Village Update

February 24, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR



Once again, I would like to thank the residents of the Village of Lions Bay for your patience and understanding. In a relatively brief period council has made significant progress toward our election platforms. We look forward to restoring a functioning democratic council with the upcoming By-Election.

By-Election
We are pleased that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is considering a Ministerial Order to ensure a democratic election is conducted in a timely manner for in our Village of Lions Bay.

I first reached out to Municipal Affairs on December 7th, 2022 for feedback on organizing a by-election and providing assistance to our Village.

During our February 16th Special Council Meeting a motion to post by-election information was "defeated", which resulted in us failing to meet our statutory requirements to hold a By-Election. With the approval of council, I have reached out to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs requesting assistance on a By-Election to ensure our most fundamental right of democracy is maintained. **See letter below…**

February 17, 2023
Patrick Thompson, LL.B., M.U.P. (*he/him*)
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Dear Patrick,
I first reached out to your office on December 7 th for feedback in organizing a by-election as one of our councilors had tendered his resignation just four weeks after our fall election.
Further to our telephone calls and emails this week (15 th & 16th), I called a Special Meeting of Council of Lions Bay February 15th to approve election documentation prior to sending them out to your Ministry and posting the documents in order to

meet the statutory deadlines under legislation to hold the Village of Lions Bay's By-Election scheduled for April 15th, 2023. Unfortunately, Councilors Abbott and Reuter voted to block the sending out of the election registration documents.
The democratic process is being frustrated. This may result in the residents of the Village being denied their rights to have a fully elected Council to carry on the business of managing the Village affairs in a timely manner and in accordance with the governing legislation. If this election is delayed further, I am concerned that the Village will not meet the statutory requirement to approve a budget by May 15th, 2023.
As requested by you, I have enclosed a proposal from Laurie Nixon-Darcus. Grant McRadu, former CAO of West Vancouver and the CAO of Village of Lions Bay has also referred Mark Brown as a potential replacement for our Chief Election Officer.
As Mayor I would welcome the Deputy Inspector for the Ministry to visit our Village and meet with Council on the election issue. I would also welcome (with the approval of Council), your offer to fund a facilitator to meet/work with Council regarding the appointment of a new Elections Officer and getting the election process on track.
Most importantly, I am reaching out to your Ministry for assistance to ensure the democratic process can move forward in a timely manner.

Respectfully yours,

Ken Berry, Mayor
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As a follow up to the February 17 th letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, council also attended a meeting with the Ministry on Thursday February 23rd, 2023. The Ministry recommended we hold a special meeting to approve their assistance in our by- election. We will hold a special meeting this evening, Friday, February 24th, 2023 to seek approval on the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED:
THAT Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to cancel the Lions Bay By-Election process initiated on January 31, 2023 and restart the By-Election process as soon as possible;
THAT Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to appoint a Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer; and
THAT Council request the assistance of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to provide a Municipal Advisor to the Village of Lions Bay.

We look forward to the Minister of Municipal Affair's involvement to move the by-election forward in a timely manner to ensure that the Village of Lions Bay will be able to meet the statutory requirement to approve a budget by May 15th, 2023.

Budget
Finance Committee is active and will advise on the Budget which will be a key focus of Council in the immediate future. They will also be kept up to date on our investments and overall financial accountability as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

Acting CAO is moving forward with his many tasks in addition to his Acting CFO responsibilities and has a Budget prepared for Council review very shortly. We are very fortunate to have Mr Ron Miller step in on very short notice in an Interim

capacity to keep our Village moving forward.

Beach Park

Beach Park Committee met Thursday, February 23 rd, and is moving forward with the Beach Park Revitalization, see the exciting update in the issue of the Village Update.

In summary

Lions Bay has a history of passionate, spirited, and vigorous debate. I ask that you focus on issues that matter to you and seek information which Council will provide when available. Please be respectful, kind and value your neighbours' opinions as you would hope they will value yours.

Thank you,
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



Weather forecasters are calling for colder temperatures over the coming two weeks. Public Works would like to point out some preemptive and cautionary reminders to help residents to be prepared for the cold and potential snowy conditions.

1. Protect your pipes – any exposed or uninsulated pipes outdoors should be insulated and outdoor taps should be shut off and drained of water with hoses disconnected from hose bibs.
2. Keep the heat on – heating your home to 21 degrees will help prevent water lines in poorly insulated areas from freezing. For more information on preventing frozen pipes and what to do, please see this **fact sheet**.
3. Make sure you have winter tires – if you drive the Sea-to-Sky highway between October 1 and March 31, it's the law. Winter Tires are built to provide the best possible grip when there is snow or ice on the road. For more information see the **Shift Into Winter** website.
4. On-street Parking – do your best to park on one side of the street. This will improve our ability to keep streets clear of snow and ice.

Lions Bay Bear Smart

www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca

Name our little bear cub!



First an encouraging update: Critter Care is happy to report our cub is doing well, gaining weight nicely (as you can see in the pic) and very comfortable exploring his enclosure. He's been sleeping a lot – a good thing – but has not gone into torpor (they're not concerned about this). It does mean he still needs to be fed, along with other animals in their care, so we're asking LB residents to **buy tickets in their current 50/50 fundraiser**.

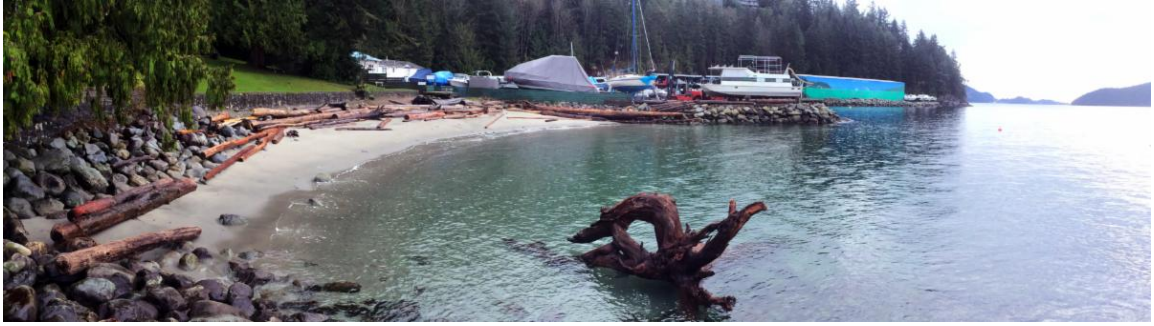
Does our little bear have contact with other cubs at Critter Care? Nope, he doesn't, because by the time he was taken in they were in hibernation! And he won't be introduced to them when they wake up because by then they'll be too big.

When will he be released? Critter Care explains that, although the ideal time would be during May, he and the other cubs will only be released on June 15th, the day after the Spring bear hunting season has closed.

Send us your name suggestions!

Here's how: Critter Care is asking for indigenous names and that the best three be submitted to their board for a final decision. **Send your suggestions to lionsbaybearsmart@gmail.com no later than Monday, March 10th** and the final three will be picked by the Bear Smart Committee and sent to Critter Care. Look out for updates on Facebook and in future VUs!

UPDATES FORM THE LIONS BAY BEACH PARK COMMITTEE



Since the first Lions Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee meeting on February 1, much progress has been made. It was agreed, however, that more time was needed to close some gaps in our intel gathering before providing a meaningful Have Your Say to residents. In the interim, further to last night's energetic and collaborative Committee meeting, we are pleased to share the following highlights:

1. The Grant Application

- **A Review** of the grant application, including commitments, schedule of reporting and associated progress payments was presented to clarify its requirements and ensure our adherence.
- **Next Steps:** a detailed plan will be undertaken, including scope of work, timelines, budget and milestones.

2. The BIG THREE Areas of the Park

- **The Playground** development will be informed in part by two envisioning sessions that took place with children of various ages in the Village in the last two weeks. The Committee looks forward to sharing their enthusiasm in the coming weeks on the Village website.

- **The Waterfront (Kayak and Jetty)** has been reviewed by the Committee with the help of an expert in shoreline rehabilitation, development and conservation to consider possible breakwater mitigation and resulting impacts on the beach, the jetty and the kayak/SUP racks.

- **Built form (Washrooms, Lori Beck Pavilion and surrounding walls and pathways)** has been considered through the lens of consistent themes that resulted from the initial working group sessions:
- The park is to be multi-generational, user friendly and a safe space for all.
- Structures should be in keeping with the form and character of Lions Bay.
- Structures and features should be as low maintenance as possible and built for the long term.
- Historical contributions (art tile walls and Lori Beck Pavilion) will be respected.
- Respect should be paid to the basic natural elements of the Village; open space, trees, and green space.
- Environmental changes should be considered.

- **Next Steps:** a detailed project brief is being develop for the built form elements that will inform the RFP for design services.

On going progress and details on the above will be available on the Village website in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
March 7, 2023 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:
Tonight, February 24, 2023 at 6:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETING:
TREE COMMITTEE – March 1, 2023 at 11:30am (on site)

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



A quick reminder that there's still time to register for our **Bird Friendly Gardening coffee session** on Sunday at 9.30am in the council chamber! **Register here** to help with planning or email your name and number of attendees to **lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com.**

Many thanks to our sponsors: LB's very own **Red Couch Bakery** for the treats, **Wild Birds Unlimited North Van** for the organic Bird Friendly Coffee, and the **West Vancouver Foundation** whose Neighbourhood Small Grant in part made this event possible.

ArtSpark! introduces: Hip Hop with Jazz



Meet Jazz McLaughlin. A young, focused Lions Bay resident who has trained, danced, and taught in Las Vegas and New York, as well as here in Vancouver. She wants to share their world stage experience with the kids of Lions Bay, and we couldn't be more thrilled to offer the following series of hip hop dance classes this spring at Broughton Hall.

All classes will run for 10 consecutive Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, March 28 (immediately following March Break) and ending on Tuesday, May 30.

Each class will be $150 for 10 sessions, and will run as long as we have at least 5 kids registered in that division by Tuesday, March 7. A second (or third, fourth…) tot in the same family is welcome to join for half price.

1:30-2:15 p.m. Parents and Tots – Get your groove on with your little ones aged 0-5. Whether you're cuddling your baby or dancing side by side with your toddler, Jazz will lead you in a fun introduction to rhythm and dance with a hip hop flair.

3:15-4:15 p.m. Primary Grades – Intro to Hip Hop for kids from grades K-3

4:30-5:30 p.m. Older Grades – Intro to Hip Hop for grades 4 and up

Classes are available to all family members of Lions Bay Arts. If you're not already members, join us! It's $35 for a LIFETIME family membership, open to all members of our community, whether you live in the village or not.

For more details, or to secure your spot, email **robinspano@gmail.com**

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