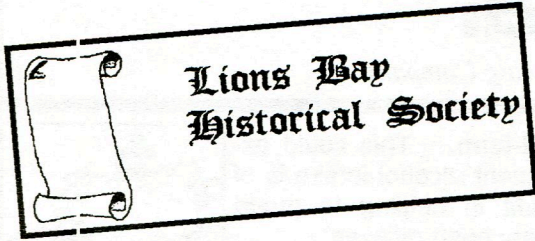


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LOOKING BACK FIRST VILLAGE CLERK IN LIONS BAY

Jim Fairfield

Jim comes to us from England. After completing his education, he worked with a firm of chartered accountants. He left his firm to do a stint in the Air Force, prior to coming to Canada.

We catch up with him when he settled in Lions Bay in August 1959. Jim relates that he was the first permanent resident in Lions Bay. His work still finds him in accounting as the Comptroller-Office Manager for a construction firm.

The history of Lions Bay and Jim's role in it is a very interesting one. We hope to deal with the early settlers and operating bodies in future Seagulls.

Jim was appointed Village Clerk on January 1970, following 7 years as a Trustee and 3 years in various capacities on the Lions Bay Property Owners Association.

Jim has his duties clearly defined both by the council and various sections under the Municipal Act. The Municipal Act defines his duties:

As clerk- to record all minutes; record all by-laws; submit all by-laws to Victoria; enter into discussion with Victoria on these by-laws; make sure council follows Roberts Rules of Order and Procedure Bylaw # 1, (as defined by the department of Municipal Affairs,) this is done by making various suggestions to the Mayor,) keep all correspondence and answer same.

As collector- to enter into various tax assessments which are taken for us by Victoria through a provincial assessor: advice of assessment of property, convert this into mill rates; prepare tax notices; record delinquent taxes.

As treasurer- to collect and distribute all funds; pay bills after approval has been received; prepare financial statements (in accordance with rules set by Victoria); prepare tax roll; collect water and garbage tax; remit school taxes; negotiate budget; advise council of over-expenditures.

Jim is one of two people on the village payroll. He is paid \$ 300.00 per month for this appointment Jim feels that he and his wife put in approximately 40 hours per week in their various capacities for the village.

There was much discussion before Jim accepted this job. He had thought of running in the aldermanic election, but after much encouragement from mayor Stewart (then a trustee), had decided that, for the present, he would best serve as village clerk. Jim plans at some future date to run for office, and he hopes to be elected as alderman or Mayor.

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