



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

WEEKLY E-POST

For the week ending: Friday, March 6, 2015

INFRASTRUCTURE QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Have a question for the Infrastructure Committee? Please send it to feedback@lionsbay.ca with the subject line "Infrastructure Q&A".

FIRESMART INITIATIVES

Is your home FireSmart? Watch this video to learn more:

<https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/resources-library/how-to-firesmart-your-home>

Did you know? By making some strategic choices in your yard you can create a FireSmart landscape design which may also help to conserve water. FireSmart Canada offers a manual which includes an extensive list of fire resistant plants and tips on landscaping materials. Access the manual here: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/images/uploads/resources/FireSmart-Guide-to-Lanscaping.pdf>

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LIONS BAY GRADE 12 STUDENTS

If you are a Lions Bay Grade 12 student intending to pursue post-secondary education, you are invited to apply for consideration for a Scholarship available in the Village under the aegis of the Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund, the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, and the Norman Kirby Scholarship Fund. If you are a student already enrolled at a post-secondary institution, you may also be eligible for a scholarship. Visit the Village website (under "Latest Municipal Updates" on the home page) to [download the application](#), or drop by the Village Office to pick-up a copy. **The deadline to submit your application is on or before May 4, 2015.**



LIONS BAY BEACH PARK - BOAT SPACE

The boat space yearly rental of \$100.00 per space is due for payment. Please come to the Village office during open hours to pay and collect your 2015 boat decal.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Time to spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 a.m. (or before you go to sleep Sunday night).



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RCMP ANNUAL REPORT

The RCMP presented the Lions Bay Annual Police Report for 2014 at the Regular Council meeting this week. Below are two of the crime statistics comparing 2013 to 2014. To view the rest of the [2014 Annual Police Report](#), go to the “on-table items” link in the March 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting on the Village website calendar.

Violent Crime

2013 / 2014

	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	% Change	5 Year Average 2009-2013
Violent Crime				
Total Violent CC	2	4	100.00%	1.6

	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	% Change	5 Year Average 2009-2013
Violent Crime				
Murder	0	0	n/a	0
Attempt Murder	0	0	n/a	0
Robbery	0	1	n/a	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	n/a	0
Domestic Violence	0	2	n/a	0.4
Assault w/ Weapon / CBH	0	1	n/a	0
All Assault	2	3	50.00%	1.6

Other Crime

2013 / 2014

	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	% Change	5 Year Average 2009-2013
Other Crime				
Abandon 911	78	94	20.51%	63.8
Cause Disturbance	2	2	0.00%	2.8
Intoxicated in Public Place	0	2	n/a	0.8
Missing Persons	6	2	-66.67%	3.8
Frauds	2	4	100.00%	2.8
Counterfeit Currency	0	0	n/a	0
Possession Cannabis 30 grams or under	2	2	0.00%	3.6
Possession Cannabis over 30 grams	0	0	n/a	0
Possession Cocaine	0	0	n/a	0.2
Possession Ecstasy	0	0	n/a	0



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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Infrastructure Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Meetings are open to the public.

SECONDARY SUITES

Do you have a secondary suite in your home? If so, please review the attached letter to all residents, following the frequently-asked question and answer page. This information is also available on the Village website, along with the [Secondary Suites Bylaw Amendment No. 475](#).

LIONS BAY MUSIC CLASS

Starting April 16, 2015, a new program by “Music Together” is being offered at the Village Hall. An early childhood music program, known for “family music” rather than “kiddie’s music”, with lively, engaging arrangements that are loved by children and adults alike. This is a research based, non-performance orientated children’s musical program that supports parent education and participation. Music Together offers 10 weekly 45 minute classes, teaching a new collection of

songs every fall, winter and spring. There is a limit to 12 children per class, being offered on Thursday’s at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The program is designed for children aged 0-5, in a mixed age class environment.

For more information about this program, or to sign your child up, please contact Tanya Cosgrave at tagsales@telus.net or call 604-813-0181.



PUBLIC WORKS

The Village’s Public Works department is pleased to announce the reopening of the Lions Bay tennis courts and Lions Bay Beach Park Washrooms! Originally scheduled for reopening on March 9, 2015; Village crews have cleaned and reopened the tennis court and Lions Bay Beach Park washrooms today so that residents can take advantage of the beautiful weather forecasted for this upcoming weekend.



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All Residents,

The Amended Secondary Suites Bylaw No. 475 - 2014 – was adopted on October 21, 2014. Important changes were made which have implications for all property owners that have secondary suites **(including existing suites)**.

1. The definition of a secondary suite was amended to mean “a separate dwelling unit which is completely contained within a Principal Place of Residence and comprises a bathroom, kitchen, sleeping and living area, and 220 wiring.”
2. **Existing** Secondary Suites **must** now be brought into compliance with the following minimum safety requirements:
 - i. Installation of interconnected smoke alarms with CO2 detectors;
 - ii. Fire-rated doors separating the Secondary Suite from the Principal Dwelling Unit;
 - iii. Minimum rating requirements for ceilings as approved by the authority having jurisdiction; and
 - iv. Mandatory bedroom exit route(s) to meet the BC Building Code regulation.
3. If an existing single family dwelling cannot provide a dedicated parking space for the Secondary Suite, then a notice must be placed on title and must meet the following requirements (referenced from Appendix A – Secondary Suites Bylaw Amendment No. 475, section 2):
 - i. The Covenanter acknowledges and agrees that in order to have a lawful secondary suite with the Principle Place of Residence on the Lands, that a dedicated parking space is required for the secondary suite, and the Covenanter shall not allow any use of occupancy of a secondary suite, unless and until parking on the Lands has been provided by way of driveway widening or tandem parking or other dedicated parking is provided to the Village’s satisfaction.
4. **Grandfathering does not apply** to the Secondary Suites Bylaw No. 475 – 2014. The bylaw applies to all residents with a Secondary Suite.

To arrange an inspection of your existing suite or if you have any questions, please contact the building inspector at building@lionsbay.ca.

To review the full Secondary Suites Bylaw No. 475, please refer to www.lionsbay.ca under the Municipal Services tab.

Thank you,
The Village of Lions Bay

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Q & A Regarding the Amended Secondary Suite Bylaw

1. Question: I thought my secondary suite was grandfathered. Can Council change this?

Answer: Yes. Council can rescind and amend a Bylaw at any time if they are agreed.

2. Question: I have had a suite for 10 years, has anything changed for me?

Answer: Yes. As of the date the new Bylaw was adopted (October 21, 2014) all secondary suites need to meet minimum safety requirements and have a dedicated parking spot.

3. Question: I don't have a big enough driveway for my tenant to park, where are they going to park now?

Answer: If there is no space on your property, you will need to contact the building inspector to discuss options.

4. Question: I can't afford to put in a second exit – does this mean I can't have a suite?

Answer: Yes. All suites must meet the minimum safety requirements.

5. Question: What happens if I don't comply?

Answer: If the suite does not meet the requirements set out in the bylaw, a notice can be placed on title and the owner of the property may be fined up to \$10,000.

6. Question: My suite is empty, do I still have to meet the requirements?

Answer: Yes. All suites must be compliant. However, if you wish to have the suite decommissioned, the 220 volt wiring for the cooking facilities has to be removed.

7. Question: How long do I have to meet the new safety requirements?

Answer: 30 days from the date of the inspection.

8. Questions: How do I get a notice placed on title for a dedicated parking spot?

Answer: By a solicitor or notary public.

9. Question: Do I need a building permit to bring my secondary suite into compliance with the minimum safety requirements?

Answer: Yes. A building permit is required.