Village Update

October 21, 2022

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Mayor's Message

Good bye Lions Bay.

It has been an honour to serve as your Mayor for the past four years.

I would like to thank departing Councillors Bain (11 years) and Cunliffe (4 years) for their unbelievable service and dedication to the Village, and I wish the inbound Mayor and Council well.

Thank you to all our employees. You all made my job easier and your outstanding daily service and commitment to our Community is greatly appreciated. It saddens me to say that Municipal Coordinator Linda Brick left our employ mid-week. She was an exceptional hire we attracted 4 months ago. Linda is returning to Merritt to her old job.

I would like to thank the scores of well wishers who either telephoned or wrote personal messages to me since election night. Each contact from you was personal and touched me.

The things I am going to miss the most while I was in office are:

- Meeting so many of you. You are diverse, engaging, interesting, and proud to be Villagers.
- Highlighting your achievements, your arrival as new to the Village, a loved one's passing, or remembering something special to all of us in my Mayor's Messages.
- Lions Bay Community School & Vice Principal Natalie Mendes are cornerstones of the Village and dear to my heart. I loved visiting, heralding accomplishments, and going to the grade three graduation. School news follows that I am very proud of.
- Representing you outside of Lions Bay at the Translink or Metro Vancouver Boards or Committees, or to senior governments. My role was to assist in winning grants, getting attention to solve a problem in Lions Bay, or obtaining other assistance. Being a member of the Translink and Metro Vancouver Boards, with my one vote, equal to that of the other North Shore Communities, I was able to participate in shaping regional policy.

After six years of fighting for its funding, and seeing construction on the cusp of starting, I will miss officially opening the Renovated Lions Bay Beach Park in 2023, and dedicating

the Erin Moore Playscape. This Remembrance Day I will also miss standing beside Victoria and officially opening the renovated cairn area and its renaming to the Chevalier Sir Norman Kirby Garden.

What I won't miss is the offensive behaviour and antagonism of some members of the gallery at Council meetings. I also won't miss the horrible personal emails I occasionally received.

What I am proudest about is Council making a difference last term. We led the Community through 2 ½ years of the Pandemic. Also, $6 ¾ million of infrastructure was completed or is in progress, and $2 ½ million of non tax dollar cash was generated and placed in the Treasury to fund future projects. These are accomplishments never seen before in the Village.

A very dear friend of everyone on Upper Oceanview, Lizanne Mailhot, recently passed. Our hearts go out to her husband Brian and their families. 250 people are attending her celebration of life today. Her life is recounted by her family **here**.



It's now time for me to devote myself to Mary and our sons and their families.

So long, keep well,
Ron



Fireworks are not permitted within the boundaries of Lions Bay at any time other than October 31st and December 31st, subject to approval by the Fire Chief of an application setting out the details of the proposed use per the Fire Bylaw. However, due to the duff layer of our forest material being too dry this year due to the extended drought conditions, it is too dangerous to allow any fireworks.

By order of the Fire Chief, fireworks within the Village of Lions Bay are banned until further notice, with the exception of fireworks managed by Lions Bay Fire Rescue for the Village sanctioned Halloween event at the Lions Bay Beach Park.



Trick or ... a weed pull? Bat-friendly landscaping can help bats at Halloween

As Halloween approaches, images of scary bats become commonplace. This is the perfect time of year to counter bat myths and do something to help bats, by taking part in International Bat Week. Bat Week is all about appreciating these amazing animals and their benefits, including eating insects, pollinating flowers, and spreading seeds and nutrients.

This BatWeek, consider bat-friendly gardening to help bats! Planting native trees, shrubs, or flowers in your yard, as well as light-coloured and night-blooming flowers, will support the insects that our BC bats like to eat. Controlling invasive plant species also helps insects and bats thrive, so consider a weed-pull in your yard, laneway, or local park or wetland. You can find more information on bat-friendly gardening through the Community Bat Program's Bat-friendly Communities Guide at **www.bcbats.ca** . Check out the South Coast Bat Conservation's **Facebook page** to read more about BatWeek and for a listing of local events.

Why BatWeek? "Bats in BC help control agricultural and forest pests, as well as mosquitoes in our yards - but now bats need our help" says Danielle Dagenais, Regional Coordinator for the Metro Vancouver-Squamish Community Bat Project. "Providing safe and healthy habitat for bats has always been important, since over half the species in this province are considered at risk. With the continuing spread of White-nose Syndrome in Washington State, bat conservation is more important than ever as we expect to see impacts in BC in the near future."

BatWeek also marks the time of year when bats disappear from our neighbourhoods, until the return of warmer weather in spring. As insect-eaters, our BC bats must leave their summer roost sites and migrate or hibernate to survive the winter. This absence means that this is the time of year to do home renovations that you have delayed due to bat presence. You can clean out and repair a bat box, or do bat-friendly exclusion work, without disturbing or injuring bats.

If you do see a bat in winter, please report it to**vancouver@bcbats.ca**. Monitoring for white-nose syndrome in BC will continue this winter, with Community Bat Programs requesting reports of dead bats or sightings of winter bat activity.

In partnership with the BC Ministry of Environment, and funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Forest Enhancement Society of BC, Habitat Stewardship Program, the BC Community Bat Program provides information and promotes local stewardship and citizen science. Find out more about the BC Community Bat Program, BatWeek activities, and

options for helping local bat populations, at www.bcbats.ca, or 1-855-922-2287 ext. 11.



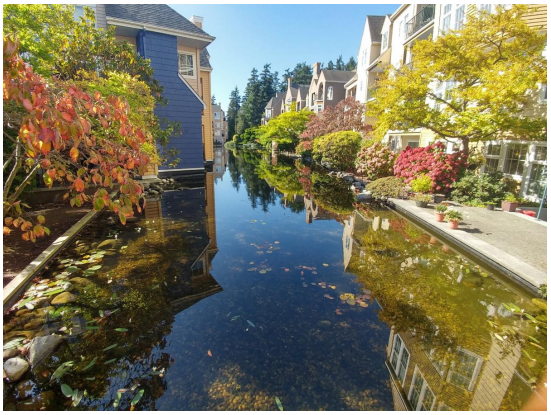
Bat box time for maintenance: Fall is the perfect time to check that your bat box is well-attached, water-tight, clean, and ready to offer a safe roosting site for bats in spring. *Photo: Habitat Acquisition Trust*



Long-eared Myotis in Burdock - Removing invasive plants such as burdock allows native plants to thrive and reduces hazards for bats. *Photo: M. Anion*



Arnica: add native plants to your garden. White and yellow flowers provide food for bats. *Photo: D. Dagenais*



Pond and garden providing bat habitat at a local complex. *Photo: D. Dagenais*

Council & Committee Meetings

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - INAUGURAL MEETING:
November 1st at 7:00pm
to be held in Broughton Hall

View the Council and Committee Schedule, Agendas, Minutes HERE!

Lions Bay Community School News

At Lions Bay school, Maeli McLaughlin was recognized for conquering cancer as part of Terry's Team on our annual Terry Fox event. She received a special shirt as part of this recognition. As well, her brother Jonathan raised over $5000 to support cancer research.





Click HERE for the Lions Bay School Video

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY



ADULT DANCE TICKETS

The Events Committee is well under way planning an amazing Halloween weekend, but we need you to please buy your Adult Dance tickets.

With costs being incurred and alcohol being ordered we need your help to get an accurate number to ensure the night is a great success!

The adult dance ticket sales go directly to cover the cost of the Halloween events.
Posted on behalf of the Lions Bay Events Committee

Purchase Tickets HERE



Kids Halloween Writing Contest
The spooky season is almost upon us and we would like to invite our Lions Bay kids to share their Halloween story or poem. Your story/poem can be scary, funny, or anything in between. But beware you must follow these rules!

Your story/poem must:

- take place on Halloween night.
- contain these 3 words: skeleton, creep, and mask. (you may use the words in any form e.g. skeletons, creepy/crept, masked/mask).
- not go over the word count for your grade:
- Grade 1 - 3: 100 words;
- Grade 4 - 5: 250 words;
- Grade 6-7: 350 words or less.
- include your name, grade and an email address on the entry. (excluded from word count)

One winner will be chosen from each of the three groups. Prize awarded to the winner of each group. Winning entries will be published on the LB Neighbours Facebook page and in the Village Update. Deadline to submit: Sunday Oct 30th at midnight. Submit stories to: **lbeventscommittee@gmail.com** submissions can be a typed email or a photo of a hand-written story.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

1. Audience- your story or poem must be intended for a young audience (ages 13 and under), we're looking for stories that all ages will enjoy reading.
2. Halloween themed- it must be a story happening Halloween night and must include the words: skeleton, creep, and mask.
3. Structure of story/poem– entries must be clear and easy to follow along with the story. There is a beginning, middle and an ending.

4. Originality and creativity – Make sure your story slays the competition. Plagiarism will result in disqualification

The Lions Bay committee is not responsible for lost, late, or misdirected entries. A panel of judges will pick the best entry from each of the three groups mentioned above. Entries are limited to children living in Lions Bay. Judges will select the entries they consider to be the most original, creative and entertaining. Winners will be notified by email. All judges' decisions are final. Committee members and their immediate family members are not eligible. Winners (and guardian(s)) consent for their stories to be published on the Lions Bay Facebook page and in the Village Newsletter.



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