July 21, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD

UNUSUAL FLOW INTO KELVIN GROVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Public Works is concerned about unusual flow into the Kelvin Grove wastewater treatment plant:



For over a year we've seen a steady one liter or so a second in the overnight hours. We don't expect use from residential connections overnight, but we also don't think it's groundwater infiltrating the sewer: we fixed the few leaks we found with smoke tests last year, and anyway, the summer water table is likely beneath most sewers by now. Dyed surface water sources don't show up at the wastewater plant either. We've checked the measurement equipment. We think this has to be a domestic water source, running into the drain. And it's running at about 20,000 gallons per day. Not only is this flow taxing the plant, it's water the whole community might like to have come late summer.

Connection of foundation and field drains, sumps and other collectors of surface or ground water to the sewer is not permitted, but may have been done by a plumber who didn't know. **Please check**. Once-through indoor water features or power generation are a no-no the world over, but not unheard of in unmetered communities. If you have anything like that, please **permanently disconnect it** now. The next step will be opening manholes between 3 and 5 a.m. to find the source, and sanctions *start* with cutting off water service for use contrary to Bylaw #2.

Public Works has closed the lower gate at Lions Bay Beach Park at the request of the management of Lions Bay Marina Ltd. As a private business, they were concerned about people using it to ramble their parking lot, in jeopardy of heavy equipment and cars, and they understandably didn't want their private property being used to access a public park. To avoid liability toward people tempted to climb the fence, the municipality has erected signage that climbing the fence is dangerous. Which it is, especially if you're small and fall.



Commencing Monday, July 31, please expect road resurfacing work throughout the Village, and particularly on mid-Bayview, mid-Oceanview at Highview and on mid-Upper Kelvin Grove Way. Please expect occasional driveway restrictions, single laning, and flaggers. Most of the work areas are No Parking stretches, and we will hand-deliver notices to affected addresses asking for vehicles to be moved off the street for the while.



Lions Bay Bear Smart reports that bears accessing garbage on the street on Fridays has all but dried up, which means the collection schedule is working. Thank you to all residents for the effort. However, Bear Smart also reports increased bear activity on days other than Friday, and based on neighbour complaints to Bylaw (bylaw@lionsbay.ca), it's clear bear attractants are still being stored outdoors, contrary to the requirements of the Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw. The bylaw requires that "receptacles...shall at all times be securely housed to ensure that the contents do not attract and are not accessible to wildlife." Garbage cans, which are attractive empty or full, generally can't be kept outdoors or in wooden sheds (which prove not to be bear-proof).

UPDATE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Residential Wildfire Protection Sprinkler Kits

WASP Residential Wildfire Protection Sprinkler Kits are still available for sale at the Village Office for a discounted rate of \$180.00 tax included.



Visit the WASP website for additional information Wildfire Protection

Kit



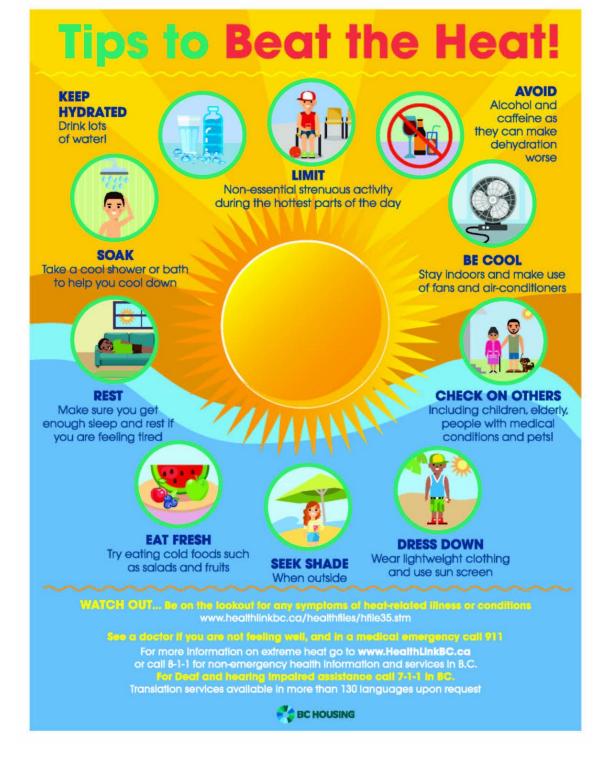
COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COUNCIL IS ON SUMMER BREAK

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
September 5, 2023 at 6:00pm*
*Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY

LIONS BAY EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES (ESS)



Lions Bay Emergency Support Services is working to ensure Lions Bay Residents are Informed, Engaged and Prepared. It's going to get hot, hot, hot so play it smart.



steady progress, in service of which we have agreed to continue meeting throughout the summer. We are pleased to share the following updates.

The Committee has received three solid responses to our Playground RFP, and will be evaluating the merits of each in order to consolidate our recommendation to Council in the coming weeks. All three companies have met with members of the Committee in a tour of the Park to discuss our requirements and ask questions. As mentioned previously, the Committee sampled the interests and needs of children as well as seniors several months ago to ensure our commitment to building a multigenerational Park for all to enjoy.

Similarly, we look forward to receiving responses to our Construction Manager RFP from two highly experienced and local parties on July 28. Both were in attendance at last evening's meeting, and we greatly appreciate their enthusiasm. Their responses will then be evaluated and discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Russ Meiklejohn of Millenia, winning respondent to our architecture RFP, presented a second round of conceptual drawings last evening. The Committee leaned in with comments, questions and what-ifs, all in the interests of the long view of the renovation of the Beach Park. The level of fruitful collaboration was inspiring. Our next meeting is August 2nd, at which time the Committee will be presented with actual visuals and materials based on our discussions. Of note, while there will be a new washroom building, we are investigating the possibilities of repurposing the existing washroom structure through the lens of budget and function.

Lastly, the Committee wishes to underscore that all of the above includes environmental, sustainable, and local considerations. For example, the Committee has commissioned an arborist report on the trees in the Park; we are looking at sourcing local materials to reflect our sense of place; we are looking at washroom fixtures that will best suit the needs of Park goers as well as the requisite water consumption; we are looking at construction materials that will be low maintenance and sustainable for many years to come, to name but a few of the considerations on our list.

The Committee looks forward to providing an update on all of the above following our next meeting.



This memo is to advise community members about upcoming invasive plant treatments in Lions Bay. Please click the button below for more information.

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