

Village Update

~ PUBLIC NOTICES ~

Lions Bay 40th Anniversary Request for Banner Design

The Lions Bay Public Art & Design Task Force in collaboration with the Lions Bay Arts Council is calling for a design for banners to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Lions Bay. We encourage Villagers of all ages and design experience to participate.

One banner design will be selected and placed on banner poles located at Kelvin Grove, central Lions Bay and Brunswick Beach. The banners will be installed by the end of this year and will be displayed during the 2011 year.

The following specifications form part of this request:

1. 16 banners: 24" x 60" in size will be printed on 210 denier nylon
2. Final design must be submitted in hard copy format (also provide a digital version if possible) but does not need to be actual size providing the 24" x 60" proportions are met.
3. Final design will be scanned and printed with archival inks.
4. Design should not use pale colors as the light will shine through them.
5. The Lions Bay 40th Anniversary message must be incorporated into the design; with possible inclusion of the Coat of Arms, and/or date range 1971 - 2011.

Submission deadline is December 6th. The winning design will be announced December 10th. All design submissions will remain with the selection committee for possible future use.

Please submit your designs to: Village of Lions Bay c/o The Public Art & Design Task Force
If you have questions, please contact one of the following Public Art & Design Members:

Ruth Simons	921-6564	councilor.simons@lionsbay.ca
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Michael Tickner	921-6965	michaelticknerartist@gmail.com



December 2010

Council Meeting Schedule

Committee of the Whole
Monday, December 6, 2010 @ 1 PM

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2010 @ 7 PM

Committee of the Whole
Monday, December 13, 2010 @ 1 PM

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2010 @ 7 PM

VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY DAYS

In lieu of Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day, that fall on a week-end, the Village office will be closed:
Monday, December 27, 2010
Tuesday, December 28th, 2010
Monday January 3, 2011

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Lions Bay Coat of Arms

Village of Lions Bay Council

Mayor Brenda Broughton

Councillors:
Peach Akerhielm, Joanne Ronsley,
Ruth Simons & Dr. Gordon Taylor

**Next Regular
Council Meeting:**
Monday, Nov 1, 2010 at 7 pm
Lions Bay Council Chambers
400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC

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www.lionsbay.ca

Seasons Greetings

Season's Greetings to each Lions Bay resident! On behalf of the Mayor, Council and Village Office Staff we want to wish you the very best of the season.



The 'Splendour in Serenity' that we enjoy in Lions Bay is magical. During this past cold snap, it has been truly awe inspiring. May your season be filled with the wonderment of our beautiful environment!



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VILLAGE UPDATES

by Mayor Brenda Broughton

Public Consultation: The Fall has continued to be busy with Public Meetings and Public Consultation. Thank you, once again, to everyone who has devoted their time and effort to attend and to express their ideas.

Village of Lions Bay Projects

2011 Budget Process: The Village Council along with the Finance Committee continues to work on the 2011 Budget. Village Council will pass the Provisional Budget in January, 2011 and pass the final Budget according to legislated responsibilities by May 15th, 2011. Council has moved the Budget discussion process up to the early fall and this is working well. The Federal Government has announced limits to their grant funding. This does not effect any current grants that have been awarded. Lions Bay met all the deadlines for our 'stimulus' grant funding. These projects are each completed and include the Kelvin Grove Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade; the new Septic Field at the Community Hall and the Tennis Court. 2010 was a very successful grant year for Lions Bay. Council continues to apply for grant funding. Our Public Consultation processes have been facilitated by grant funding. The Village of Lions Bay has an interest in maintaining a relatively low tax rate. Council and the Finance Committee are working to that end.

The Highway Advisory Group: The HAG, continues to meet monthly as we draw close to the formal end of the Sea to Sky Highway Improvement Project within Lions Bay. The September meeting marked our 100th Committee Meeting in Chambers. There have been many more on-site meetings over the years. I was fortunate as Mayor in September of 2002, to have a first meeting with Tom Tanaka, then project head, to come and walk with me along the highway, providing the opportunity to outline Lions Bay's vision and hopes for the highway project; a meandering highway with a Dundarave style feeling with Village style lampposts, landscaped centre median and rock walls. I had invited Lions Bay resident, Riche Mossakowski, to join in this meeting. What I did not know until recently, is that Tom Tanaka has continued to be on this file all these years later, at a senior level. The next meeting of the HAG, will be Tuesday, December 1st from 7pm to 9pm in Chambers.

The Highway Advisory Group (HAG), has done an outstanding job of ensuring over the last 8 years, that this Lions Bay vision, combined with significant noise mitigation and speed control measures, has been realized. This group has been Chaired by Jim Hughes (2003-2005); Max Wyman (2005-2008) and myself (2008 to present).



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The Village of Lions Bay

2010 Property Taxes & Utility Notices

Notices have been sent to property owners with outstanding 2010 Property Taxes & Utility Bills for the Village of Lions Bay.

To avoid paying interest on the outstanding amounts, **please make sure all notices are paid by DECEMBER 31, 2010.** Interest Charges will start incurring as of January 1, 2011.



Christmas Tree Chipping

Bring your Christmas tree to the Lions Bay Beach parking lot above the train tracks by January 30th and Public Works will be chipping them.

2011 COUNCIL MEETING DATES COTW & REGULAR MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting are scheduled to be held every Monday at 1 PM in Council Chambers, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC

Regular Council Meetings are scheduled to be held on the Council Chambers according to the schedule below:

- January 10 & 24
- February 7 & 21
- March 7 & 21
- April 4 & 18
- May 2 & 16
- June 6 & 20
- July 4 & 18
- August—no meetings scheduled
- September 6 (Tuesday) & 19
- October 3 & 17
- November 7 & 21*
- December 5 & 19

* Municipal Election will be held November 19, 2011; with November 21st being the first meeting of the new Council.

This schedule is subject to change. Please contact the Village Office at either 604 921-9333, www.lionsbay.ca or office@lionsbay.ca

Residents may address Council for up to 2 minutes in the Public Participation portion of a Regular Council Meeting with no pre-registration. Residents who wish to address Council for 10 minutes must pre-register and complete the Delegation Request Form.

Agendas and Information Reports are available for viewing at the Village Office.



THANK YOU TO PUBLIC WORKS FOR OUR ROAD WORK!

A very big thank you to the Lions Bay Public Works Team for completion of the road work on both Panorama and Isleview Place. Both locations have had challenges with tight areas for parking and much needed road repair. As well, the addition of curbing to many areas will control water flow and save costly repairs in the future.

The work done will assist with Village road safety and will enable cars to be parked off the street during snow removal periods.

UNDERGROUND WIRING UPDATE

by Ruth Simons

One of the initiatives in the Lions Bay Community Plan is to improve aesthetics/views, enhance safety, and reduce power outages by moving to underground wiring over time. In March 2011, replacement of waterlines will commence in lower Lions Bay on Lions Bay Avenue, Seaview Place and Cloudview Place. The Village and Council have been exploring the costs and feasibility of burying the utilities wires at this time.

Owners of the affected areas have been invited to public meetings and, additionally, a recent open house held on November 18th. Representatives from BC Hydro, Telus, Shaw and various contractors have been in attendance. There has been excellent cooperation between the utility companies to explore the efficiencies and cost savings and to help owners understand the technicalities. The Village has contracted with AECOM Engineering, who is now preparing the tender for the waterline replacement as well as an option for underground wire burial. Actual costs will be known by the end of January, 2011.

The cost for underground wire burial would be born by the owners of the affected areas through a special area tax. A bylaw to impose this special area tax would be open for public comment during the month of February, after a public meeting to be held on February 2, 2011. By this date, Council will have more information on grant funding and actual costs to determine whether this project will move forward in 2011.

For information on this project, please refer to the Village website under the "Watermain Replacement" tab. A list of Questions and Answers are being continually updated.

The HAG will continue after the highway construction work has been completed. We will meet less frequently, but will work to ensure that the noise attenuation standards that had been set, are achieved. People are beginning to enquire when the noise testing will be conducted following the Sound Wall installation completion. This will be conducted under the supervision of the Ministry of Transportation, next June or July, 2011. The beta testing that formed the baseline noise levels was conducted during this time of the year, thus this will be the time for the re-testing.

We have 4 police pullouts within Lions Bay, designed into the highway for assistance with speed control through Lions Bay. Lowered speed reduces the noise levels that the homes affected by the highway noise, receive. This is a very good reason to reduce speed while driving through Lions Bay.

Miller Capilano is the contractor providing Highway maintenance services on behalf of the by the Sea to Sky Project. The S2S Project, which has a 25 year contract for the highway, with 20 years left, is the private partner in the Sea to Sky Improvement Project with the BC Provincial Government.

Sound Wall Update: Tyam Construction has now completed the Sound Walls, with some finishing detailing remaining. Solid Rock Fencing, a local firm, manufactured the Ashlar Stone Sound Walls.

Sound Wall Landscaping: The Sound Wall Landscaping is scheduled to be completed shortly.

The HAG will review any outstanding items to ensure that this stage of final completion meets the requirements. It has been a pleasure to work with the Ministry of Transportation, Tyam Construction and Solid Rock Fencing on the Sound Wall completion. The demonstration of a high standard of professionalism and care to our community has been outstanding.

Centennial Trail: The Centennial Trail Opening will be Sunday, March 27th at 10:30 am. The delay in the building of the southern end of the trail has been due to the necessary coordination of the project with the Sound Wall construction that has occurred in this area.

Tyam Construction and the Ministry of Transportation along with Chuck Partridge, Village Public Works Manager have coordinated the work to correspond with work being done by the contractor to complete the section immediately north of the Alberta Creek Pedestrian Bridge. Chuck Partridge of Public Works, Evan Dash of MoT and Sergio Viegas of Tyam Construction have been outstanding in working together to create an outstanding trail. A very big thank you !

The Centennial Trail Alberta Creek Pedestrian Bridge will officially be known as the Dudley Bridge, named after John Dudley for his vision and determination in the realization of this pedestrian bridge that 'twins' the highway bridge.

The final section of the Centennial Trail for completion is at the southern most end. The installation of the fencing necessary for this area will be done by Tyam Construction. The wood for the fencing and the brackets have been organized by Lions Bay Public Works in preparation for this construction ~ thank you. Due to a Geotech Engineer Report following the installation of the Sound walls at the top of the slope, rock rip rap has been placed on this slope with larger rock as the footing, allowing for a 4' wide at the toe of the hill.

Two significantly large rocks have been placed, one at each end of the Centennial Trail, to the north and the south. Bronze Plaques, that the Lions Bay Historical Society have commissioned, will be mounted onto these rocks with a historical story of Brunswick and Lions Bay.

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Trudi Luethy of the Lions Bay Historical Society and I had the pleasure of selecting these two rocks from the Brunswick Pit, under the guidance of Chuck Partridge, Public Works Manager.



The rock at the south end is now in its final location. Thank you to Tyam Construction; particularly to Sergio Viegas, Doug Rennie and the Tyam Construction Team, and to Evan Dash and Gordon Kishkan, MoT for all their assistance, commitment and coordination on this job, along with Robin Kurpjuweit and Sheldon Kurpjuweit and all the Solid Rock Fencing Team.

(Photo: Mayor Brenda Broughton, Chuck Partridge, Sergio Viegas, Robin Kurpjuweit, and Rob Milligan, Tyam Construction Excavator Operator)

Community Centre Task Force Public Consultation: A Community Centre Public Consultation workshop was held on Saturday, November 13th. The workshop was attended by 30 residents, plus the Community Centre Task Force members and two CEI Consultants who led the consultation process: Richard Bolus and Mark Hentze. This is Phase 2 of the planning process. Their report will include square footage based on programming needs and estimated cost. Pieter Dorsman, Chair of the Community Centre Task Force will write an article to be reviewed in the December issue of lionsbay.net regarding next steps.

The Village of Lions Bay has also partnered with the West Vancouver School District in applying for a 100% grant to cover the cost of further consultation regarding joint use at the School site.

Two community public meetings have occurred this Spring which led to the PERC Report and the completion of Phase 1, describing what the community needs/wants in a community recreation facility. The PERC Report Community Recreation Centre goal findings were presented to Council on June 21st. The public consultation process has now occurred via a Community Questionnaire one year ago, followed by over 20 interviews with Committee and Community Leaders, 2 public consultation meetings that led to the PERC Report, Phase 1, and a further Public Consultation meeting in the current Phase 2. Each meeting has had an overall positive set of comments with an expression of concern about funding. These comments and concerns are both being taken very seriously by the Community Centre Task Force. With this being said, it is moving ahead very well.

Lower Lions Bay Water Main Replacement and Underground Wiring: Thank you to Councillor Ruth Simons for her work over this past two months regarding community consultation with homeowners about the potential Lower Lions Bay Underground Wiring Project. Please review Councillor Simons' article regarding the most recent information, the Public Open Houses held on November 18th and the Village timelines.

Thank you, also, to Marcel Eigenmann and John Jessop, BC Hydro; Surinder Hoonjan and Linda Godin, Telus; and Todd Musat and Jeff Bray, Shaw; for their continued support in helping to reduce costing of this potential project, through meeting together and idea raising. Thank you also, to Stephen Bridger, AECOM, for his assistance in hosting meetings and organizing the technical drawings availability and coordination. Thank you to Rory Mandryk, Village Manager, and Anne-Marie Koiner, Treasurer, for their support of, and research regarding the feasibility of this Underground Wiring Project.

The Village of Lions Bay has applied for the BC Hydro Beautification Grant to facilitate the possibility of the underground wiring. This is a 1/3 grant. The successful recipient communities will be announced in January, 2011. Telus, is reviewing further contributions for Lions Bay within its 2011 budget process. Shaw has maintained its financial commitment of \$100,000.

Lions Bay was awarded an \$875,000 Building Canada Grant to complete the Lower Lions Bay Water Main 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.

The Lower Lions Bay Water Main Replacement will be completed in 2011.

Please refer to Councillor Simons' article for a further update regarding the Public Open Houses and the homeowner consultations, along with the Village timelines for the Water Main Replacement and the Potential Underground Wiring.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Village of Lions Bay turns 40 as an Incorporated Municipality on January 2nd, 2011. Thank you to the 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee for creating a Calendar of Events, which will be published in the December, 2010 www.lionsbay.net.

SEA LION DIP AND DASH

The Sea Lion Dip and Dash will kick off our 40th Year of Celebrations on January 1st. Registration is at 11:30 am with a 12 noon Dip and Dash !

Please take part and receive your 40th Anniversary Commemorative Dip and Dash Certificate. The Sea Lion Dip and Dash began for our 25th Anniversary Year, thus this year will be the Village of Lions Bay's 15th Annual Sea Lion Dip and Dash !

We wish you, your family and friends a safe and joy-filled Holiday Season!