

***Season's Greetings***  
***May the Holiday Season be filled with Joy!***  
***Best Wishes from Council and Staff to all the Residents of the Village of Lions Bay***

**Mayor's Inaugural Address**  
**Municipality of the Village of Lions Bay**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**



I continue to be honoured to be Mayor of the Village of Lions Bay. As your Mayor, I am committed to working to ensure the best for the Village of Lions Bay.

This has been an exciting year for our Village, a time when we have received significant grant funding. In addition we reduced the cost of the UV Project by \$1M. We have taken that opportunity to be tender a much needed, rock scaling project in both the Harvey and Magnesia Creek Intake road corridors. We have successfully managed significant challenges, while creating opportunities to seek the necessary resources available to Lions Bay.

Over the next two years of this term, Council, through meetings and consultation with the community, will help in moving Lions Bay forward; while still preserving and protecting our unique Village spirit, beautiful natural environment, and low tax rate.

Council is working together creating a strong and friendly team environment, *and* ensuring a positive fiscal bottom line.

- ✓ **The Sea to Sky Highway Project** is nearing completion. I wish to thank the Highway Advisory Committee Members for their dedication toward gaining positive results for the Village of Lions Bay over the last seven years. The irrigated Landscaping, Village style lamp standards, the safety landscaped overpass at Kelvin Grove and safety underpass at Brunswick Beach, the bus and police stop areas, the Tidewater Trail and the contribution to the Centennial Trail and all either in place or will be complete in 2010. Their dedication to these goals continues as we ensure the projects Sound Walls, Centennial Trail and clean up are fully complete in 2010.
- ✓ **The OCP** was passed and finally adopted. The Village of Lions Bay is committed to the principles of sustainability as a core value of the community. This year Council passed the Revised Official Community Plan (OCP) in April, 2009. In May, 2010 Council will amend the OCP bylaw to include Village of Lions Bay Climate Action GHG reduction targets, mandated through Bill 27.
- ✓ **The two Water Intake Upgrades.** These upgrades are nearing completion on both Harvey and Magnesia Creeks and include an Ultra-Violet and Chlorination multi-barrier treatment system to maintain a healthy water supply. Council had ensured that this project was kept as cost effective as the current reductions in our economy allowed for and as our economic times called for.
- ✓ **Rock Scaling.** Rock Scaling had been a part of the original Infrastructure Grant Application but had been removed. With the cost savings we are able to use the Grant funding to proceed with the Rock Scaling project that will occur on both Harvey and Magnesia Creek Intake roads.
- ✓ **The Village Update and lionsbay.net** have been publishing the Council updates on many matters. This was a part of our communication goal. Council continues to have a

goal of increasing our communication effectiveness with the community and Council continues to welcome suggestions regarding improved communication methods.

- ✓ **Bylaw Review and Revision** has led to updating and adopting new bylaws. The work and effort toward accomplishing this has been significant.
- ✓ **The Lions Bay Film Policy** was reviewed and revised with community input.
- ✓ **Website Update in 2010.** We will dedicate some resources to update the Village Website in 2010.
- ✓ **Lower Lions Bay Water Main Replacement.** The Village has received a Building Canada Fund Grant of \$875,000 for this project which has a completion date of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- ✓ **Underground Wiring Consultation.** The Village of Lions Bay Council will consult with the Lower Lions Bay neighbourhood, to receive input as to the interest in putting in underground wiring at the same time as the Water Main Replacement Project. A BC Hydro Beautification Grant has been applied for. Any additional costs would go to a Special Area Tax for the affected residents. This underground wiring portion of the project will require the neighbourhood community consultation and agreement.
- ✓ **Seniors needs** are being reviewed with the assistance of an Age-Friendly Planning 100 % Grant of \$9,500. A consultant will be hired to assist with this process.
- ✓ **The Kelvin Grove Sewerage Treatment** facility will be upgraded with the assistance of a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 grant of \$82,000.
- ✓ **The Lions Bay Municipal Buildings Sewer Treatment** replacement in 2010.

Council continues to be dedicated to working with the community, listening, and maintaining quality communications with all residents.

Today, Lions Bay is facing a number of issues. Council will work with the community together through meetings, Task Forces and community consultation and consensus building to successfully and creatively find solutions.

- We have a shrinking population in Lions Bay (Census 2006)
- We maintained 2008 Property Tax Levels in 2009. Council will continue to be fiscally responsible.
- We have a need to create residential options so that long standing residents can downsize and young families can move to Lions Bay, and
- We have increased our school population and our valued volunteer base this year

Council will continue to:

- ✓ Build, balance and re-engineer our budget to maintain a low tax rate and continue to stabilize residential taxes.
- ✓ Lobby and negotiate to obtain grants, in-kind and staff time contributions, and land (exploratory meetings have taken place and will continue regarding land). As Mayor, I have been committed to communicating directly with the necessary Ministers and senior staff to successfully obtain the grants, contributions and land requested.
- ✓ Achieve community enhancing projects from vision to completion, through community consensus building, with strong financial stewardship.

Five Task Forces have been created, as promised:

- ✓ **Community Centre Task Force**, formerly known as the Recreation Hub Task Force. The Community Centre Task Force has recently met with Council, developed a terms of reference and has sent out a community-wide questionnaire, asking for community input regarding recreation needs in Lions Bay.

- ✓ **The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Task Force** has done a wondrous job over this year, with many successful outcomes, such as the Spirit of Lions Bay Carving, a Children and Youth Art Tile Board, hiking the Lions together as a community to place our flag at the top, 100 torches created, a successful Wine Evening fundraiser, and a Commemorative Plaque fundraiser. An \$8,000 Grant has been awarded along with other fundraised moneys to put toward the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.
- ✓ **The Climate Action Task Force**, formerly the Green Energy Task Force, is working hard on many initiatives, including the preparation for our GHG reduction targets that will be placed in our OCP.
- ✓ **The Official Community Plan Implementation.** Boundary expansion will be reviewed in 2010, beginning with a meeting in January with Metro Vancouver Planning Staff, the Director of Electoral Area A and representatives from the settlement areas in Electoral Area A.
- ✓ **The 2010 Olympic Emergency Response Planning.** We received a \$291,200 Towns For Tomorrow Grant our new Fire Truck in 2009. We also will receive funding in 2010 of \$135,800 which will go toward our 2010 Olympic Lions Bay Fire Rescue response. In 2010 Lions Bay is hosting a Bus Extrication Exercise on January 16<sup>th</sup> led by our Lions Bay Fire Rescue with the Emergency Program Committee involved. This year we have prepared the Emergency Operating Centre at a basic level and revised the Emergency Operations Plan, which is near completion. This has been a significant task. Thank you to all Committee Members. December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Lions Bay, we began an integrated response with Vanoc, the Ministry of Public Safety, and the Sea to Sky Emergency Responders attending a meeting hosted by Lions Bay, approximately 35 people attended. This began an excellent partnership with the Sea to Sky Corridor Response Teams.
- ✓ **Mobility choices.** We have celebrated the extension of our bus service to include Brunswick. This re-purposed bus idling time under the overpass and with the same staff time, reused this time to drive to Brunswick to pick up transit riders there. We re-opened the Tidewater Trail and are working on completing the Centennial Trail.
- ✓ **Accessibility to the Community Centre** will continue to be worked toward in 2010.

The next three years are years of Celebration. Celebration brings the community together as a stronger cultural and social entity. As Village residents let us come together to Celebrate.

- ✓ **2009** did not see the completion of the Centennial Trail, however, we have two significant sections completed, working actively on a 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the fourth to receive permits shortly.
- ✓ **2010** marks the Vancouver 2010 Olympics with the Torch Relay passing through the Village of Lions Bay on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Residents are encouraged to attend. The program that the Torch Relay Committee has prepared is outstanding.
- ✓ **2011** marks the Village of Lions Bay's 40<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of Incorporation as a Municipality. Let us celebrate together.

This Council is committed to enhancing community engagement, harnessing community energy in addressing strategic issues, building Village pride, separating the issue from the person, conducting themselves in a professionally respectful manner, using principles of transparency and accountability, working as a team rather than a hierarchy, and trusting that each member of Council will be successful, and openly communicate.

“Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.” (Mario Fernandez)

Each Councillor is highly skilled and dedicated to achieving the best for Lions Bay and working together as a team, collaborating, agreeing and disagreeing, as we move toward workable solutions.

Four areas fundamental to the effective workings of the community are:

1. The day to day operations,
2. Support of Volunteer Initiatives
3. Community-Based Planning
4. Inter-community Communications

Council, along with our valued staff and committed volunteers will work together with the community to accomplish the tasks ahead. I would like to thank our staff and our many volunteers for their enormous contribution.

Our volunteers, this year have risen above and beyond the call of duty, whether it has been to complete the Landscaping Committee planting of the Lions Bay Berm at the Lions Bay Avenue entrance, the Library Board refurbishing the Library into its new and beautiful state, the carvers working on the Carving, Trail Blazing new trailways to create transportation corridors for Lions Bay, the 2010 Torch Relay Committee, the Events Committee has outdone themselves in providing outstanding events, the Climate Action Task Force, BearSmart created new signage and policy, the new Seniors Guild is working to forge new ground, the Public Art & Design Committee completed the wonderful Banner Contest along with selection of colour for painting the municipal buildings, the Historical Society created a montage of Council photos over the past 38 years of incorporation for the Village, the Emergency Social Services, Tree Committee and Board of Variance continue their professional approach to providing the community with services, the Accessibility Committee meeting, the Highway Advisory Group, the Community Centre Task Force with the development of the Questionnaire, the Tennis Group, the Playschool and School PAC's have contributed so much to the community as well, along with the Lions Bay Fire Rescue, Emergency Social Services, Lions Bay Search and Rescue and Block Watch, have done an outstanding job on our behalf. The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation continues its great work, while the Speed Reader Board Group and the Botanical Gardeners just beginning, along with, we hope, the Community Gardeners. Honestly, it has been an amazing year...I was not going to acknowledge all the committees and hope that I have not forgotten any ... the volunteer effort has truly been remarkable ! Thank you to all our many volunteers !!!

Council Portfolios have been designed to meet the community's needs in combination with the interests of each Councillor. Mayor and Council completed a Strategic Planning Day both in December 2008 and again in the fall 2009 and developed goals and time lines. This will continue to assist in the success of the 2008-2011 term.

Council Portfolios are defined in the 2009 Strategic Plan and remain the same as dated September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

Councillor Peach Akerhielm, is responsible for Bylaws and Policy review, revision and creation; Zoning and Planning; Age Friendly Housing & Seniors Guild; and the Infrastructure Portfolios; Board of Variance liaison. Councillor Akerhielm is second on the following portfolios and as a liaison: Tennis Group liaison, Secondary Suite Legalization Review Portfolio, Emergency Program Committee, the Metro Vancouver Board Alternate, Finance Standing Committee and Lions Bay Search and Rescue.

Councillor Joanne Ronsley will be responsible for Secondary Suite Legalization Review, the Welcome Package, Council Rep on the Tree Committee, Accessibility and Council Liaison to the

Garden Committee and liaison to a newly forming Botanical Planting Project. Councillor Ronsley is also the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee Alternate, the Translink Mayor's Committee Alternate and the Labour Relations Board Alternate. Councillor Ronsley is second on the Communications Strategy Development and Filming Neighbourhood Review, as well as the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority North Shore Substance Abuse rep and second to liaison with the Bear Smart Committee and Block Watch.

Councillor Ruth Simons will be responsible for Communication Strategy Development Portfolio with the community, the Climate Action Task Force Portfolio, Design and Public Art Policy Task Force, Filming Neighbourhood Review Portfolio and Sea to Sky Air Quality Collaborative Committee. Councillor Simons is liaison to the Bear Smart, the Tennis Court Group, the Events Committee and Trailways Committees and Volunteer Appreciation. Councillor Simons will be second on the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Task Force, Welcome Package, the Sea to Sky Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP), the Finance Standing Committee, Community Centre Task Force, and Bylaw and Policy Review. Councillor Simons will be second to liaise with the Library, the Lions Bay Parent Advisory and Playschool Committee, Botanical Planting Project, and Gardening Committee.

Councillor Gordon Taylor will be responsible for the OCP Boundary Expansion Task Force as Chair, Council rep on the Tree Committee, and the creation of a Technical Advisory Group. Councillor Taylor will be second on Public Works, Zoning and Planning, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, and will liaise with 99 Watch, the Historical Society, Highway Advisory Group, the Tree Committee, Infrastructure Portfolio and the Board of Variance, as appropriate.

Council acting as a team will be responsive as seconds to each others' portfolio. As available, all Council will sit on the Howe Sound Community Forum, the Finance Standing Committee and the Oversight Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Brenda Broughton will be responsible for Budget and Finance, Grants, Contracts under review and Negotiation, Chair of the Highway Advisory Committee, Oversight of Infrastructure and the two Water Intake Upgrades, 2010 Emergency Response Task Force, Emergency Program Committee and the Community Centre Task Force with a community Chair, the Sea to Sky Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Rep, and will liaise with Schools, Block Watch, Lions Bay Fire Rescue, ESS and Search and Rescue. Mayor Broughton will be the Director for the Metro Vancouver Board, the Translink Mayors Committee Rep, the Labour Relations Rep and the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee Rep. Mayor Broughton will be second for the OCP Boundary Expansion, Sea to Sky Air Quality Collaborative, Climate Action Task Force, Public Art & Design Task Force, Accessibility Committee and will be responsible for Human Resources.

Acting Mayor will be assigned alphabetically across the four quarters of 2009:

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Peach Akerhielm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Joanne Ronsley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Ruth Simons
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Gordon Taylor

I am looking forward to working with Council, Staff and the community together as a team to enhance our Village services and vibrant community spirit. Thank you.

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Brenda Broughton  
Mayor  
Village of Lions Bay