Village Update

December 9, 2022

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Mayor's Message

Thank you to all the residents of Lions Bay for your support in moving into the future of Transparency and Openness. Your willingness to step forward and volunteer at our First Townhall Meeting was humbling and inspiring. Your Council and Mayor have taken our first 39 days of Office to exercise our commitment to the community of Lions Bay by holding an unprecedented 9 Council Meetings; as well as holding the first Town Hall meeting in 6 years in service of moving the Beach Park Restoration project forward in a timely, on budget and inclusive manner.

Please read my **"Inaugural Address"** below, we will continue to relentlessly serve the residents of Lions Bay to an Open and Transparent Governance style as we move forward to our New Beginning.

As Mayor, I would be honoured to receive expressions of interest to the Standing Committees below that will be instrumental to the future of our Village of Lions Bay.

Mayors Standing Committees:

1. Finance Committee
2. Infrastructure Committee
3. Human Resources (HR) Committee
4. Policies, Procedures, By-Law Committee

Lastly, there has been movement in Council and Administration: Councillor Norman Barmeier has tendered his resignation for personal reasons, which triggers a by-election to be announced in the coming days; CFO Pamela Rooke and CAO De Jong will be moving on. We wish them all the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,
"Ken Berry"
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

PRESS RELEASE - PETER DEJONG

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

My name is Ken Berry, and I am honoured 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

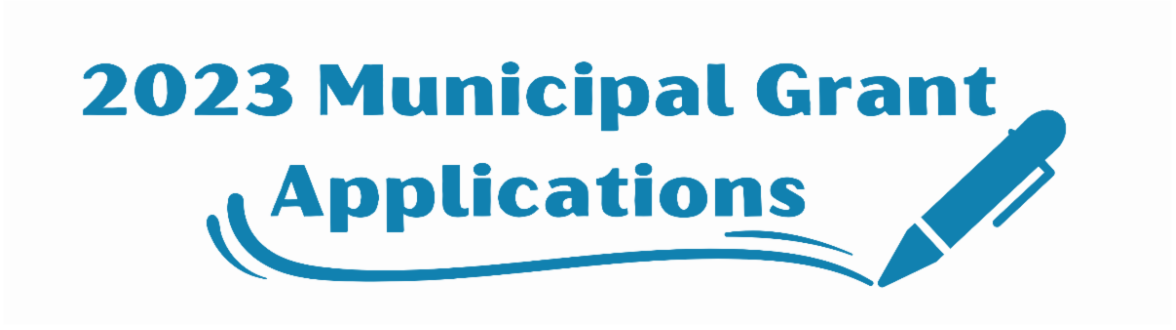


2022 Utility Fees Due

The 2022 utility fees are due by December 31, 2022. Please note that any outstanding balances on January 1, 2023 will become taxes in arrears, and interest will start to accrue. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, debit, online through most financial institutions, or by credit card through the **Village's Online Service Portal**. Please see original bill for account information if paying online or through the bank.

Homeowners are also required to complete the Secondary Suite Declaration at the bottom of their utility notice. It may also be completed **online**.

Please contact the Village Office at 604-921-9333 if you have any questions.



The Village of Lions Bay is committed to promoting an enriched Community, for the

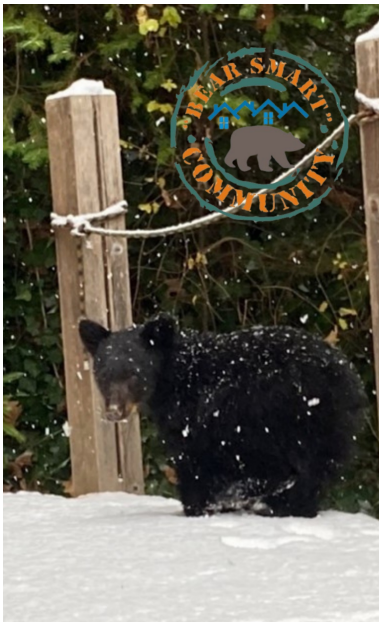
enjoyment of residents and visitors alike, by supporting Community Projects through the Village's Municipal Grant Program. Council is again inviting interested groups to apply for a financial or in-kind Project/Services/Events/Program grant by completing the **Municipal Grant Application form** and submitting it to the Village Office by January 3, 2023.

This form may also be obtained on our **website.**

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Rooke at 604-921-9333 or **finance@lionsbay.ca**.

Message from The Bear Smart Community

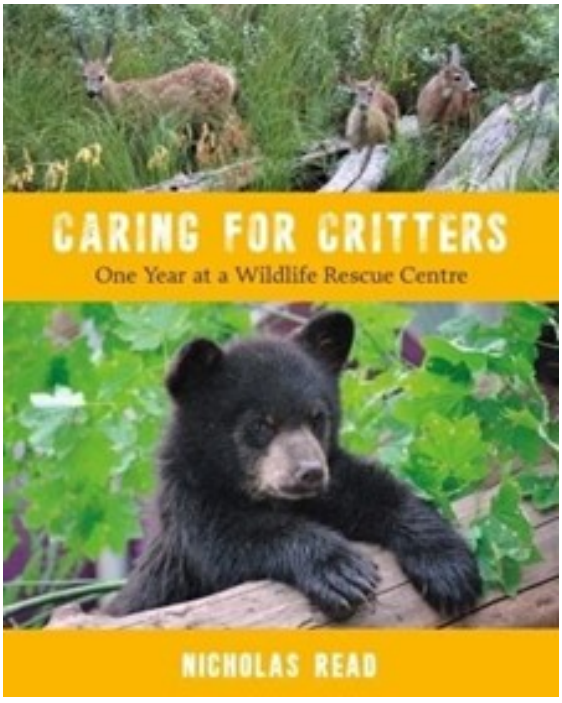
Bear Cub Rescue a Success – Thanks to a community effort!



After a great community effort, the bear cub was trapped and has been taken to Critter Care Wildlife Society in Langley where HE was assessed by a veterinarian. Now we know it is male, and beside some frostbite on his ears and being a bit skinny, weighing in at 40lbs, he has done quite well fending for himself. We suspect that the little cub may have been orphaned because of a car that hit and killed a bear on the highway near Sunset Marina over the summer. It was unlikely to survive the winter on its own, so this feels like one happy ending following a loss of life.

Thanks to Michele Langford for the photo

Click on the image below to purchase the book with proceeds going to Critter Care



He will be cared for and rehabilitated over the winter and released into the wild in the Spring. We are grateful to **Critter Care** and **Pacific Wild** for working with us on permitting, capture, and now the rehab. If you are interested to learn more, they have a great book, "Caring for Critters" available for purchase online or you can visit their **websites** to make a donation.

Thank you for all the reported sightings, this enabled us to get the job done as quickly as possible.

Hopefully the bears are now up in the mountains hibernating for a few months. It can happen that they rouse from a slumber if there is readily available food, so If you spot bears, please report to

www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca so we can track their whereabouts and help remove attractants.

Council & Committee Meetings

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: December 20, 2022 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

Committee Meetings:

Trees, Views and Landscapes Committee Meeting:
December 13, 2022 at 9:15am - On-Site at 61 Brunswick Beach Road

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

Erin's Walk



This year marks the eighth since Elizabeth and Michael Moore lost their almost 8-year-old daughter, Erin, to a mountain accident while walking with the Lions Bay Monday walking group on the trail above Lions Bay, 3 days before Christmas, on 22nd December 2014. It was a tragedy that rocked the whole Lions Bay Community - and the impact is embedded in the fabric of the village's history and life. Last month the family quietly marked the day that she has been gone for exactly as long as she was with us.

Each year a walk is held to honour and remember Erin, and we invite you to join us to remember her, or loved ones that you have lost. "Erin's Walk" takes place on **Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am (rain or shine!),** starting at the very top of Oceanview Rd in Lions Bay. Please also join us after the walk for chili and hot chocolate. It is an event

that shows the remarkable solidarity and support of this wonderful community.

In her memory, the trail is named the Erin Moore Trail and passes by Erin's Enchanted Forest, where we will stop to reflect and add to the collection of colourful toadstools, butterflies, painted rocks and inspirational hangings. If you want to add a decoration to the Enchanted Forest, the theme for this year is **"rainbows"**. You may also choose to dress colourfully.

If you would like to join the walk, please complete **this form** (link also below) to assist with catering. We'd love you to join us - and look forward to walking and remembering with you.

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Attention all Lions Bay Grade 11 and 12 students and parents

All Lions Bay **Grads** of 2023 and 2024 and their **parents** are invited
to a Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Q&A tutorial presentation:

Criteria for Success:
How to Prepare a Successful Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Application

Tuesday, February 8th, 2023
7:00pm to 8:00pm
Via Zoom

Please email your interest in attending to **michael.broughton@telus.net**

As we approach the end of the 2022 tax year, please consider directing a portion of your tax-deductible charitable giving to the **Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation** to support our graduating youth. To make a donation please click on the donate button

Donate HERE

Lions Bay's youth are our future !

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