



Village Update

Friday, October 19, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Our five Council seats may have been filled by acclaim, but along with West Van and Bowen we still have to elect five School Trustees for School District 45, and tomorrow's the big day. Voter turnout in Lions Bay municipal elections is usually around 70 percent, and I hope we can continue to demonstrate that level of engagement. Election details are below. I heartily endorse Lions Bay's own Pieter Dorsman for re-election as a School Trustee. As a past Lions Bay School PAC Chair and thinking person generally, he very much understands the importance to the wider community of public education, and to Lions Bay specifically of keeping our K-3 school open. School Board Chair Carolyn Broady has also been supportive and involved in this regard.

Speaking of keeping the school open, we finally learned this week (only from the newspaper) that Lions Bay is NOT subject to the province's "speculation and vacancy tax." If we were I would have continued to agitate for us to be paid the monies to fund the professionals we need to help us plan our own rental housing supply. What would we need rental housing for, Karl? Well, for future municipal, for 35 firefighters (many of whom couch surf and who unlike staff, *have* to live in the community), for young families (to supply customers for our K-3 school which has gone from 70-80 kids ten years ago to today's 30 in four grades), and for the providers of needed early-years, daycare and preschool facilities (all of which have recently closed), and for energetic newcomers who may volunteer for the stuff we can't afford to pay for. Whether it was because we asked I have no idea, but the letter to the Minister is [here](#) if you want to see a local politician troubling deaf heaven again. In it I also rail

against the high-value property surtax, the increased property transfer tax, and the employer health tax.

Got a bit of work done at this week's Council meeting. We approved low-cost financing of five new Public Works trucks to replace the current ones at the end of their lease. We heard from staff that the parking signage, CN Lot paving and beach improvements are trickling out as core work allows, unfortunately too late for summer 2018. We learned that the grant-funded experimental gravel infiltration bed at the Magnesia water intake has been temporarily removed for redesign during the fraught winter water season (boulders, mud, tree trunks, leaves). You may want to know about a late on-table item, a proposed film shoot at two Tidewater residences from Oct. 25 to 31. The public who attend Council meetings will know how little Council likes on-table items (or verbal reports), but we were just comfortable enough with the production company's representations to approve the application on the fly, after upping the daily fee in our 2009 Filming Policy ([here](#)) from \$300 to \$1,200 and allowing support of not 100% as called for in the Policy but 90% of residences, albeit in a wider radius than first proposed. But here's the thing. I guess the locations themselves get paid handsomely, but other than municipal fees – say \$10,000 in this case – there's questionable benefit to the wider community having filming here. And it's kinda intrusive. This one is a "small production" of 60-80 crew, six 40-foot trucks on location for seven days, two generators, a lunch tent and actors and extras coming and going, not counting a circus of the really big trucks parking at Upper Brunswick after they've offloaded. I personally know this kind of novelty wears out fast. When I lived in filming-central LA on Westwood between Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevards – think "leafy urban sidestreet scene, evening" – I got quite tired of officious clipboards telling me I was required to wait at the top of my street when I was trying to get home. We probably need to consult the community on filming policy going forward.

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

From the desk of
Councillor-Elect

Jaime Cunliffe

Hello Lions Bay!

My name is Jaime Cunliffe & **I ABSOLUTELY LOVE WHERE WE LIVE!**

My most important job is that of wife & mum to my husband & 4 children. Second to that is my commitment to the friends, neighbours, and now honorary family members that make up our broader community. It is the health and vitality of this family that I look to nurture in the role of Village Councillor. Hey - whats up

We are a small community with many strengths & challenges. I am by nature a problem solver and believe that with collaboration, hard work, open dialogue, and creative minds, solutions are always possible.

Every Council, present and future, will need to address new and often unforeseen challenges. I believe the current Council has a solid plan and I support the strategies that are in place. Here are some additional issues to consider when thinking about our Community... [[read more](#)]

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR 2018



There will be games, crafts, a magician act and a haunted house at the little kids party

from 3-5 pm, followed by a dance for the bigger kids (9-13 year olds) from 6-8 pm with a DJ, haunted house and prizes for best costumes!

Please also join us for hot chocolate and fireworks on Halloween night (October 31) at Lions Bay Beach Park, beginning at 8:00 pm.



If you are able to volunteer, please click [here](#) to sign up! Thank you.



Electronic waste has become so prolific it's received a name of its own -- E-waste. Every year some 22,000 tonnes of E-waste enters our landfills. E-waste including the multitude of household items that contain embedded batteries. Valuable and scarce metals like copper can be harvested from e-waste, instead of mining new sources. Plastics can be recycled and many other parts such as audio components can be re-used.

The electronics industry is becoming responsive of the waste associated with making, shipping, distributing, packaging and then disposing of E-waste. Ask questions when you purchase new equipment.

Find out where to take things, and use the certified recycling and safe disposal programs that are available. Find more information at the [Electronic Products Recycling Association](#).



Mark your calendars! The 5th Annual Lions Bay Arts Christmas Fair is being held on Sunday, November 18th 2018. Interested in being a vendor? Email us at info@lionsbayarts.ca for more information or click [here](#) to view the 2018 Vendor Application Form.



Thank you all for the enthusiasm that was shown in the overwhelming number of photo submissions we received for our first Lions Bay Arts Calendar for 2019. It was so humbling to look at all the photos, through your eyes, and see how much Lions Bay, the community and environment means to you.

The photos chosen for the calendar were submitted by the following photographers: Dawn Hope, Peter Wreglesworth, John Dudley, Adele van Tonder, Rod Baker, Mary Brown, Chloe Shore, Lucy Traini, Monica Kawka, Norma Rodgers and Max Wyman.

We look forward to showcasing the calendar at the Christmas Fair on the 18th of November. Should you wish to pre-order some for family and friends afar, or just snag yours first, drop us an email at info@lionsbayarts.ca and we'll send you all the details.

Also, we are still looking for businesses and individuals who may wish to sponsor parts of the Calendar. All proceeds after costs are paid will go to Lions Bay Arts to

support our ArtSpark program for children/youth and our annual community events. We have the following opportunities available:

- * Business Name and logo on a monthly calendar page - \$150.00
- * Individual sponsorships available for all the statutory holidays in Canada and other world-wide holidays that you may wish to celebrate - \$50.00

Please note that Sponsorship opportunities will close on Oct 21, 2018. Send us an email to take advantage of these opportunities or for more information!



The Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee (LBBPAC) was established to explore opportunities for improvements at Lions Bay Beach Park. Through a series of meetings and resident consultation via a survey, the LBBPAC prepared recommendations for improvements to the beach park. For more information on the Committee and their recommendations, and to view and provide feedback on the Draft Concept Plan, visit our website by clicking [HERE](#) and view the billboard at the beach park if you go for a walk.

UPDATE: Council, both current and incoming, needs your feedback on this key Lions Bay amenity. Please take the time to review the Advisory Committee's recommendations and Draft Concept Plan and tell Council what you think at feedback@lionsbay.ca.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT



UPDATE ON 35 KELVIN GROVE WAY

Construction work on the new parcel at 35 Kelvin Grove Way is nearing completion. Crews have moved the previous ditch and hydrant infrastructure and roughed in services for the new lot at the corner of Kelvin Grove Way and the northbound offramp. Work should be completed by the end of next week.

As well, at the meeting on Tuesday evening, Council awarded the listing agreement for the sale of this parcel to Kim Taylor of Lions Bay and realtor with Royal LePage Sussex Realty.

Notice of Disposition of Land

GENERAL ELECTION 2018

General Election 2018

At 4 pm on September 24, 2018, the number of unopposed, declared candidates was equal to the number of positions open for Mayor and Councillor respectively.

Accordingly, the Chief Election Officer [declared](#) all candidates for Mayor and Councillor elected by acclamation as follows:

Mayor: McLaughlin, Ron
Councillor: Abbott, Neville
Councillor: Bain, Fred
Councillor: Barmeier, Norman
Councillor: Cunliffe, Jaime

Mayor and Councillors-Elect have posted their election platform materials [here](#). Please check the Municipal website for any updates.

School Trustees

With respect to the election of School Trustees for School District 45, an election by voting has been declared and information about candidates can be accessed below. Eligible electors of the Village of Lions Bay will have the opportunity to vote for School Trustee candidates on general voting day, **October 20, 2018, from 8 am to 8 pm in Council Chambers, 400 Center Road, Lions Bay, BC.**

Applications for mail ballot voting are available [here](#) via the District of West Vancouver, which is running the School Trustee election for the School District, and the mail ballot forms will apply to Lions Bay. Electors should note, however, the potential for a mail strike which may result in the need to return mail ballots prior to the deadline via courier or hand delivery.

[School District 45 School Trustee Candidate Profiles and Nomination Documents](#)

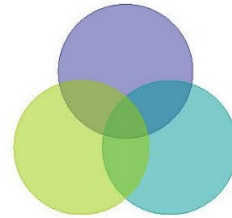
SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

1: The SSC is seeking a new name - imaginative suggestions please!

2: Come to the meeting of the SSC on Tuesday 23rd October to join our planning sessions over tea and cookies, 1:00-3:00 pm.

3: Watch for new events and activities happening in November!



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 - October 22, 2018 **CANCELLED**

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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