 19th

Join us for a fun afternoon of Lucy Traini's famous homemade pizza, music by local performers, silent auction of local artists and artisans. Support the arts in Lions Bay and help us launch our new arts development program for young aspiring local artists.

When: Sunday, August 19th, 2018 - 12:00 onward

Event ticket: \$25.00 (includes 1 x 12" pizza)

Click [HERE](#) to request your tickets or email us at tickets@lionsbayarts.ca.



JULY

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CERAMIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

for children ages 7-15

\$10 per child

This 'fun-tacular' event has limited space -

BOOK NOW!

reserve your place at info@lionsbayarts.ca

July 30th ~ 1-4pm

2019 LIONS BAY CALENDAR

Lions Bay Arts is proposing a Lions Bay Calendar for 2019!

We are inviting our community to submit photos of Lions Bay scenes, activities - all the things that make Lions Bay a great place to live.

Submit your photos (best resolution you can) to info@lionsbayarts.ca by August 31, 2018.



On Wednesday August 15 Reverend Sekou is bringing his Arkansas blues and gospel tradition here to Broughton Hall in Lions Bay. On a North American tour, his debut album, *In Times Like These*, is a new vision for what Southern blues can mean to today's generation of music fans. He's been featured in PASTE Magazine, appeared on NPR's Tiny Desk and played all the right festivals. He's bringing an 7-piece band. Tickets limited and we are recording live from the floor! Join US for this unique community gathering!

Click [here](#) to get your ticket.



2nd Annual EAT TOGETHER: Lions Bay Long Table Dinner

Last year was fabulous. This year will be divine! Planning is underway for a truly memorable evening in the midst of one of the most gorgeous settings in the Lower Mainland and we hope you can join us for an elegant communal dining experience at legendary Lions Bay Beach Park from 5:00 until 8:15pm (sunset). Featuring Cuban Jazz by Sweet Santa Fe, and Rocky Mountain Folk-Pop by Flint & Feather. FREE Tickets available starting June 1. Limit 1 per email.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY AT THIS EVENT in order to produce a short promotional video. Waiver consent is implied with ticket order - see Image Use Consent at the bottom of the ticket order page.*

Click [here](#) to get your FREE ticket!

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 23, 2018 **CANCELLED**
- Special Council Meeting - July 26, 2018 at 4:00 pm

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

See what's happening on our social sites:



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