Village Update

News from the Municipality

Message from the Mayor



Hello Lions Bay,

We have many new families to the Village Take a minute to find out about your new neighbors (here) and why they chose Lions Bay to move to.

- To Sunset Drive – Ryan Loveridge and Emily Lapkin, Maris and Margo
- To Bayview Place – Bradley Corman and Michaela Bentley.
- To Panorama Road – The Algies.
- To Timbertop – The Byfords.

Mary and I met Ildi and Lazlo George when they became our landlords while our home was being rebuilt in 2006, after it was destroyed by falling trees in the big wind storm that year. We were saddened to hear of Lazlo's recent passing and our condolences go to Ildi and her family. Their daughter Clara details his very colourful life here.

The 2020 Village of Lions Bay Annual Report was received by Council this week. My Mayor's Message on behalf of Council (here) indicates the challenges faced last year, accomplishments, and a going forward view. Further to this, Pandemic or not, Council remains focused on upgrading our infrastructure in 2021. The fully loaded Capital Expenditure Plan is $5.53 million if we win 3 outstanding grants (LBBP Revitalization - $1.07 million, Bayview Road Drainage and Water Improvement Project - $2.26 million, and the Emergency Building Expansion - $499K.)

CAO DeJong and his team continually keep in touch with Provincial administrators / decision influencers to keep Lions Bay top of mind in our grant

requests. I advocate for us bi-weekly through contact with MLA Jordon Sturdy and MP Patrick Weiler. The grant decisions will be made by mid-August. I'm not one to sit on my hands until then and hope for the best. I pushed our agenda directly to BC Minister of Municipal Affairs Josie Osborne last week. 162 Municipalities in BC vie for the same under funded and over subscribed grants. The competition is fierce and we are always punching above our weight class. My request for the Province to "help us, help ourselves" appeared to resonate with the Minister. My fingers and toes are crossed.

Other financial activities in the works are Revenue expansion and Expense reduction, which in brief are:

Revenue expansion:

- $33K from sale of a part of an easement to a Brunswick resident. This should complete in 2021.
- A fire study which indicates what is needed if LB F&R is to be the service provider to Electoral Area A ("EAA", from here to Ansell Place) has been completed. The affected communities are being engaged by EAA as to costs to build the necessary infrastructure to support protection. I am hopeful we are close to refining the possibilities by year end.
- Monetizing street parking. This contemplates using a phone app (Flowbird) to pay a modest fee for street parking which is currently free. We went live this week but would still be considered in the test phase. We hope to be fully operational shortly and into the future.
- A report on the development of our property at Oceanview and Highview into a lot has been requested for September. The aim would be to understand its highest and best use, engage with affected neighbors, and be in a position to list the site in early 2022.

Expense Reduction:

As a purchaser of goods and services the Village has no economy of scale as we are simply too small and things just cost more. I spoke with Mayor Mary-Ann Booth of West Vancouver, who supported my request for us to piggy back on her District's buying power. This would cover everything from sale of superfluous machinery and small equipment to us, West Vancouver prices for public works inventory items, and their rates for services like paving, sewer inspections etc. which are below what we would pay on our own.

I know Mayor Booth is a subscriber to our Village Update. Thank you for your assistance. Both Municipalities' CAO's are working towards making the expense reduction opportunities come to fruition.

Whether you are new to the Village, or have been here longer, you should know that bears and garbage are two words that don't go together. Bylaw Enforcement Officers (BEO's) and heavy fines ($60-$320) for putting your garbage out early do. The BEO's will be extending their shifts the Thursday evening before garbage pick up. If your garbage is out early, they will be ticketing, not warning.

Stay well and let's keep strong until normal comes back again,

Ron
604 921 7138
Mayor.McLaughlin@LionsBay.ca







Anita Algie and Hanna (top left) Ryan Loveridge and Emily Lapkin, Maris (13) and Margo (10) (top right), Kate, Denise, and Alexander Byford (bottom left). Welcome to Lions Bay!

Thank you to the Lions Bay Historical Society

On June 15th, the Lions Bay Historical Society presented to Council and the Village, "Paradise Found", in celebration of Lions Bay's 50th Anniversary.

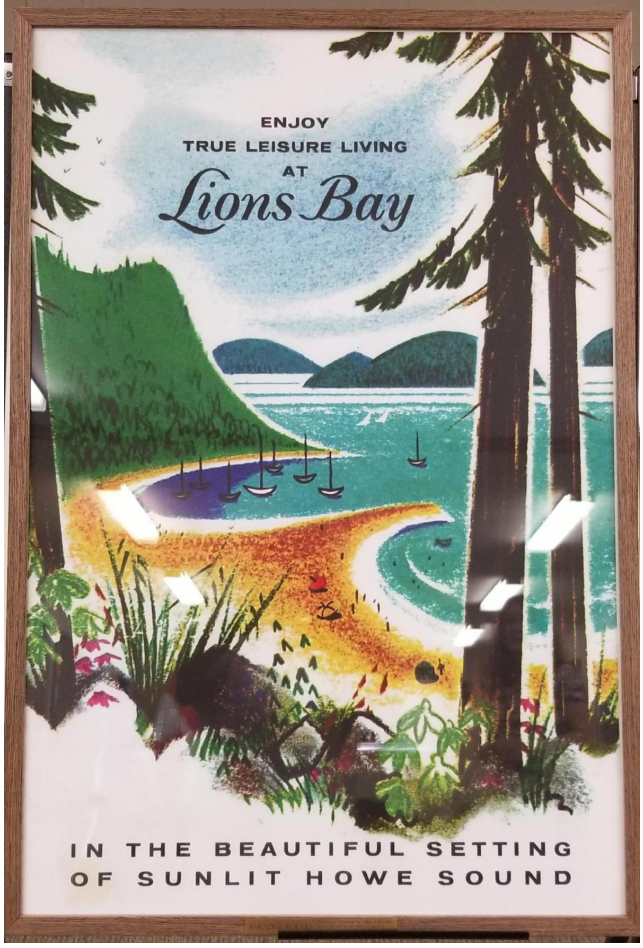
60 years ago, Bob Nelson, a developer, had to sell lots to make development in Lions Bay sustainable.

He produced a pamphlet with the idea to help sell the lots.

It contained all the pros for people to move here. In the pamphlet is included a small picture to entice people to do just that.

This is why when celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Lions Bay as an Historic Society, using this historic picture was

perfect.



Parking Update!



RESIDENTS: WE HEARD YOU!

Your resident permit passes AND complimentary Guest Parking Permits have been customized to enable your guests to park for free in ALL on-street parking zones (i.e. both Permit Required and the new on-street Pay Parking zones).

Sheets of 6 colour-copied Guest Parking Permits are available from the Village Office and now require your address on each permit, along with the date you issue it to your guest.

Please be sure to fill these out in coloured ink to make the Bylaw Enforcement Officers' job a little easier.

As well, all contractor permit passes are eligible in pay parking zones. Please ensure that anyone hired to do work on your home, obtains a contractor pass ($40 for 3 months) at the Village Office.

Please ensure that your resident pass is visible on the left hand side of your windshield at all times, even if you switch vehicles for the day, to help the Bylaw Enforcement Officers out, as the season gets busy.

Please contact reception@lionsbay.ca for any questions on parking.



You may have noticed new Speed Radar Signs (SRS) in your travels in and around the Village. Public Works has purchased three of these speed and traffic count radar signs and will be rotating them throughout the Municipality. We currently have four sets of data gathered during our initial set up of these signs:

Location	Days Up	# of Vehicles in both directions	Average Speed	85th Percentile	Notes
25 Brunswick Beach Rd.	6	883	**22**	30	May 22 to May 27, 2020
35 Lions Bay Ave.	6	4,475	**35**	43	July 9 to July 15, 2020
247 Bayview Rd.	22	18,443	**27**	34	April 26 - May 17 2021
260 Mountain Dr.	23	9,649	**30**	39	May 19 - June 10 2021

Additional data can be viewed here.

The 85th percentile is the speed at or below which 85 percent of all vehicles are travelling under free-flowing conditions. Research indicates that drivers do not drive according to the posted speed limit, but account for the visual aspects of the road and a 'feel' for the road. Visual factors that influence speeds include road width, presence of corners, obstructions such as vegetation, and the presence of parked cars or other features adjacent to the travelled road. Traffic research further indicates that setting speed limits below the 85th percentile typically results in non-compliance that can only be modified by regular enforcement by the RCMP (our Bylaw Officers are not able to enforce speeds). Let us know what you think: feedback@lionsbay.ca

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Tree fruit attracts bears to backyards, increases potential interaction and bear habituation, resulting in human/wildlife conflict.

Bears may forage up to 20 hours a day during autumn, increasing their body weight by 35% in preparation for winter. During this time, they enter 'hyperphagia', which literally means "excessive eating." Bears have by now depleted the blackberries and other native food sources. Apples and other fruit-bearing trees begin to ripen and become the next food choice for hungry bears. We've received multiple complaints of bears accessing fruit trees on Oceanview, Isleview, Tidewater, and Bayview. These fruit trees attract bears to backyards leading to increased interaction, bear habituation, and eventually result human/wildlife conflict. Domestic fruit trees are not a natural source of food for bears. They are acknowledged as a bear attractant and bring bears into our community.

You may not mind if a bear feasts on your fruit, but what you are doing is not only dangerous, it is an offence under the B.C. Wildlife Act and punishable by a fine of $230.00. These bears become used to humans and our surroundings, and they become bolder in exploring urban areas. If you leave your fruit trees undermanaged and unattended, you are endangering members of our community. You are creating a food-conditioned and habituated bear that will come into contact with humans and lead to the bear's ultimate demise. However, a simple and effective solution still exists. Remove the fruit as soon as it begins to ripen and bring it indoors.

Other tips:

- Prune your fruit trees, so they will produce only the amount of fruit that you are able to pick and consume.
- Clean all fallen fruit from beneath the trees and shrubs daily, and pick fruit and berries as soon as they ripen.
- A small, inexpensive electric fence system will act as a bear deterrent for your trees.
- Remember to keep garbage containers indoors – inside a locked shed, garage, or basement until pick up day. Dispose of garbage regularly – do not stockpile it or it will begin to smell and attract bears.

To change the behavior of bears, we must first change our own. Don't wait until you have a problem to do something about it. It is our responsibility to learn how to live with bears, we choose to live in bear country.



BC Hydro has issued an outage notification as they will be working in Lions Bay. Planned power outage will take place on Monday, June 28th from 8:00am to 3:00 pm (estimated and weather dependent).

Check the locations here: https://www.bchydro.com/power-outages/app/outage-list.html#planned-521980323.

To find ways to prepare and get the latest status, visit: https://www.bchydro.com/safety-outages.html.



As previously communicated, municipalities will no longer be accepting applications for home owner grants (HOG's). All applications must now be made through the Province. In order to claim your HOG on-line with the Province, you will need the **Village's jurisdiction number (537)** and your roll number in the BC Assessment format which can be found on the BC Assessment website https://www.bcassessment.ca/Property/AssessmentSearch. You can also search for your property using your civic address - please use the civic address as shown on your property tax notice.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ON COMMUNICATIONS

Can we have 10 minutes of your time?

The Village of Lions Bay is looking to improve communications to foster greater engagement and feedback from residents.

The 2021 Communications Survey will examine resident's satisfaction with current communication practices and will seek to understand current communication engagement with the Municipality.

This questionnaire has 25 questions and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. A paper copy has also been mailed to you along with the Property Tax Notices. Please complete only one per person - either online or the paper copy by June 25, 2021.

Your responses will remain anonymous and will never be linked to you personally. Your participation is entirely voluntary. If there are items you do not feel comfortable answering, please skip them.

The results of this survey will provide information that will allow the Municipality to better manage the way it communicates with the public and all answers will be kept confidential.

A summary of the results will be presented to Council. For any questions regarding the survey, please contact the Municipal Coordinator, Karla Duarte at office@lionsbay.ca or at 604-921-9333.

If you choose to complete the paper copy, you can submit it in person at the Village Office (400 Centre Road) Monday to Friday (excluding Wednesdays) from 10a.m. to 4p.m., drop it off through the front door slot or in the mailbox at the office, email it to office@lionsbay.ca, fax it at 604-921-6643 or mail it to PO BOX 141, Lions Bay, BC, V0N 2E0.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey. We appreciate the feedback.

BEGIN SURVEY NOW



- Special Closed Council Meeting, June 21 @ 6pm (for the purpose of commencing the 2021 mid-year CAO review process)
- 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting, June 22 @ 7:30pm
- Climate Action Committee Meeting, June 23 @ 7pm
- Regular Council Meeting, July 6, 2021 @ 7pm

Note: We have changed the way we do Council meetings to meet physical distancing requirements. Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom.

Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found here.

Public Viewing Etiquette:

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Please read the instructions.*
- *Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired). Please do not interrupt Council discussion.*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).*
- *If interruptions are repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting.*

As per the current Provincial Health Order, only five people can be in the Council Chambers at one time.



Being bitten by a tick is only a matter of time. If you spend time in the outdoors, you're at risk and it will happen. And with ticks, come the dangers of tick-borne disease, namely Lyme Disease. Here's a news flash: "Ticks don't practice social distancing," and they most definitely don't take the spring off!

Ticks like grassy areas and short bushes and can attach to you if you brush by them. Not all ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease but there is no way to tell just by looking at them so avoiding all tick bites is your best bet. Check your body for ticks after being outdoors. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body. After kids play outside, check their skin and hair - especially the scalp, behind the ears, around the neck, and under the arms. If you're bitten, save the tick in a baggie, pill bottle or plastic dish and label it with the date of the bite, and take it to your doctor who will send it off to a lab for testing, which can take up to a week.

For information on precautionary measures and how to safely remove ticks download and read the BC Centre for Disease Control brochure: Lyme Disease

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GET THE BC WILDLIFE FOUNDATION APP!

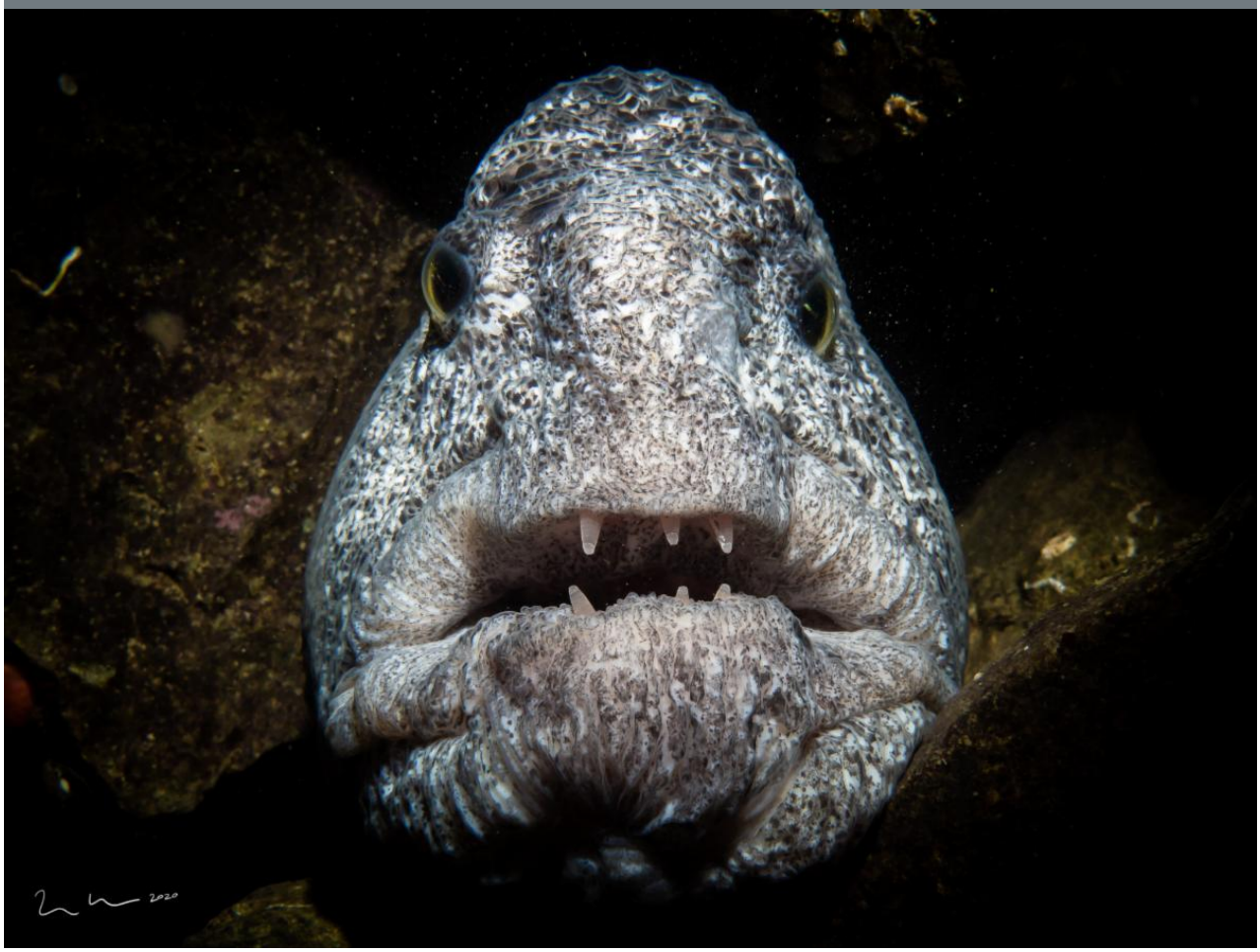
See trash/waste near Tunnel Bluffs? Spot illegal campfires?
There's an app for that!

The B.C. Wildlife Foundation (BCWF) has an app for Android and iPhone that allows users to quickly report environmental infractions related to natural resource use/abuse with a few clicks. It uploads GPS data into the BCWF map and automatically fills in a R.A.P.P. violation report. Additionally, BCWF pays rewards

of up to $2,000 for information leading to a conviction of persons who have violated laws.

What's Happening in Lions Bay

Meet "Wolfie"



Some newer Lions Bay residents may not know that Howe Sound was, until 25 years ago, considered one of the most polluted areas of North America.

A rehabilitation plan launched in 1988 has dramatically improved the health of Howe Sound, and these days herring have returned, along with seal-lions, orcas and humpback whales. I have been diving locally since I arrived in Canada in 1994, and every year I have been fortunate to have witnessed this recovery – huge improvements in the diversity and density of marine life - first-hand.

Many locals may also not know that Kelvin Grove – or the ‘dog beach’ – is a gem of a shore diving site. It’s a site for more advanced and committed divers, many of whom are very active in Howe Sound’s conservation efforts. Parts of it get very deep, and hauling our gear down and up the trail to the steps on the first beach, and then picking your way amongst the logs to the water, is not for the faint-hearted. But the rewards are worth it – to the right, is a magnificent deep wall with plumose anemones, sculpins, nudibranchs, warbonnets, several species of rockfish, and sometimes octopus and wolf eels competing for dens. Coming back into the bay, you are often accompanied by seals as you find painted greenlings amongst the rocks, and swim through shoals of shiner perch.

The photo here was taken a few days ago at Kelvin Grove by one of the local diving community's amazing photographers, Eli Wolpin (check out more of Eli's photos at https://www.instagram.com/eli_wolpin_photographer/). This is an adult male wolf eel - or 'Wolfie'. These look a bit scary, but are actually often very curious and will sometimes come out of their den to check you out. The head on this one was around 10 inches and it was probably a few feet long - they can live for 20 years growing to 8 feet. The number of wolf eels to be found in Howe Sound seems to be increasing, and this is one sign of what is now a healthy ecosystem. So next time you are walking down to the dog beach and you see some divers panting their way up the slope, ask them what they saw – if you are lucky and they have cameras, they might be able to show you.

John Robb
Local Lions Bay resident and Diver

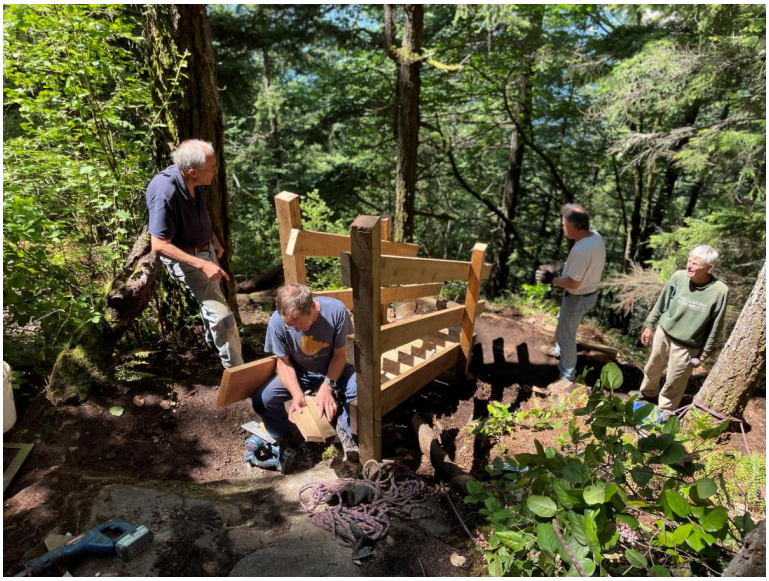
Tips from the Trail Blazers!



Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to keep our trails in top shape this month! Sixteen year-old Maeya Jones has made a video starring some of Lions Bay's original trail blazers with tips on what to do when you're out there.

Sign up to Volunteer!
https://volunteersignup.org/JACMY
Many thanks to the **West Vancouver Foundation** for sponsoring the video.

The Trailblazers have been busy installing a set of stairs at the junction of the Lower Harrison and Centennial Trails. The challenge was carrying all the equipment and lumber to the site, so it was cunningly planned to assemble everything at the top of Loggers Lane, as mothers were dropping off their children at school in the morning.



The first week they drilled holes into bedrock and carried in a 54lb. generator, plus some lumber rock drills etc. Fortunately the mothers we coerced into helping and said they enjoyed it., so the following week when the majority of the lumber had to be carried in, an even bigger group of mothers arrived and jogged off down the trail with 12ft lengths of lumber!

Luckily the group of Trailblazers had been working for years, so with Ken More and Rob Peebles constructing a set of 8 stairs with handrails, John and Sandy Reinders building steps above the stairs, the job was completed in 5 hours.

Now John Dudley will be able to sleep soundly at night, without having nightmares about people landing on the roof of a car heading north to Squamish.

Many thanks to the Works Department and office staff for their cooperation, plus the mothers and occasional Dad, who carried lumber on all bridge and boardwalk repairs this year.

Pictured above: John Reinders, Rob Peebles, Ken More and John Dudley (photo taken by Sandy Reinders).



Carrying the generator!

Congratulations to Archie!

One of Lions Bay's own: Archie Hardy, has won the Howe Sound Art Challenge. Archie is in Grade 2 at Lions Bay Community School. This year's theme was "Ocean Life" and winners receive a cash prize. Competition is stiff so congrats to Archie! To view more art work click here.



Art in the Park

Lions Bay Arts invites your children to a summer collection of 1-hour painting, music, dance, writing, and community art workshops in Wade Park.

Cost is $10/session for Lions Bay Arts family members. (Not yet a member? Join for $35, and you and your family will be members for life.)

Browse our **class list** to make your selections, and email **robinspano@gmail.com** to secure your spot.

More info is available **here**.





Northeastern's Madison Mailey, alum of the women's rowing team, and Lions Bay's own, has been named to Team Canada to represent the largest Canadian rowing team in the past 25 years at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, announced by Rowing Canada Aviron and the Canadian Olympic Committee on Tuesday.

Mailey, along with the other 28 athletes, qualified for Team Canada based on their performances at the 2019 World Rowing Championships, the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta and a series of internal assessment camps. For more information, click here.

Transit Service Changes

Starting June 21, 2021 Translink will make service changes. They do so every January, April, June, and September to reflect both seasonal changes in demand and to deliver more service to help customers get around the region.

262 Lions Bay/Caulfeild

On weekdays, the 262 Lions Bay/Caulfeild will come:
Every 30 minutes from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (from every 60 minutes)
Hourly until 11 p.m.

To sign up for alerts and check out more information, visit:
https://www.translink.ca/schedules-and-maps/service-changes



Saturday July 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. our own team member Joel@allarms7 Payeur will be running non stop for 24 hours to raise money for the Lions Bay Search and Rescue team. Joel is a competitive endurance athlete and has been competing internationally for several years. We've had the pleasure of having him a part of our team for over 5 years. During this time he has also done a lot of work with @bcadvsmart

He will be running exclusively throughout our search area from Porteau Cove to St. Marks and all the way down to the trails in the Lion's Bay Village.

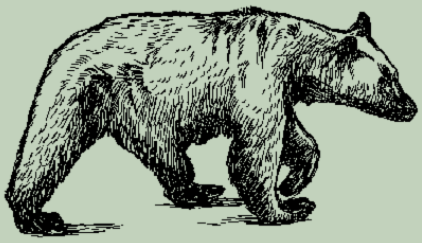
If you would like to donate you can go directly towww.LBSAR.com. If you could please leave a note in the optional message box stating that your donation is a part of this fundraiser to reach Joel's goal of raising $3,000.00!

Be sure to follow our Instagram stories on the day of the run as he will be updating us all on his adventure.





BEAR SEASON IS HERE



KEEP OUR BEARS ALIVE

Avoid Human-Bear Conflicts



Use Bear Resistant Waste Containers

- Keep garbage inside until the morning of garbage collection.
- Odorous garbage can be kept inside a plastic bag and frozen until garbage day.
- Residents should be proactive in encouraging neighbour's to help educate them about bear attractants.
- Garbage should not be left in the back of vehicles or under canopies; they aren't bear proof and will likely get damaged.



Be Vigilant With Composting

- Remove any meat, meat by-products, fish, and cooked fruit and vegetables from compost.
- Sprinkle lime in compost. The lime will aid the composting process and help to reduce the odour
- Covering the compost with a light cover of dirt or soil or a heavy cover of grass clippings will also assist with odours.
- If the conflict persists the compost bin may have to be removed.



Keep Pet Food Inside and Locked Up

- Pet food should be kept in an airtight, non-odorous container locked inside residences.
- Pet food should not be left unattended outside.
- If pets are fed outdoors, bring in the food dish between feedings.



Fruit Trees are an Easy Target

- Pick fruit as it ripens since ripe fruit has a high caloric value and is a highly sought after food source by bears.
- Fruit can be picked before it ripens and then can be stored indoors while it ripens.
- Let others pick your fruit if you don't use it.
- If you don't want the fruit trees then have them removed.

Remember that bears are wild animals and should be treated with caution.

Reporting a sighting does not mean BC Conservation Officers will automatically kill the bear. If a bear can be scared away from residential areas on its first visit, and attractants such as garbage are removed, the bear will be more likely to return to the mountains to forage for natural food sources.

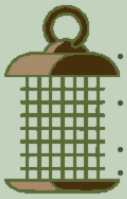
Call the BC Conservation Officer Service Hot Line:
1-877-952-RAPP
#7277 on your cellular

The Village of Lions Bay
www.lionsbay.ca



Keep Barbeques Clean

- Barbeques and drip pans should be cleaned after each use since grease and fat are a high calorie food source for bears.
- Barbeques should be kept locked inside a bear-proof shed after they have been cleaned.
- Covering a cleaned barbeque will further help to reduce the transmission of food odour.
- A barbeque stored within a shed that has an un-cleaned grill or drip pan will still attract bears and could possibly lead to property damage.



Bird Feeders are Irresistible to Bears

- Birdseed and suet are high protein food source for bears.
- Use bird feeders only in the winter when bears are denning and natural bird food is limited.
- Take bird feeders in at night
- Keep the ground underneath the feeders clean and free of bird seed.
- Fill your feeders regularly with just a small amount of feed, which will decrease the reward a bear would receive if it does get to your feeder.



Bears Love Beehives and Honey

- Beehives are a high calorie and high protein food source for bears.
- Protect hives with electric fencing.
- Placing beehives on platforms with an overhang of two metres or more can be an effective deterrent
- Wiring beehives together with metal strapping can also help prevent damage to beehives
- Don't set up beehives during early springtime when other sources of food for bears are not available or may be scarce



Use Electric Fencing

- To keep bears out of gardens, apiaries, and away from fruit trees, consider installing electric fencing.
- New energizers, chargers and fence designs have recently revolutionized electric fencing in North America
- Many different designs including portable electric fences are available
- Designs incorporate charged and alternately charged wire, with trip wires and ground wires
- The latest designs have every wire charged
- Maintenance to keep electrical fencing functional can be significant. Wire tension must be maintained; vegetation under the fence must be removed to prevent grounding.

Here for you

CN Public Inquiry Line

CN's Public Inquiry Line is the central point of contact for the public with non-emergency concerns, such as:

- Noise
- Train whistling
- General property maintenance
- Etc.

To contact the team:
(Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., ET)
1-888-888-5909 | **contact@cn.ca**

CN Police

CN Police staff will answer emergency calls and dispatch officers when appropriate.



There are many reasons to call CN Police, such as:

- Trespassing on tracks
- Unlawful activity
- Crossing signal defect
- Etc.

To contact CN Police
Emergencies: **1-800-465-9239** (24/7)
Non-urgent suspicious activities: **CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca**

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