Village Update

November 4, 2022

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

The Inaugural Meeting was held on Tuesday November 1st, and the new Mayor and Councillors were sworn in.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
MAYOR KEN BERRY
November 1, 2022, 7pm
Broughton Hall

My name is Ken Berry, and I am honored to welcome you to this inaugural event. It means a great deal to me to be standing before you today in the capacity of Mayor of Lions Bay. And **I want to thank all voters for their passionate commitment to our magnificent home, and for exercising your democratic right to vote.**

On behalf of the residents, I would also like to extend our thanks to outgoing Mayor Ron McLaughlin and Councilors Fred Bain and Jamie Cunliffe. If you would please step forward, we would like to offer these gifts in appreciation of the many years of service you have given to our community. These beautiful carved bowls were provided from our own resident Jim Cannal.

Most importantly, I would like to welcome my fellow council members who put their names forward to serve this community: Neville Abbott, Norm Barmeier, Michael Broughton, and Marcus Reuter. Congratulations on your success, and I look forward to working with you.

On that note, **let me assure you that I intend to represent all the residents of Lions Bay to the fullest extent of my abilities;** not just those who voted for me; and not just those who agree with me. I was raised as a young boy as one of four brothers on our 'home' team, and later, played on a professional hockey team as one of 20 players. Team play is my strength, and my de facto approach to successfully operating in both my life as an athlete and as a CEO.

I'm a straightforward person who has approached every challenge in **a culture of transparency**. I believe in **confronting and resolving issues before they fester, with a healthy regard for harmony and respect for all involved.** I work best with others; I am not afraid to call the play when required; and I get things done.

As for where we find ourselves today, to quote Bob Dylan, " **The Times They are A-**

Changing", although…in view of the fact that he wrote that song in 1964, I guess we can consider that 'change' is the rule rather than the exception.

In the course of door-knocking and listening to the tenor of our community, I heard many long-time residents tell me that this is the most engaged they have seen our community in over 45 years. That statement suggests two things to me: first, **that this is a particular moment in time where people need each other again; to check in, to share, and to de-isolate themselves from the polarization and uncertainty of our recent times.** And second, that people **need to know their interests are being prudently and transparently represented here; that the management and operation of the Village is administered in respect of our most significant financial investment, our homes**; and always with the highest regard for Lions Bay residents, both individually and in community.

As for the job at hand, **the good news is that the majority of council is aligned in our goals to make a measurable difference during the next four years in office.** Our Council is committed to getting to work as soon as possible. In this regard, I will be calling a "Special Meeting" later this week to discuss and prioritize the "key issues" that will serve as the foundation of open, responsible, and accountable governance and operational activity.

Lastly, we have also received an overwhelming response from individuals offering to volunteer for our committees. **I know I'm not alone when I say, a major regret for me personally is that we do not have any women sitting on our council.** From conversations with many, I am confident that women will assume a strong presence in our committees.

All residents can make a difference in Lions Bay, and I would encourage you to get involved when you want, for as short or long as you can. Lions Bay's spirit and culture is derived from the sense of community brought about by valued volunteers. If anyone has an interest in joining our committees, please forward a brief note and bio to the Village office.

No single Mayor, City Council member, staffer, resident, or volunteer can realize the future of this Village alone. We need to work together to implement our shared vision for the community of Lions Bay. I invite everyone to come together to invest in our community, and our own long-term future within it.

Let's all leave a legacy of activity, engagement, and accomplishment that our children and grandchildren can point to and feel proud of.

I look forward to being your Mayor and to serving the Village of Lions Bay!

Thank you
Ken Berry
Mayor of Lions Bay

Council & Committee Meetings

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: November 4th at 6:00pm

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

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. Attendees will have two minutes to speak on any matter at the beginning of the meeting*
- *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*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY





TRIVIA NIGHT

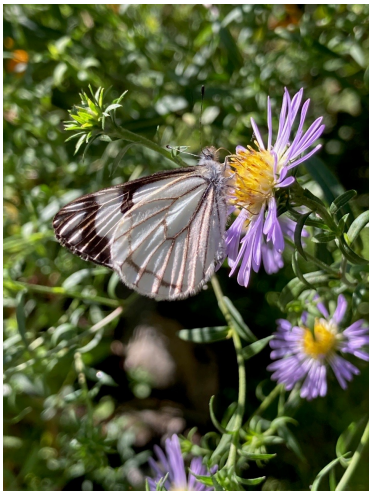
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7:00PM - DOORS OPEN
BROUGHTON HALL

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$5 ENTRY - PRIZES TO WIN
CASH BAR & SNACKS

Butterflyway Project



Please remember the seed planting workshop this **Sunday, November 6th** at the Village Hall from 12pm - 3pm. This project should help us to be able to donate native plants to villagers wanting to plant a butterfly garden next spring. In order to qualify as a 'butterflyway' with the David Suzuki Foundation, we need to have 12 different garden patches that are planted specifically with native plants that are either nectar providers or host plants for the caterpillars of the butterflies.

We had a great start this summer and next year we would like to increase participation to work towards the 12-patch goal. Over the summer and early fall we have been collecting seeds from our various native plants and are ready to put them into the ground for the winter. Now that the rain has started, and before the frost, we are going to put as many of these seeds into the ground as we can, so they can take advantage of the natural temperature changes that will stimulate the seeds to germinate in the spring. We're going to place seeds into small pots with 'germination-friendly' soil, label them, and place the pots into the ground.

If you would like to help out, please email me at **val.morton@gmail.com**. Germinating our own seeds will help keep the costs down next spring when we will be reaching out to more villagers to join the Butterflyway Project. This is such a great way to show our determination to help maintain ecosystem biodiversity! And delicious scones will be provided. Hope to see you there! Val

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The Lions Bay Events Committee would like to thank some very important people in helping to make the Halloween Events this year a great success!

Our Halloween Weekend Sponsors:

- **Realtor Kim Taylor**
- **Combined Comfort Systems**

Our Prizes at the Adult Dance provided by:

- Isetta Bistro
- Settlement Building / The Belgard Kitchen
- Drifter the brand
- The Lions Bay Store and Café
- Breeze Nail Salon Lions Bay

Thank you to our amazing volunteers! There are so many people who came together in both large and small roles to help, everything you all did was incredibly important in putting together such a fantastic weekend for our community!

Big Thank You to...

- Our core group who handled all the planning & preparation from early September all the way through the weekend
- Our hall setup crew
- Our hall clean up crew
- Our village teens who helped make the kids monster mash an incredibly special event
- Our fearless dads who scared us in the haunted house
- Our volunteer staff at the evening event
- Our Lions Bay Fire Fighters, who put on an amazing display for us on Halloween night!

If you want to help us on upcoming events please email **lionsbayevents@gmail.com** and we would love your help in our upcoming events.

Thank you to all of our Lions Bay kids who submitted their Halloween Stories.



The winners of the contest are:

- Maddy Kate Moore, Grade 1
- Michael Mole, Grade 4

Winners will be contacted directly to be given their prizes!

Maddy Kate Moore's Story
*Click **HERE** for Maddy's Story*

Michael Mole's Story
Once upon a time some trick or treaters got lost in the woods near their house. Then they started hearing noises. They got creeped out. They decided to spread out to try to find an exit from the forest. One of them heard a bonfire. He peered through the bushes and saw a skeleton. Then he went to find the others. He couldn't find them. He thought things were getting creepy, so he went to try to find shelter. He found a cave, but there

were some bears inside of it. He looked around and he found a hut made out of some leaves and sticks. He peered in and he saw two masked guys and then they saw him. He ran and they chased after him. He got away, but then he ran into the bears. Meanwhile, the other trick or treaters started seeing weird things. One of them saw something hairy in the bushes. He went to investigate. He started seeing glowing red eyes. Then he ran away from it. He found a way out of the forest, but he was in a different village. He knocked on everyone's door asking for a ride back to his neighbourhood. Eventually, he found a nice lady who was willing to take him back. The first trick or treater found his way back to his neighbourhood and told his mom about all the things he saw. Everyone lived happily ever after. The end.

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