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Village Update

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Lions Bay Coat of Arms



Village of Lions Bay Council

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Brenda Broughton

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Peach Akerhielm, Joanne Ronsley,
Ruth Simons & Gordon Taylor

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Monday, July 6, 2009 at 7 pm
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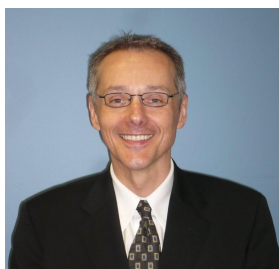
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Village of Lions Bay
Appoints Village Manager
Rory Mandryk

Mayor and Council invite Staff and Village Residents to join us in welcoming Mr Rory Mandryk to the role of Village Manager for the Village of Lions Bay. Mr Mandryk was appointed Village Manager by Council resolution June 18th, 2009.

Mr Mandryk has extensive experience in many management disciplines, most recently as Business Development Manager for TELUS nationally. Rory has held numerous senior management roles involving effective day-to-day management, development of budgets and financial controls, in addition to land, systems, procedures, and human resources management, development and planning. Mr Mandryk has over 25 years experience in a number of large Canadian corporations where he has managed national portfolios that included Human Resources, Administrative Services, Real Estate and Distribution.

Mr Mandryk brings an outstanding financial and management background, coupled with strong communication and facilitation skills, and a strong sense of community and team. Rory has been a lifelong North Shore resident, moving to Lions Bay in 1992 when he discovered the match with his values and strong sense of community in our Village. He is familiar with the present and future challenges faced by Lions Bay and is looking forward to bringing his professional expertise, vision, and leadership skills to this position.

Mr Mandryk will assume his duties July 13, 2009, and is looking forward to working with council, staff and the Lions Bay community during this very exciting time as Lions Bay moves forward to 2010 and beyond. Consistent with our Council and community, Rory brings a demonstrated passion for the principles of sustainability. High expectations, a solution orientation, and strong mentoring skills are key strengths held by Rory Mandryk.

Rory looks forward to, "Maintaining and contributing to the sustainable environment and community of Lions Bay and its residents." Please join in welcoming Mr Rory Mandryk to his new role as Village Manager.

Mayor Brenda Broughton,
Councillors Peach Akerhielm, Joanne Ronsley, Ruth Simons and Gordon Taylor

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Winners of the Banner Contest

On June 22nd, Mayor Broughton and Council were pleased to present awards to Lions Bay artists for beautiful banners to be displayed in all parts of the Village. A Tourism grant supported these awards, and selection was done by the Public Art & Design Task Force. At the awards ceremony, the four artists, Robin Buriak, Druh Ireland, Victor Miles and Michael Tickner each received a cheque and a certificate. Their comments on the background to their submission and what inspired their design made fascinating listening.

The banners themselves feature themes from nature and are done in a variety of mediums - digital art, painting on silk, and oil painting. They will be on view in Kelvin Grove, central Lions Bay and Brunswick Beach starting early July through March 2010.

COUGARS in Lions Bay

A small cougar has been sighted in the Timbertop area mid-June. The Conservation Officer Service (COS) was alerted and attended the area, but saw no evidence of a problem cougar.

Cougars are predators and can be dangerous so reporting sightings can increase the safety of your neighbourhood. Please report all cougar sightings to the COS 24/7 line (1-877-952-7277) so that cougar activity can be accurately assessed by Conservation Officers to ensure timely and appropriate response. The COS will not respond with tracking dogs unless recent, credible cougar sightings indicate predatory behaviour.

Cougars are sighted in the Village most years because we live in a mountainside forested community, where proximity to wildlife needs to be expected by residents. The only way to prevent wildlife from wandering through Lions Bay would be to enclose the entire area in a high voltage electric fence. Without a fence, destroying wildlife that trespass would be cruel and futile, since other wildlife would just fill the feeding area vacated. The only way to prevent wildlife conflict in populated areas is to eliminate food attractants.

About Cougars

Cougars mostly feed on deer, but also eat smaller animals like raccoons, rats or mice, so remove anything attracting raccoons or rodents to your property. Domestic cats left outdoors in forested areas of Lions Bay risk becoming prey. Cougars are most active dawn and dusk, but will hunt any time of day.

Cougars are unpredictable, but usually avoid confrontation unless they are starving. During summer, yearling cougars become independent of their mothers and may attack inappropriate prey like humans since they are inexperienced hunters. Young cougars searching for an unoccupied feeding territory may come into conflict with humans.

If You Encounter A Cougar

Always give the cougar an avenue of escape

Do not run, try to back away slowly.

Sudden movement or flight could trigger an instinctive attack.

Do not turn your back on a cougar.

Enlarge your physical form.

Remain upright, wave your arms or sticks, be ready to fight back

Do not crouch or make shrill noises. Behave like a **threat**, not prey, by speaking loudly, keeping children close and quiet, throwing rocks.

If a cougar attacks fight back! Many people have survived cougar attacks by being very difficult and physically aggressive prey.

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Two New Bylaws: Emergency Planning Bylaw and Good Neighbour Bylaw Councillor Peach Akerhielm

On June 15, Council adopted a new Emergency Planning bylaw, which sets up the governance structure for running our Emergency program. While dry reading, this bylaw is spurring a vital and interesting development cycle to create and “make real” a new Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. The bylaw established an Emergency Management Committee for the Village. This Committee is now slogging its way through the new Plan to enumerate and assess our hazards, figure out where we have gaps in coverage, and where we need additional local planning done. Sitting on the Committee are the Mayor and Councillors Akerhielm and Ronsley, the local heads of Fire Rescue, Search and Rescue, Emergency Social Services, BC Ambulance Services and other volunteers.

Currently in readings is a new Good Neighbor bylaw, as called for in our Official Community Plan, intended to encourage the orderly maintenance of properties and stop them becoming a nuisance or unsightly. The draft mirrors the bylaw in West Vancouver and many others in municipalities in BC. The accumulation of piles of refuse, derelict vehicles, pools of standing water that can breed mosquitoes, noxious weeds and insects, brush and very long grass, and unsightly or unsafe walls are among the items it deals with. Once a complaint about a property is investigated and confirmed, the Village could order a cleanup or remediation at the homeowner’s cost. Copies of this draft bylaw are available from the Village Office, or Councillor Peach Akerhielm at peachaker@shaw.ca would be pleased to e-mail you a copy and receive your comments or input back on it.

Towing from Parking Hot Spots – Lower Kelvin Grove, North Sunset Cul-de-Sac, All Fire Lanes Councillor Peach Akerhielm

To help neighborhoods under pressure from summer visitors, parking tickets are now regularly being issued in parking “hot spots” near beaches and hiking areas. Towing of illegally parked cars will start soon in two very hard-pressed areas, Lower Kelvin Grove on Tidewater, and North Sunset cul-de-sac. Cars may also be towed from *any* blocked fire lane or fire hydrant in the Village. Points to note:

- * Current resident parking permits must be clearly showing on any vehicle left in a “residents only parking” zone. A lot of our streets near beaches are signed this way now.
- * *All* of Lions Bay’s cul-de-sacs are fire lanes where no parking can occur, unless otherwise signed.
- * It’s a dry summer, and in case of a fire, Lions Bay Fire Rescue needs immediate access. Towed cars go to North Vancouver. The Village is unable to impound them locally.

Dog-Owners – Quiet in the Early Morning, Please Councillor Peach Akerhielm

Council is aware of some negative interaction between dog-owners and residents of lower Kelvin Grove in the early morning. Neighborly cooperation in solving problems is a value in Lions Bay. It would really help if dog-owners could close car doors quietly, and for example, leash dogs or use treats to keep them from barking until entering the park. The park is open at 6:30 AM but your fellow residents may want or need to sleep later than this. If your dog is inclined to leap out of the car barking, perhaps try parking further away and walking it down. Lower Kelvin Grove residents could also help by calmly explaining to other Lions Bay residents that the neighborhood is suffering from “bad-visitor burnout”. Many types of people, mainly non-residents, arrive for cliff-jumping, diving, and late-night partying. Drinking, drug use, strewing of garbage, public urination and loud, inebriated profanity are common. The neighborhood is anxious for action on this and feels sensitive to visitors’ noise of all kinds. Parking enforcement measures are being taken by Council which should help. They are taking some time to organize and put in place but they will have an effect.

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Community Meeting on Waste Management for the Village Councillor Ruth Simons

Let your thoughts go to waste! Please attend a special Waste Management sub-committee meeting our Climate Action Task Force at the Village Hall on Monday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m.

When the Village renegotiated its contract earlier this year, we found that tender costs for pickup of garbage, green waste and recycling had dramatically increased. Our Lions Bay Village Works Department took over the pick-up and disposal of our green waste and this has had its challenges. Lions Bay needs waste reduction strategies not only to reduce our overall costs and achieve our goal of being an official Bear Smart community, but to lower our Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

What can we do to cut back or otherwise deal with our food and garden waste, recyclables and landfill items? The Village is committed to continuing its excellent service of curbside pick-up, but Council needs to hear your input to the options for keeping this cost-effective.

Please come to learn more and contribute your thoughts. We're not alone in this struggle. Waste Management is a hot topic globally, regionally and now in our own backyard!

Update - Green Waste Pickup Restarts on Friday, July 3rd Councillor Peach Akerhielm

In the tax notices mailed to residents was a notice that Public Works would soon stop picking up green waste. Resulting from a decision by Council on June 22nd the Village is going back to Smithrite for this service. The company's pickup of green waste will recommence on Friday, July 3 and occur every second week on Friday, until November 20th. Residents can put out an unlimited number of bags or containers but branches (maximum 3 feet long and 3 inches in diameter) need to be tied and bundled. A Village pickup is scheduled for the third week in October. Please refer to the schedule for exact dates of green waste collection.

For residents who are curious, here is the story. Costs for garbage and recycling pickup are soaring all over Metro. This spring, when Council set the water and garbage rates, the lowest commercial tender for green waste pickup was about \$90 per household for the year, which seemed very high for a service that not everyone uses. Public Works suggested a pickup with its own crew, since this would cut greenhouse gas emissions created by trucking the green waste away. The estimate for staff time seemed reasonable, so Council decided to try it. In retrospect, more homework should have gone into this decision. Public Works' trucks are small and fill up quickly with green waste, and the volumes of green waste have been higher than anticipated, Driving to and from the drop_off point has been taking half an hour, tying up large amounts of staff time. The trucks lack lift equipment, and hoisting the green waste bags and containers up high is fatiguing. Composting the large volume of green material needs more learning and study by staff.

In sum, the Village will hand the task back to a commercial provider for the rest of this summer and do its green waste planning better for next year. Residents interested in this topic should join the Waste Management sub-committee being led by Neil Berman, reachable at: neilberman@gmail.com.

Annual Parking Permit Fees Rise to \$40

Homeowners in Lions Bay already receive two free annual parking permits with their tax notices, allowing parking in "resident parking only" zones. For an extra annual permit, the fee has now been increased from \$20 to \$40. In this June 15 decision Council noted that the new \$40 fee better reflects the real benefits of these permits – in downtown Vancouver, one can easily pay \$20 for daily parking. It also helps cover the cost of parking bylaw enforcement.