



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

WEEKLY E-POST

For the week ending: Friday, March 13, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Last week Councillors Helen Waterson and Fred Bain and I, along with C.A.O. Mandy Koonts, Public Works Manager Nikii Hoglund and Lions Bay Fire & Rescue's Bob Allan, held a round table with BC Ambulance Lions Bay station's Acting Unit Chief, Lions Bay and North Shore Search & Rescue (Brent Calkin and Mike Danks, respectively), Lions Bay Emergency Social Services (Eileen Wilke), and Squamish RCMP (Staff Sgt. Brian Cumming). We met to discuss gaps and opportunities in Lions Bay's public safety coverage, and to determine if there were any lessons learned from the major public safety incident we experienced in late December. It was an eye-opening discussion for me. I already knew each of these operations was skilled and experienced, but like in December I was struck by their dedication, especially as much of the effort is undertaken and often paid for by volunteers.

After 90 minutes of solid discussion, we drew three main conclusions. First, in a multi-agency situation, communication is vital and can be improved through common radio equipment. In an Emergency Operations Center incident, the commander is obvious (they wear a vest saying so), but in the field less so, so a protocol to designate clear incident commander, usually the senior RCMP officer, may be needed. EComm is the provincial emergency radio standard, and quite expensive (several thousand dollars to purchase each unit, in addition to hundreds of dollars of monthly service fees), but the Village is already looking to obtain spare units for responders through a Provincial grant program.

Two, we have very few Lions Bay Search & Rescue volunteers living in the Village anymore, and it takes some time to get here, either by private car to switch to the S&R truck housed at the Fire Hall, or by heading to YVR to ride in on the S&R helicopter. There may be some benefit to paying and training for driving here Code 3 (lights and siren). The standard for S&R is high and training is rigorous, and Lions Bay should actively commence recruiting new S&R volunteers, both among interested volunteer firefighters, and from residents. Consider this the first recruitment drive! If you love the mountains, do we have an offer for you....

Third, since Lions Bay Field is often used as a rescue helicopter landing zone, the Municipality and School District should consider working on installing a windsock, plus power outlets for rescue equipment.



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All of these conclusions cost money, but now we have a few opportunities to focus on. Please plan on attending the upcoming Lions Bay Community Safety Forum on April 23 in the Village Hall to learn more.

Finally, in case it's not obvious, on behalf of the Village I offer my heartfelt thanks and deep admiration to every one of the dedicated, self-effacing and kind experts who keep us safe.

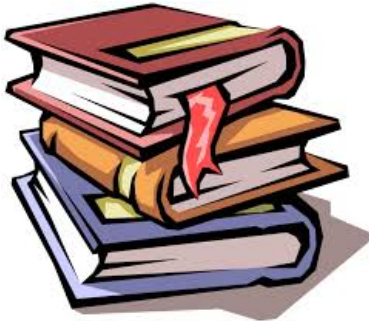
Cheers,
Karl

LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

The Lions Bay Library invites the Village residents to attend a “this is not a book sale” event on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to make way for our new books, in our new space. We have many Adult Fiction and Non Fiction books that we thought our residents might like to give a happy home – free of charge – and they are in excellent condition. Please come, visit with our volunteers, and please bring a bag to fill!

LIBRARY RE-OPENING DATES:

Monday, March 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Thursday, April 2nd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 5th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



This schedule will be maintained throughout April while we accommodate new programs taking place in the Community Hall i.e. dance, Brownies etc.

All parents are welcome to visit the library while children's activities take place in the Hall. We hope to have the schedule in place fully from May onward and we will be posting any changes.

We are extremely pleased with the new look of the library and hope to see the return of many friends and former members. The room is set up to encourage your visit, see our new books, relax, read, and eventually to partake in programs that we hope to present in the future.

Our membership fees remain the same: **Family Dues - \$20.00**
 Single Dues - \$12.50

The volunteers are looking forward to greeting new and former readers!



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COMMUNITY CENTRE GRAND RE-OPENING

You are cordially invited to the Lions Bay Community Centre Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your [formal invitation](#) is attached.

LIONS BAY ANNUAL REPORT PHOTOS

We need your help! Do you have recent photos of Village scenery or events that you would like to submit for consideration in the 2014 annual report? If so, please send them to feedback@lionsbay.ca and be sure to include your full name so we can credit the photo in the report!

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - CANCELLED

The Regular Council Meeting on March 17th has been cancelled. The next Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OFFICE – EXTENDED HOURS FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

The Village office will extend their hours from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17th and Thursday March 26th to accommodate payment of utility bills.

55+ CLUB

The 55+ Club is holding a “Tea and Chocolate” event on March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. All 55+ residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served and feedback sought for further 55+ programs activities.



KELVIN GROVE WASHROOMS

The Public Works crew is happy to announce that the Kelvin Grove washrooms are now open for use!

ACCESSIBILITY WALKWAY CONSTRUCTION

The weather cooperated and the accessibility walkway construction is expected to be complete by Monday, March 16th. We thank residents and hall users for their patience and for respecting the varying access instructions to the facility during this project.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have comments, questions, kudos or concerns, we want to hear them! Suggestions for ePost content? Programs for the hall? General odds’n’sods? Send them to our “virtual suggestion box” by emailing feedback@lionsbay.ca

DOG LICENSE RENEWALS

Just a reminder that after March 30th, the dog license fee doubles. Please visit the office to purchase or renew your dog license.



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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".

Question:

Why does the water taste like chlorine if we have UV disinfection?

Answer:

In response to this question the Infrastructure Committee, (IC) worked with Public Works to complete a series of tests to first satisfy ourselves that the Village's ultraviolet disinfection plants are working as designed, and that the design is adequate.

IC members Tony Greville and Brian Ulrich, both experts in UV disinfection of water, reviewed the UV reactor units' specifications against the design documents to confirm that we have what the designers of the system expected. We do, but to double-check, we have requested the third-party validation report for the units, produced during commissioning. We will have this shortly from AECOM (formerly EarthTech).

At the request of the IC, Public Works analyzed a slew of samples to measure depletion of the chlorine added to the water at the plants. Drinking water standards require a chlorine residual of at least 0.1 parts per million at any point in the system. Due to our topography in Lions Bay certain parts of the network, especially at the ends, were designed with large pipes to supply adequate fire flows. These sections hold too much volume to allow adequate flow because of few downstream users. Subsequently to ensure we maintain the required chlorine residual, we front end load the top of the system to ensure at least 0.1 parts per million at the the slowest moving sections. Public Works must increase the dosage at the front of the system to around 0.7 ppm. If you happen to be near the front of the system, your chlorine is going to be high.



How are we addressing this issue? The IC is working on several recommendations to Council.

- Install piping loops to keep water flowing through the network so that we can be sure of adequately chlorinated water at all points. Very expensive.
- Twinning the large fire piping with smaller higher flow rate lines to the domestic service connection. Also expensive.
- Installing downstream chlorine injection throughout the system. Less expensive, and it means the dosage at the plants can be reduced, but doesn't help those at the end of low flow water lines.



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- Another approach is running water every morning to bring in fresher water that hasn't off gassed its chlorine, which is what Public Works does every morning at Brunswick Beach in an abundance of caution.
- Flushing or scouring selected runs more often than the regulated annual sequence.

The IC is looking at all of these, and more, with a view to reducing excess chlorination of our water. Stay tuned!

VILLAGE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

The Bylaw and Policy Review Committee had its first meeting on March 11th. The Committee's mandate is to analyze and review current bylaws and policies for effectiveness and advise council on bylaw and policy amendment or deletion. The committee's regular schedule will be to meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Bylaw Tidbits – did you know?

The Village's Good Neighbour Bylaw, No. 412 provides for the regulation of such things as:

- Unsightly premises
- Accumulation of stagnant water
- Storage of uninsured vehicles
- Accumulation of certain types of brush and noxious weeds

To view a full version of the bylaw, visit the Village website at www.lionsbay.ca

The Bylaw Enforcement Position is staffed on a part time, seasonal basis from mid-April to September. During the remainder of the year, certain staff members are authorized to act in a Bylaw Enforcement Officer capacity. Bylaw complaints can be reported to the Village Office for further follow up by staff.