



Village Update

February 9, 2024

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



The Village of Lions Bay updates its five-year Financial Plan each year, as required by the BC Community Charter. The purpose of the five-year Financial Plan is to provide a budgetary framework for the Village to plan the management of its resources, revenues and expenditures in order to best serve the community.

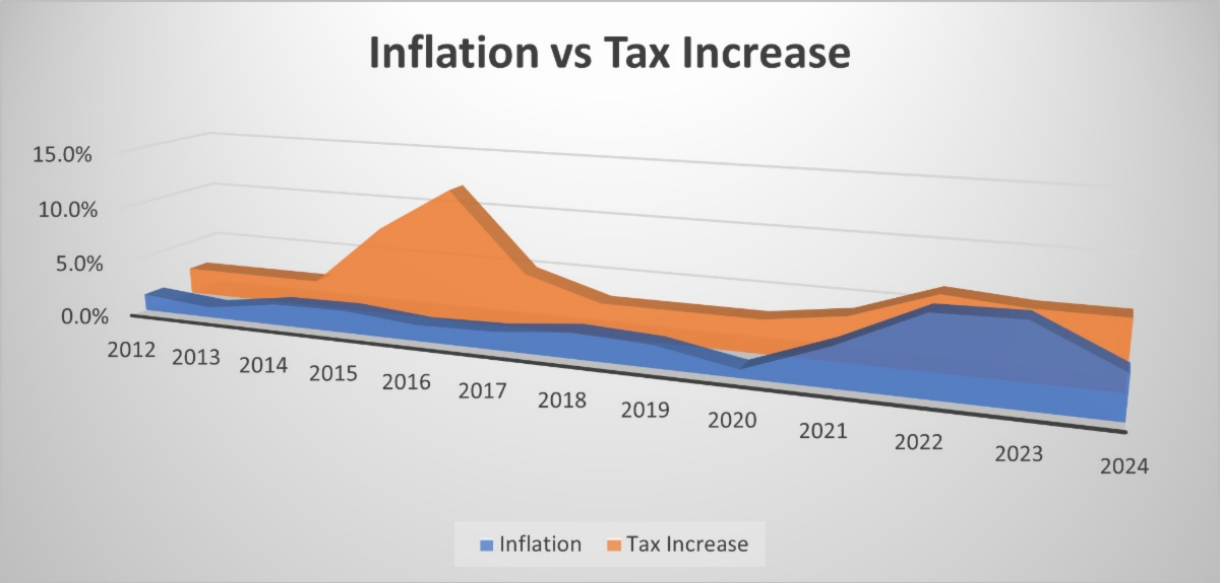
The Village is required by provincial law to balance its operating and capital budgets each year. Simply put, the money raised must equal the money spent. To ensure a balanced budget, the Village can (a) increase its revenues via property taxes and/or user fees; and/or (b) manage expenditures through adapting or reducing the cost of programs and/or services. The five-year Financial Plan must be adopted by Council on or before May 15th.

Core Budget

The budgeting process begins with a discussion of the core budget, which encompasses the Village's normal operating expenses and revenues associated with the day-to-day provision of services. The core budget is developed with reference to the prior year approved budget to maintain current levels of service and incorporates inflationary and other adjustments as necessary.

The preliminary core budget for 2024 incorporates a 6% increase in property tax. Each 1% increase in property taxes equates to approximately \$17,845 in additional revenue to the Village (\$30 per household).

The preliminary core budget also incorporates 5% increase in user rates for water, sewer, and solid waste.

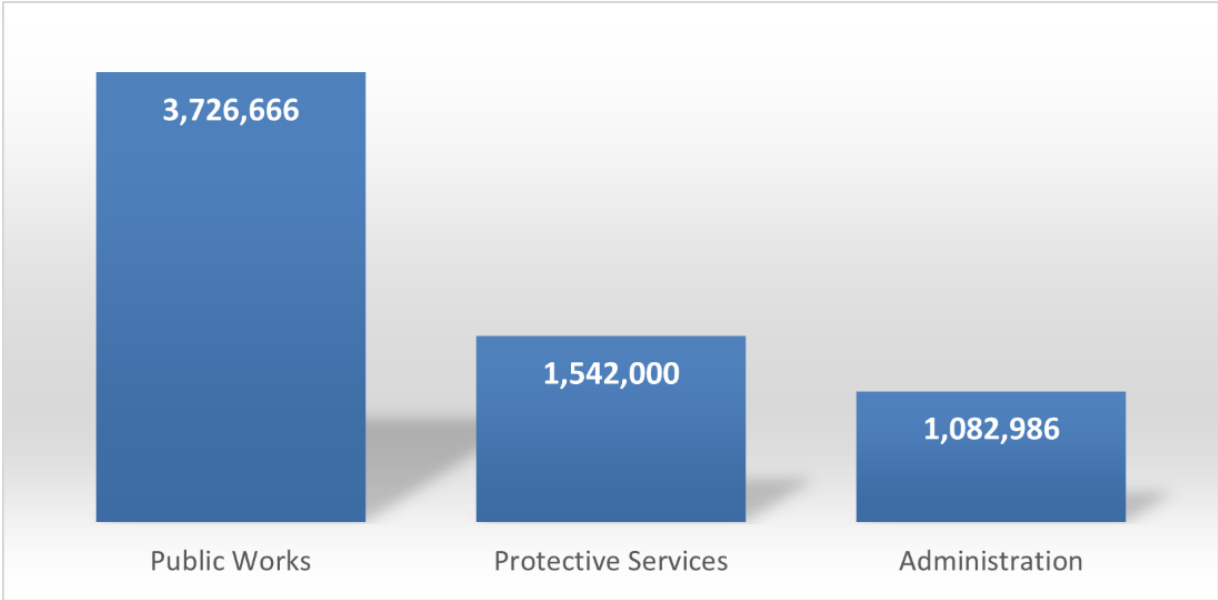


Supplementals

New programs and/or services such as increased costs and staffing implications are incorporated into the core budget moving forward or as a one-time expense and/or a one-time revenue and are referred to as supplemental requests.

The Committee of the Whole met February 6, 2024 to receive presentations from departmental leaders regarding their supplemental requests and will discuss priorities for inclusion in the 2024 budget at their upcoming meeting on February 13.

Supplemental requests being discussed amount to \$6.4 million dollars; significant requests include (a) new fire truck; (b) replacement of highway tank; (c) Lions Bay Beach Park revitalization (73% grant funded); Klatt building renovation (100% grant funded); and drainage. A full list of supplemental requests is available for review in the Committee of the Whole package posted on the Village website.



Supplemental requests by department

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in Council Chambers. Public participation may be in person or through Zoom (link provided in Agenda posted to the Village Website). Additionally, comments may be emailed

A schedule of our past meetings and upcoming meetings is [HERE](#)

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dates to Watch For...

- ⇒ Dog Tag early payment discount - February 29, 2024.
- ⇒ 2024 Utility Notices, TBA.
- ⇒ Property Taxes, will be issued no less than 6 weeks prior to due date of July 14, 2024.

Ways to Pay...

- ◇ In person via cheque, cash, or debit*.
 - ◇ Credit Card** payments via the Village website: <https://www.lionsbay.ca/services/financial-services/online-services>.
 - ◇ Through your financial institution.
- * Be sure to check your own daily limits.
** Service fees will apply.

Filling the Gap...

It is legislated by the Province of BC that any monies owing to a municipality on December 31, of each year become taxes in arrears. Balances get rolled over into your tax account at the beginning of the new year.

Some people received a courtesy letter informing them of the balance on their account, as of January 31, 2024. It is not a request for payment.

Good News...

RBC is now set up as a vendor to accept Village Tax and Utility Payments.

On the Horizon...

Watch for our weekly updates. Have a question you want to share? Please email us below.

Any Questions, please call or email: 604-921-9333 ext. 1004 or accounting@lionsbay.ca



Fees from January 1st to February 29th:

- \$60 for Unaltered Dog
- \$30 for Spayed or Neutered Dog

Fees after February 29th:

- \$90 for Unaltered Dog
 - \$45 for Spayed or Neutered Dog
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Lions Bay Fire Rescue is in search of Volunteer Firefighters

Become a part of the team – submit your application today!
Visit the Recruitment Process page by clicking [HERE](#).

To find out what the time commitment looks like or what's involved in being a volunteer firefighter, please reach out to the Fire Chief, Barret Germscheid at firechief@lionsbay.ca



Are you passionate about making a positive impact in times of crisis? Emergency Support Services (ESS) is currently seeking dedicated and compassionate individuals to join our team of volunteers.

Make a Difference - Your time and effort can directly impact the lives of people facing emergencies. By volunteering with ESS, you become a source of comfort and assistance during challenging moments.

If you are ready to make a positive impact in your community, we invite you to join Emergency Support Services as a volunteer. Email epc@lionsbay.ca to learn more about the process.



NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

February 20, 2024 at 6:00p.m

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole - February 13, 2024 at 6:00p.m

Infrastructure Committee - February 15, 2024 at 6:00p.m

Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee - February 21, 2024 at 6:00p.m

Climate Action Committee - February 26, 2024 at 7:00p.m

Note: please check the Village website [calendar](#) for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.

View the Council and Committee Schedules, Agendas, & Minutes [HERE!](#)

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).

Public Viewing Etiquette:

- Public participation is available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Attendees will have two minutes to speak on any matter at the beginning of the meeting
- Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired).
- Please do not interrupt Council discussion.
- Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).
- If interruptions are repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting



You are Invited To Attend

Berenice LeBoutillier's

Celebration of Life

Monday, February 19th, 2024 ~ 1 pm to 3 pm

Broughton Hall ~ Refreshments Will Be Served

All are Welcome to Attend

Please join us to Celebrate Berenice's story, as Lions Bay's eldest community member at age 102 ~ a Pioneer of Lions Bay.

Berenice is a beloved Lions Bay icon, and has been a phenomenal mentor both gracious, and straightforward, she had a profound impact

on Lions Bay life, through the decades.

If you wish, please wear a toque and a sweater in honour of Berenice.





Everyone Welcome!

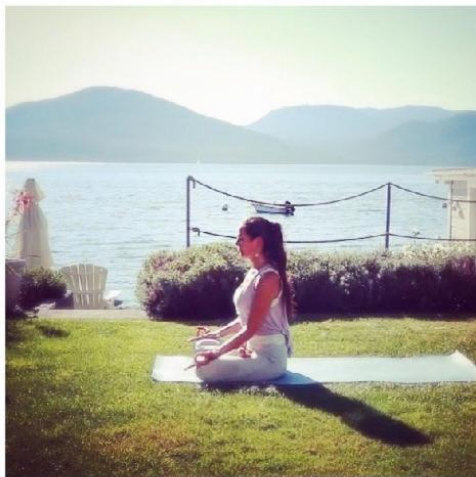


Village Yoga

Come enjoy an hour of yoga, to stretch, build strength & endurance and relax & renew your mind.

Regardless of your current lifestyle, level of fitness, or age, the practice of yoga, breathwork and mindfulness are accessible for everyone.

Every
Tuesday 9:15-10:15am
Thursday 7-8pm



All levels



Contact:

Email: info@meighlinyoga.com

Visit: www.meighlinyoga.com

Come enjoy an hour of all-levels Yoga at the Village Hall

Improve your flexibility and strength for better posture, balance and overall physical fitness. Experience increased energy levels through the movement and breathing exercises. Enjoy better sleep by learning specific relaxation techniques and improve mental clarity through breathing practices.

Tuesdays 9:15-10:15am & Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm

Monthly class pass & Drop-in available.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns pertaining to the Village Update, please email epost@lionsbay.ca

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