



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Village Update

March 8, 2010

Lions Bay Coat of Arms



Village of Lions Bay Council

Mayor:

Brenda Broughton

Councillors:

Peach Akerhielm, Joanne Ronsley,
Ruth Simons & Gordon Taylor

Next Regular Council Meeting:

Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7 pm
Lions Bay Council Chambers
400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC

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Important Dates:

Click on the Village's website at
www.lionsbay.ca



Go Canada Go !

Wow What an Amazing Olympic 'Winter'!

by Mayor Brenda Broughton

Thank you to our Lions Bay volunteers for your
outpouring of energy and commitment !
You each have earned a Gold Medal within the hearts of Lions Bay !

Lions Bay 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Event:

Our Lions Bay 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Event held on February 4th was simply beyond our imaginations !!!!!!! Approximately, 1000 people attended and each left filled with the Olympic Spirit ! Our Torch Relay Event was both stunning and meaningful ~ WOW !

Thank you to our 2010 Torch Relay Event Day Chair, Brigitta Shore, who stretched the imaginations of us all ! Thank you also to our phenomenal Lions Bay Torch Relay Team of 'Gold Medal' Volunteers. Our Torch Relay Task Force was steamed with energy and commitment from January 13th, 2009 in our first meeting with VANOC onward. Each member reached to have their vision included...and it was... and the legacies left are breathtaking ! ... The Cedar Carving, in its home by the Village Office, the two Children's Art Tile Boards yet to be installed outside the Village Library, the Commemorative Plaque and the Inuksuk that is welcoming us all !

The Torch Relay Event Day was financed through fundraising and grants. No Village of Lions Bay tax dollars were used for our 2010 Lions Bay Torch Relay Event Celebration. "A great big thank you to, Brigitta, for staying on track", says Anne-Marie Koiner, Village Treasurer. The Village of Lions Bay Council unanimously resolved a very big 'Thank You' to Brigitta at its March 1st meeting. Thank you to all who donated funding, their time and resources. Each of you helped in creating this world class event. Thank you !

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Village of Lions Bay Projects:

The Highway Advisory Group: (HAG) has been meeting regularly. The next meeting of the HAG, will be **Tuesday, March 16th from 7pm to 9pm** in Chambers.

Sound Walls : The HAG has been in serious discussions with the Ministry of Transportation. The Ministry of Transportation Projects liaison, Rob Ahola has confirmed that all the Sound Walls will be constructed. The Sound Wall construction is expected to begin in the late spring 2010.

Centennial Trail: We have our permit from the Ministry of Transportation to build fencing and complete the pathway in the southern most section between Centre Road and the Alberta Creek Pedestrian Bridge. We have been awaiting this permit. The MoT has assisted with the engineering specifications for fencing along the southern trail head and have assisted greatly with the permitting process. A significant thank you to MoT and to Rob Ahola and Gordon Kishkan for their assistance. Thank you also to Jim Hegan, MoT, for assisting with the permitting.

\$20,000 of Funding: MoT is providing funding of \$20,000 to assist with tree removal and completion of the Centennial Trail. Tree removal work has already occurred.

Alberta Creek Pedestrian Bridge: This bridge was installed in November, but will not be opened until the trailway at the southern end is complete. It was funded by the MoT.

'Northeast Passage': We met with the MoT on the trailway on February 3rd, 2010, for a last review at the Village's request. All is going very well. John Dudley and his committed team of volunteers are doing an outstanding job !!!!!

Centennial Trail Staircase: Ken More and John Stoddart constructed an amazing staircase closer to the northern end of the Centennial Trail, south of Brunswick Pit Road. The staircase is beautifully designed and assembled. The material for the stairs was pre-cut by Ken and John in Lions Bay and then carried in pre-cut sections by volunteers to the site and constructed on site. Another Wow to our volunteers, that stretch us all and are creating an amazing walking legacy between Central Lions Bay and Brunswick ! Thank you to all the volunteers for your outstanding effort !

Opening of the Trail: The anticipated opening is for the May 24th weekend, however, we have to design one leg of the trailway in a context sensitive manner regarding the Bayview Road Sound Wall. We do not have a time line, but are working in concert with the MoT.

2010 Budget: Council has passed the **2010 Provisional Budget** with a 2.4% increase. The Utilities have overall increased by only 1.3%, if you pay your Utility invoice prior to March 31st to receive the discount. The Final 2010 Budget will be passed by May 15th, 2010. The Five Year Plan Public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 28th at 7pm.**

Solid Waste Contract: Moving the Solid Waste pick up to Fridays, allowed us to re-negotiate our Solid Waste contract and to include Green Waste, while reducing the overall cost of our contract. Thus, your Solid Waste annual fee has gone down this year, lowering the overall Utility Rate increase.

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Lions Bay Fire Rescue and the 2010 Olympics: Fire Chief Andrew Oliver has worked with his team very hard, in delivering outstanding Lions Bay Fire Rescue services throughout the 2010 Olympic period. This commitment was completed through funding received from the Province. In preparation for the Olympics, Lions Bay Fire Rescue has been working with our Fire Rescue partners in Squamish, Whistler and West Vancouver and we will continue to strengthen these quality relationships through combining training exercises.

RINC Grant: Our Tennis Court re-surfacing will be completed in the spring. Tree work in the area will be completed soon. Councillor Simons is working with the Tennis Group and staff.

The Magnesia and Harvey Creek Ultra Violet Reactor Water Intake Upgrade for multi-barrier water filtration. This project has had some on-site modifications but remains on budget and will be completed by mid-April, 2010.

Septic Mini-Treatment Plant: The Village Municipal Building septic system is currently being replaced. An RFP has been prepared for distribution.

Community Centre Task Force: Please plan to attend a public consultation meeting on **Wednesday, March 17th at 7pm to 9pm**. A consultant has now been selected to assist in the Public Consultation process.

Lower Lions Bay Water Pipe Line Replacement and Underground Wiring: Meeting **Wednesday, March 10th at 7pm**. If you live in Lower Lions Bay, please plan to attend. All residents are welcome to attend. Lions Bay has contracted with AECOM for project drawings and applied for a BC Hydro Beautification Grant to facilitate the possibility of underground wiring. Lions Bay was awarded an \$875,000 Building Canada Grant to complete the Lower Lions Bay Water Pipe Line Replacement. Underground wiring is a goal within the OCP. Should underground wiring proceed it would be a Special Area Tax for the home owners in this area, not a general tax.

Commercial Hiking Staking Notice: The Squamish Nation Chief Bill Williams wrote a letter of opposition to Commercial Hiking in this area. We believe that no decision has yet been made.

Bus Kiosk RFP: The Village of Lions Bay has prepared an RFP for a design for a Bus Kiosk. Thank you to Councillor Ruth Simons and Rory Mandryk, Village Manager for all the work done in preparation.

The Village of Lions Bay Staff Team:

Public Works Manager: Please welcome Charles Partridge, Public Works Manager. The appointment is temporary at this time. Mr. Partridge is a strong addition to our Village of Lions Bay Staff Team !!!!! Welcome on board, Chuck !

Village of Lions Bay Staff Team: The Village of Lions Bay Staff Team is working so well and with such life and light, that I must, as Mayor, say a very big Thank You !!!!!

Thank you to Rory Mandryk, Village Manager and Staff for your efforts !

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Lions Bay Supports an Idle-Free BC

Why turn it off?

Rising fuel prices, environmental issues as well as community health and safety are the reason. While a vehicle idles, it emits pollutants into the air, including greenhouse gasses like carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, and other pollutants that create smog. These contribute to global warming, and threaten public health with poor air quality. Idling in places where there is high pedestrian traffic creates a public health risk of respiratory illnesses, such as asthma. Schools are a particularly dangerous place to idle a vehicle, since children's lungs are less developed, and thus more susceptible to poor air quality.

Council pledged its commitment to the B.C. Climate Action Charter by committing to an idle-free Lions Bay. The Climate Action Task Force and Council have given first and second reading to an Anti-idling by-law that is based on the experience and recommendations from other communities. The limit is set at a maximum of 1 minute before turning it off.

We recognize there are “hotspots” in Lions Bay which will be the areas of focus for our education campaign. While waiting for the bus to arrive, or stopping in to collect the mail or for a coffee are common areas we see cars idling unnecessarily.

When Lions Bay residents drive to other communities we are expected to spare their air as most have anti-idling bylaws. Residents, staff and visitors to our community will no longer be exempt.

Please review the by-law which can be found on the Village Website or at the office and provide any comments you may have prior to March 15th Council meeting. For more information or questions you may have please visit www.idlefreebc.ca or contact councillor.simons@lionsbay.ca.

A reminder to residents that Garbage & Recycling Pickup is on Fridays
*Please refer to the Guide included with the Utilities tax notices or
contact the Village Office for more information.*

Green waste pickup will start on Friday, April 9

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Welcome Package for all New Lions Bay Residents *Councillor Joanne Ronsley*

We now have a Welcome Package for all new Lions Bay Residents. We ask that everyone who has a new neighbour spread the word that a beautiful folder filled with lots of information about life in the Village is ready. Drop by the Village Office and pick one up for your new neighbours, if they are too busy unpacking and settling in to stop at the Office. *The History of Lions Bay*, coupons from local merchants, local native flowers, trees, and more information are just some of the topics included. We'd like to have everyone's email address so they will receive all Village information in the future. Special thanks to Sheila Blake, Sally Pollock and Anne Page for their imagination and efforts to create this folder. It's bound to assist new folks to feel comfortable and truly welcome to Lions Bay.

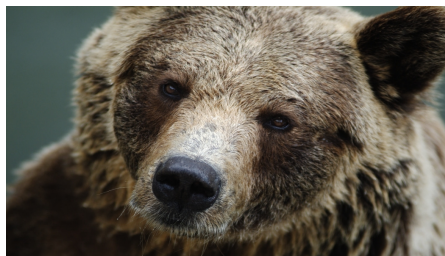
The Welcome Package is also available on line at www.lionsbay.ca on the 'Village News' page.

Who's fridge is this?



Did you know that BC Hydro will give you \$30 for your old fridge as long as it is in working condition and between 10 and 24 cubic feet? That is one option. Leaving the fridge beside the Emergency Building dumpster is NOT an option!

This dumpster is for residents to use if they miss the weekly pickup, for household garbage ONLY!



Bears have been sighted already this year in the Village. It is very important that residents store their garbage in a place and in a container that is inaccessible to wildlife.

Please report all Bear Sightings to the RAPP line: 1-877-952-7277, call the Village Office at 604-921-9333 or email: reception@lionsbay.ca

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Want to Catch the Greyhound?

Greyhound drivers will not drive off the highway unless they can see someone waiting for them. When they say “flag stop” they mean it. If you are waiting for a Greyhound bus you really need to watch out for them and wave them down. Drivers are supposed to go slowly through Lions Bay to watch for any passengers but this is a problem at night when it is dark. If someone has pre-purchased a ticket for the bus the driver “might” know this, but no guarantee and if he does know this, he “might” ensure there is a seat available. Passengers wanting to use the Greyhound bus to travel north should wait at the bus stop at the top of the off ramp on the east side of Kelvin Grove, while those travelling south should wait at the west side of Kelvin Grove near the corner of Periwinkle Place and Tidewater Way. For more information on rates and scheduling and to advise Greyhound that you want to catch the bus, contact them directly at: www.greyhound.com or call: 1-800-231-2222.

There will be a bus shelter installed at the west Kelvin Grove location sometime this year with future bus shelters installed at the east Kelvin Grove bus stop and at the Village Office bus stop.

The Village has a New Telephone System

When you phone the Village Office (604-921-9333) you will notice some changes in our phone system. The ‘Auto-Attendant’ will direct your call to any one of our staff members and if they are not available you can leave a voice message on any staff members’ voice mail by stating either their full name or dialing their extension. Callers can also hear other information by saying “Office Hours”, “Address”, “Fax Number” or “Directory”. Extensions to staff are: Susan Loutet or Fran McNichol, Reception (100), Rory Mandryk, Village Manager (101), Anne-Marie Koiner, Treasurer (102), Anne Page, Office Manager (103), Hayley Cook, Accounting Clerk (104) and Chuck Partridge, Public Works Manager (105). You can call either the Village Office and use the extension for the Works Yard or dial their number directly at 604-921-9833.

Customer Service Requests (CSR)

Our Customer Service Request system has also changed. Staff taking the CSR can now direct the request to a particular staff member who will be alerted via email that a request has been made with all the pertinent information. If you provide us with your email address at the time you will be emailed when the request status has been ‘Resolved’ or the ‘File Closed’.



Dollar\$ and \$ense

Anne-Marie Koiner, Village Treasurer

Save \$ 30.00 !!

**Utility invoices paid in full by March 31, 2010 qualify for the
‘Prompt Payment Discount !**

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Charles (Chuck) Partridge

Biography

Mayor and Council invite Staff and Village Residents to join us in welcoming Mr. Charles (Chuck) Partridge to the role of temporary Public Works Manager for the Village of Lions Bay. Mr. Partridge was appointed by Council.

Chuck Partridge has over twenty years experience in the management field encompassing Retail Management, Operations Management, Project Management, Business Management and Human Resources. He has achieved success in building teams around him to accomplish challenging targets and projects. Chuck will bring his experience in these disciplines as well as his leadership capabilities to serve the Village in his new role. He has a drive to succeed and accomplish tasks on time and with great consideration to budget constraints.

Mr. Partridge is a hands-on partner in every aspect of any project that needs to be accomplished. His experience in planning, organizing and completing tasks will facilitate the Villages vision going forward. He is dedicated to ensuring that communication with all residents and employees on his team is with integrity and consistency to achieve common goals for the Village.

Chuck came to British Columbia in 1995 from Winnipeg, Manitoba with his wife Kelli and children to see what life on the west coast would hold for them. The choice to come to this province was the right decision and they have never looked back. An independent contractor at the time, Chuck immediately went to work building his career while Kelli built a home for the family. He has a passion for community and giving back for all he has been blessed to receive. Chuck has and will continue to donate his time on many occasions to serve the community.

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Beautiful Boulevards – the Do’s and Don’ts *Peach Akerhielm*

A boulevard is the piece of landscape or grass beside the pavement, over to the edge of the homeowner’s property. All of us like seeing the Village boulevards looking neat. We’re not all West Vancouverites with fancy gardening, but a roadside that’s clipped neatly and raked engenders pride in everyone.

Some people may not be exactly sure what you can and can’t do with a boulevard, so here’s a quick review. Boulevards are public property, and they are protected by bylaws in Lions Bay. The Traffic and Parking Bylaw #413 bans the piling of stuff, items or refuse on a boulevard. Trees on a boulevard are not to be cut without applying for a permit from the Village, under the Tree Bylaw #393.

What are the practicalities?

Can you whack back the weeds or long grass on a boulevard? Sure! Tidy up down by the road, and trim your street corners! Can you plant grass or flowers, or landscape part of the boulevard? Yes, but use common sense. Don’t build a wall or structure on a boulevard, don’t fill in a ditch or block a culvert, and don’t place rocks or shrubbery where they will block safe views or impede travel on the road.

Can you go prune, top or cut back the trees on a boulevard? Be careful with the size of tree. A “tree” is over 20 centimetres in diameter, measured 1.4 metres above ground. It falls under the Tree Bylaw. In some areas people have developed the habit of trimming or cutting back boulevard trees without a permit. To prune or top a tree on a municipal boulevard, seek a permit from the Village. And talk to your neighbor first, if you want to cut back trees on a boulevard that abuts on your neighbor’s property. People can be protective about municipal trees that provide privacy for them, or sensitive about having to look at cut-back sections of these trees.

Can you leave stuff out on a boulevard? Technically no. Try to have deliveries of earth, wood or materials right onto your property, or if you have to use a boulevard, move things off it promptly. But some of us miss the date for garbage, green waste or other pickups, and leave wood piles or items of refuse on the boulevard for days or weeks. In these cases, the bylaw officer will come knocking.