

1. **Erin French:** Very much looking forward to the original plans. It's what we fundraised for.
2. **Kim Taylor:** We love the Lions Bay Beach Park plans as presented (I understand today is the last day to give feedback!)
3. **Alison Dudley:** I love the plan. Thanks so much for all the hard work on this.
4. **Dawn Hope:** The most important upgrade to the beach park is to redo the washrooms. The second is to improve accessibility/safety for aging/disabled residents. That means railings to be installed on the lower steep stairs.

Everything else should be on our future wish list. These individual projects could be done over time, as money allows. Using volunteers to design, fundraiser, & possibly help build.

5. **Riley Darr:** I would like to request that this beach park revitalization be presented properly to the village residents. Please hold a town hall meeting specifically for this. I know this may have happened years ago, but the consultation from 2017 / 2018 is no longer current. These consultations were done prior to COVID and prior to Lions Bay Beach being "discovered" on the provincial and world stage as a destination. In 2018 there was no need to consider things such as a "residents area" or a residents club house or an area where residents can enjoy the beach when the out of towners flood the beach and park and make it not enjoyable to be at. We also are faced with having to fund the ongoing repairs and maintenance of this beach park to provide it to non tax paying visitors, and I believe that an area for the residents to enjoy year round would be hugely beneficial. I think the ability to monetize some aspect of the beach park (a day pass / park pass like you pay when you visit Banff National Park) would be extremely beneficial for the finances of the village and thought about before proceeding.

I would also like to request to be involved in the selection of the playground (be a part of the parent group that weighs in on the playground) not all playgrounds are actually fun for kids, and it would be such a shame / waste of money to spend a bunch of money on new playgrounds only to have them not be appropriate for the kids of Lions Bay.

I reached out to a bunch of friends in the village that had no idea that there was a Sept 29th deadline for providing feedback on the beach park project. This needs to be extended and the current families deserve the chance to weigh in, now that the project has been delayed to 2022 / 2023. Thank you

6. **Jason Darr:** I think that further consultation is needed. I believe in this project and I suspect that all the new families to Lions Bay would be in favour of this wonderful opportunity as well as many of the long time residents who actually use this park. Finding a way to monetize this park should be a consideration, such as a clubhouse that

is only available to residents that could be rented out for occasions perhaps... and maybe some thought toward ways to monetize the park through day passes etc for visitors who want to come here. Seems crazy to me to spend all this money for their benefit and leave us with the cost of cleaning up after them. Please extend this deadline for feedback as most people that we speak with are unaware of this.

7. **Emily Lapkin:** My family is in favour of the beach park upgrades, in fact, knowing they were planned was among the deciding factors in our purchasing our home in LB. It's a lovely beach - it could be much nicer and far more accessible to the public. With thousands of visitors per month in peak season, I trust our village leaders can figure out a way to monetize their interest in our community. I look forward to spending more time at the beach with these upgrades in place.
8. **Dawn Mitchell:** The Lions Bay Beach project: Firstly this is very poor timing! Projects and expenditures such as this one should be paused until after the election. Secondly this should have been done as a simple survey versus the complicated way you are gathering input for the project. And thirdly I believe the project design created is beyond affordability at this time for Lions Bay. I also question why the project at a cost to tax payers was fully redesigned. The design created by the volunteers on the beach project committee years ago (that was used to apply for the grant) was almost identical to the costly redesign that the hired project managers created. I like everyone else would like to see the beach park revitalized and feel that it can be done on budget with proper Lions Bay consultation separating need to do from nice to do so it remains affordable and the use of volunteers and existing staff to design and build as much as is possible versus hiring outside consultants.
9. **Jason Darr:** Further to my comments submitted yesterday, I also wanted to add the following feedback that needs to be included in the agenda.

It seems we have 3 ways to look at this;

1. People don't want to spend a dime on the park and let it fall apart completely... no interest in the upkeep of our community.
2. People who want to improve only the necessary things such as the bathrooms (based on this budget it seems this would be \$300,000 to rebuild them). There seems to be the idea that we can just do a part of the project and we can get a part of the grant. Is this fact? Can we just do a part of the project and still be eligible for grant money?
3. People who want the park improved who are willing to pay the Lions Bay portion (less than \$300,000) to get the full \$1,000,000 worth of funding to improve this park.

In my opinion, anyone who wants to just let the village fall into disarray is doing this because they simply can no longer afford to live here. Why should Lions Bay turn into a decrepit place to live because of this? These people can sell their homes and make a bundle compared to what they paid decades ago. Our property values should be protected.

I may be misunderstanding how grants work, but I imagine that if we choose to only fix the bathrooms, we would not receive the grant money. So why would we choose to spend 2-3 hundred thousand to only get bathrooms out of our pocket when we can spend the same (or less!) to get the whole park done? Please explain this to our community so that people can make a decision based in common sense rather than in haste and spite. Thanks

10. **Karen Jeffery:** I would like to offer the following feedback on the recent flyer that was sent around regarding the proposed renovations to the Lions Bay Beach Park. Here are some FACTS that I think need to be considered, as well as some questions that I believe should be answered before proceeding.

First of all, I'd like to state that I can appreciate a lot of work has gone into this project, and that I think we all want an functioning Beach Park that we can be proud of. While I am not crazy about the design as it doesn't reflect anything our rural Village that embraces our West Coast appeal (specifically the container washrooms), it is the lack of consultation, the process, and timing of the decision making in the middle of an election, along with a design that has inflated the budget in a direction that is of the most concern to me.

- The original survey for the Beach Park was done in 2017.
- Only 128 people took the survey, 17 of which lived outside of the Village leaving 111 residents taking the survey. At the time, according to Stats Can, the population of Lions Bay was approximately 1393.
- This represents only **8%** of our population.
- Of the 111 respondents the top three requests were:
 - 81% - new washrooms,
 - 73% - change room facilities,
 - 70% - picnic tables.
- In the Capital Improvement section it's hard to ascertain what is exactly being proposed as it's cut off, but from what I can see
 - 91% wanted: Provide Cold Fresh Water...
 - 84% wanted: Repair two sets of ston...
 - 77% wanted: Replace Plumbing and...
- In addition to this, Respondents answered NO! on the following:
 - 54% Storage Lockers
 - 48% Warm Indoor Showers
 - 42% Terrace the grass area (...)

What the above says to me, is that if you are going to reference this as an example of community input, feedback, and recommendations, and tout it as successful community engagement, at the very least, you should be listening to the the results. One of your Councillors boasted on Facebook how this project was an example of "**#Inclusivity**" in

action. 90% of the survey is about usage and demographics, while the actual meat of the survey is preliminary at best. Perhaps there was another survey or townhall that I missed?

I'm curious to know how many of the original Beach Park Committee members:

- are still involved with the project?
- endorse the current direction of the project?
- support the expenditure of the project?
- recommended and supported going to an outside firm to do the design and renderings instead of using the design that won the grant?

I think if you could get one of them, some of them or better all of them, to endorse your direction and expenditure that might go along way in making your case and finding support within the greater community.

With regard to funds already being allocated and grants already being awarded, all awarded grants request that a revised budget be submitted once awarded as they are aware that projects shift and change between proposals - implementation - completion. It's why there's a follow up report. Being self critical and pivoting to accommodate revisions based on facts, feedback and new realities is not a failure, it's a sign that you are actually listening to people and responding accordingly to the realities on the ground.

I would like to address the decision or the assumption that Volunteer labour is not allowed under the collective agreement. Not only is that a misrepresentation and distortion of facts, but it is a disservice to all of the volunteer labour out there that have given countless hours in helping build hospitals, schools, parks, daycares, and houses to name a few. Revitalizing the Beach Park should be a community building event. Any notion that somehow safety codes would not be adhered to should not be a concern as all projects (Volunteer labour or not) need to meet building codes and pass inspections. No one is suggesting otherwise. Revitalizing the Beach Park is not within the scope of the collective agreement as we are not taking away any possible employment from the current crew. You are proposing to hire a contractor along with third party crew.

Lions Bay is filled with qualified contractors, electricians, carpenters, - there is more than enough volunteer labour to cover most of the needs for the renovations. In addition to this, in my 30 plus years of successfully writing grants, funding bodies, especially government funding bodies, want to see volunteerism and services in kind, utilized as much as possible - it's called community support.

I would like to ask that this project be scaled back, slowed down to get it right, and not use this project as an obvious election platform.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this feedback.

11. **Sabine Jones:** Thank you for all the info and planning from the playscape committee . Very Impressive and I must add, I was(back in the day) involved in the original rebuild of the playground, about 30 yrs ago . I know how much work this has been. Well done and definitely needing an improvement.

Definitely applaud the renewal of washroom facility, this should be priority number 1. My one concern is that the new washrooms be maintained and kept open throughout the entire year .

Not needing heating in fall and winter months , just accessible and cleaned.

Also not really getting an idea of the “tot play area” . It’s wonderful to have joyful bubble idea... but what exactly is this ? Could a 1-2 year old toddler, climb about on said structures safely and confidently, and give them enough of a challenge?

I’m not sure the photo or description is giving me a clear idea of what this is ? Will there be a slide and swing set for toddlers only in this area?

From my experience it’s best to have little ones separated from the more boisterous older kids, hence a “tot area“.

The picture of the green body support swing ... can a small toddler fit into this swing , without sliding out? Or is that planned for an older child with handicap or mobility issues?

My experience as a grandmother of two young ones,(and we visit numerous playgrounds) they love to climb and swing and slide , this helps them developed skills with confidence and pleasure.

Also friendly enough structures, for grandparents who are watching over them .

The slope slide looks awesome, great idea.

What type of material will be used on playground surface under structures , wood chips or pea gravel ? This wasn’t actually mentioned.

Lastly , will there be a call out for village volunteers to help rebuild the playground when actual construction starts? Perhaps could help keep costs down? Help in building new kayak storage enclosure , picnic area , spread sand or wood chips etc.

My thoughts ... thanks and keep up the good work .

12. **Michael and Brenda Broughton:** No to Council moving any motions that involve receipt, action or expenditures as we are in an active Election Period. It is strongly recommended and normal municipal practice that any motions should be postponed until the new Council is sworn in.

We were disappointed to find out at 4:05 pm today that my comments would not be included in the October 4th, 2022, Council package. I am pleased to have it included as an 'On Table' submission, as promised. The deadline for submissions was noted as September 29th, 2022. **The Public was not provided with any time deadline. A person picking this up at their mailbox today after work, would not be able to respond.**

1. **We are in support of Beach Park Revitalization, and in support of Community Consultation as it enriches projects. This mailout does not constitute Community Consultation.**
2. The Beach Park Revitalization Plan #3, within 4/5 months, that was mailed out Tuesday, September 27th, with an All-Candidates Meeting that night, requiring 'comments or questions' by Thursday, September 29th; does not meet the parameters for Community Consultation.
3. The Plan was mailed out on September 27th, 2022 with a requirement that feedback be submitted on September 29th, 2022 without any deadline time, thus presumably midnight. However, it was 4pm which was an unadvertised time. People may not have picked up their mail by deadline. Ad mail, which this is, goes to only about 1/3 or ¼ of Lions Bay Post Office Boxes.
4. The Revised Beach Park Plan requires Public Consultation. **Public consultation enriches a plan tremendously with idea enriching, information giving, and obtaining Village buy-in.**
5. Request No Village of Lions Bay Council Resolutions be passed regarding the Beach Park Revitalization 3rd Plan, the connector, or any substantive business, at the October 4th, 2022 Council Meeting, as this is an active election period.
6. Our outstanding Official Community Plan and the Community Charter recommend Community Consultation.
7. Russ and Dorothy Meiklejohn, Lions Bay Residents and owners of Millenia, an Architectural firm, served on the Beach Park Community Consultation Committee to envision Beach Park revitalization in 2017. Some 5 years ago.
 - a. The Millenia, January 2019 Beach Park Plan was based on public consultation from 2017 and was completed Pro Bono, except for submission of staff costs.
 - b. The Millenia Pro Bono Beach Park Revitalization Plan was submitted by the Village of Lions Bay to obtain the Grant Funding and posted on the Beach House as the Plan.
 - c. Millenia partnered with an architectural landscape organization to respond to a Request For Proposal, circa June or July, 2022 let by a consulting firm, Core, hired by the Village. They received Receipt of their submission and then heard nothing further from Core or the Village again. Again, the Millenia plan was used to garner Grant Funding.

- i. Apparently a serving Councillor is advising people that Millennia did not submit a response to the June or July, 2022, Core Consultant RFP. **This is simply not true. This Council member should be directed to phone all people that have been misguided and correct the record.**
- d. The Village posted the Millennia Beach Park Plan for Village viewing on the Beach House/Washroom for a lengthy period of time, but is now not the plan for Beach Park Revitalization.
- i. The Village removed the Millennia plan on or about April 29th, 2022, the day of the Volunteer Recognition Event.
- e. May 20th, 2022, Council in the Village Update asked Villagers to review the new 2nd Beach Park Revitalization plan.
 - i. This plan included replacing fencing at the request of the Marina,
- 1. ... and other suggestions, I had not heard of and there was no plan for the washroom upgrade.
- f. We both commented during Public Participation at an early June 2022 Council Meeting. Former Mayor Broughton asked if any of the 5 Council members were aware of, and familiar with, the new Beach Park Revitalization plan.
 - i. All five members of Council did not respond. Indicating they were not aware, for example that the washrooms were not in the plan, that the large playscape was being removed under the auspices that it needed one new part. Brenda reported that our granddaughter's school had recently put in such a playscape, that this company was actively in business, and that the part would be available. The Public Works Manager reported that he had recently realized this and could order the replacement part which had not breached, rather the coating had come away on the one part.
- g. Suddenly without the community knowing, in Summer 2022, an RFP was being sent out for Beach Park Revitalization design, design #3 and Millennia, who had done extensive work without charge to the community, other than staff costs, had served on the Park Public Consultation Committee to develop the Beach Park Revitalization Plan, #1, received a receipt only for its submission, and only became aware of the successful bidder when it was announced by Council. No clarification or meetings occurred as would, apparently, be normal bid/proposal practice.
- h. Again, suddenly and unexpectedly Villagers have been asked to look at yet a 3rd plan in about 4 or 5 months, for the Beach Park Revitalization Plan, during an active election period, without Village Consultation.
- i. We request that Council 'rest' on any substantive item during an election period. Instead, Council rushed to contract with a Landscape Architectural group to provide a plan that Village residents have had no say in developing and offered no reasonable, knowledge-based consultation process.
- j. Council has been busy during the summer hiring consultants for both the Beach Park Revitalization and the connector, totalling about \$140,000 in Consultant costs activated via Council vote, during an election period and without public consultation of the Plan.

So what is wrong with this process? :

- a. We know that Community Consultation improves projects, right sizes projects, and achieves Village buy-in and thus excitement.
- b. Magnificent Village-like projects are created resulting from Village Public Consultation.
- c. The Village Official Community Plan, Section 4.9, page 11, states:
 - a. i) encouraging public participation in committees;
 - b. ii) undertaking full, open, and transparent discussion of all issues; and
 - c. iii) reaching timely, enforceable decisions

It is recommended that Council vote to *remove* any decisions that include receipt, actions, or expenditures regarding the Beach Park Plan and regarding the connector, which has had no community consultation, despite the promise in December 2020 and January 2021 to engage in Village consultation prior to moving forward.

It is responsible for Council to resolve to remove all matters pertaining to receipt, action or expenditure from Council's Agendas until after new Council has been sworn in.

Again, Council must ***not*** make any decision or obligate the Village with regard to the connector as ***there has been no Village Community Consultation of any kind.***

13. **Ron McLaughlin:** I am very excited that this long desired upgrade is within reach. I like what is being proposed and look forward to its completion next May long weekend.
14. **Lori Atherton:** Thank you for considering resident comments on the current beach park design. I've just had a chance to review and have the following thoughts:
 1. The new hard court surface is not needed and is out of place in the park, taking away green space. There are court surfaces in two other locations in the Village.
 2. The covered picnic area will block the view from the top level and may become dirty and unsightly. Another thing to maintain and not really necessary.
 3. Love that the boat racks are back in the hidden area.
 4. Love the memorial play scape but it's not clear what it is and may be too large if it doesn't engage enough children. Need play structure for 0-4 year olds here. Maybe balls combined with other things.
 5. Location of swings may need to be reviewed so kids aren't being hit by swings as they run around.
 6. Love the use of the hill for play space.
 7. Great addition for wheelchair accessibility but it needs to end at a flat hard area for the users who most likely can't navigate the sand. Could it be combined on the opposite side by the boat rack and end at the pavilion perhaps? Needs more thought.
 8. Can't find rendering of proposed washroom building but can see finishes and plans. Good idea to add extra space for storage but could this be something that can transform into a serving area at the for our community events like Canada Day etc where food is prepped/ drinks served or

used as a craft area for possible summer art programs. Another idea is for a concession stand to generate extra income as our beach is now a major summer destination.

I've been a practicing commercial designer for over 25 years and my greatest wish is for all to be highly functional for the next many years and for it to be aesthetically pleasing. I was not able to volunteer for the original committee but am happy to help review/advise on any decisions that need to be made in the future build.