Village Update

March 3, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR

MAYORS MESSAGE

Once again, I would like to thank the residents of the Village of Lions Bay for your patience and understanding as the new Major and Council move forward to fill our respective election platforms. I look forward to finding common ground as we seek to bring open, transparent, and fiscally responsible government to you the residents of our beautiful community.

Lions Bay Receives $998,000 Government Grant

I am pleased to say that in my conversations with the Provincial Officials, that Lions Bay will be receiving close to One Million Dollar Infrastructure Grant. On behalf of Lions Bay, I would like to thank the Province of British Columbia for this investment into much needed community infrastructure. I look forward to working with our Infrastructure Committee, which I hope to name shortly, to bring to Council recommendations on how these funds should be used to ensure we have safe sustainable, and affordable infrastructure. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to work together to create livable and thriving community. This investment will benefit the residents of Lions Bay both now and into the future.

"B.C.'s strong economy and natural beauty continue to attract people from across Canada and around the world." Said Premier David Eby. "The new Growing Communities Fund will help local municipalities improve roads, build more arenas and water facilities, and improve recreation options for families." Thank you Premier Eby!

By-Election

We are patiently awaiting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, "Ministerial Order" to ensure a democratic election is conducted in a timely manner for our Village of Lions Bay. We expect the Election Date and appointment of a Chief Elections Officer to be received imminently. We look forward to restoring a functioning democratic Council with the upcoming By-Election.

Budget

The Finance Committee is active and will advise on the budget which will be a key

focus of Council leading up to our May 15th deadline.

Beach Park

The Lions Bay Beach Park Action Committee met Thursday, February 23rd and continues to make solid progress, the details of which will be posted on a monthly basis in the Village newsletter as well as on a dedicated Village website page to be updated this month.

Thank you,
Ken Berry, Mayor

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



Ledcor, working on behalf of TELUS, will be performing a complicated excavation on the west side of Tidewater way between Periwinkle Place and the Kelvin Grove overpass near the end of March, exact dates to be determined. The conduit, which was installed during the Sea to Sky Highway Improvement Project (2004-2010) is compromised and in need of repair in order to upgrade the communications line within. Complicating this work is the concentrated underground utilities for the neighbourhood and although construction is expected to take a full day, it may take longer.

Traffic control persons will be on site and residents are asked to be cautious and pay close attention as they travel through the area. For a detailed map of the construction location please click **HERE**. Ledcor will do their best to ensure that traffic flows continuously; however, there will be intermittent delays.



The 2023 Utility Notices have **not** yet been mailed out.

The due date for the early payment discount will be pushed back to account for the delay in mailing out the notices. Please note that the utility due date is December 31, 2023. No interest will be charged on your account if you pay by the December 31st due date.



Send us your suggestions, Lions Bay!

There's still time to suggest an indigenous name for our little bear cub. The best three names will be submitted to the Critter Care board for their final decision.

Send your ideas to lionsbaybearsmart@gmail.com no later than Monday, March 10th – the final three will be picked by the Bear Smart Committee and sent to Critter Care. Thanks to all who've sent us names already.

And, if you haven't yet seen it, **visit our Facebook Page** (Lions Bay Bear Smart) to see the latest video of our little bear!



Night Quest, Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Nature Program Calendar

Spring 2023 March to June

March

SAT 11	Beaver Watch BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 6+
TUE 14	Piper Spit Bird Count BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 15+
WED 15	Wild Animal Survivor BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	All ages
FRI 17	Night Quest PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK	All ages
SAT 18	Night Quest PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK	All ages
THU 23	Enchanted Forest ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK	All ages
FRI 24	Beaver Watch BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 6+
SUN 26	Making History KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	All ages

April

SUN 2	Lichen It! CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK	Ages 12+
WED 5	Full Moon Froggies CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	Ages 9+
SAT 8	Birding by Ear BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 15+
MON 10	Critter Capers: Case of the Lost Bunny DEAS ISLAND REGIONAL PARK	All ages
TUE 11	Piper Spit Bird Count BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 15+
SUN 16	Wildflowers & Wetlands GLEN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK	Ages 14+
	Forest Mandalas PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	All ages
SAT 22	Forest Bathing PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK	Ages 19+
SAT 29	Goodbye Chums! KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK	All ages
	Birding for Beginners IONA BEACH REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	Ages 12+
	Salamander Searchers TEMTEMÍX̱TEN/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK	Ages 6-9

May

SAT 6	Nature Magic with Microscopes CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK	Ages 5+
SUN 7	Birding & Photography 101 CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	Ages 9+
TUE 9	Piper Spit Bird Count BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 15+
SAT 13	Salmon Send-Off TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK	All ages
SAT 20	Forest Fairy Gathering BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	All ages
	Spring into Summer at the Nature House CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK	All ages
THU 25	Forest Bathing CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK	Ages 19+
SUN 28	Wilderness at your Doorstep LYNN HEADWATERS REGIONAL PARK	All ages
	Tweeting with the Songbirds KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK	All ages

June

TUE 13	Piper Spit Bird Count BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK	Ages 15+
THU 15	The Secret Life of Trees PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK	Ages 19+
SAT 24	Forest Bathing PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK	Ages 19+
SUN 25	Butterfly Beauty CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	All ages
	Buzz about Bees CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	Ages 8+
	How the Mighty Have Pollen KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	All ages
THU 29	We are Stardust CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (NEW)	Ages 9+

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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**

COMMITTEES:
Curly Stewart Inaugural Meeting - March 6, 2023 at 6:00pm
Emergency Program Committee Meeting - March 9, 2023 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



Thank you Lions Bay Grade 11 and 12 students and parents.

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 tutorial zoom presentation: *'How to Prepare a Successful Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Application'.* We appreciate so many participating.

Reminders for Grads of 2023: Have you identified your 'team'? Are you collecting your materials needed? Have you identified and reached out to possible references? Will

you write an essay or create a digital presentation? Are you applying for an 'In Memoriam' Scholarship? Have you planned in order to have a complete application well ahead of the May 2, 2023 deadline?

Deadline for Applications is Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 4 pm.

(If you missed the presentation, access the recording online. Contact ***michael.broughton@telus.net*** *)*

"Helping Our Students Grow"

ArtSpark! introduces: Hip Hop with Jazz

Meet Jazz McLaughlin. A Lions Bay resident who has trained, danced, and taught in Las Vegas and New York, as well as here in Vancouver. We're 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 – Update: This class has 3 kids who have expressed interest and we need 2 more to make it viable. Sign up soon to make sure this class stays a go!

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 K-7

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**

LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Hello Lions Bay,

We were certainly put to the test this week with a lengthy power outage for Isleview residents last Saturday evening to Sunday afternoon, and all of us combatting the snowfall. Google, always omnipresent, reminded me that five years ago on February 28 I took some pictures of our home when we had a similar snow event. I hope its

another five years before we see one like this again.



February 2023



February 2018

Snowstorms can bring many challenges to our Community, including hazardous driving conditions and disrupted daily routines. We are fortunate to have a dedicated Public Works team that swings into action during snowstorms to keep our streets safe and accessible, and our infrastructure operational.

During this week's freezing temperatures and significant snowfall, Public Works members sacrificed time with their families to keep us safe and mobile. In speaking with several of them at road side, due to the staff shortage, our remaining employees have been working 14-to-16-hour shifts will little sleep in between—even sleeping at the Works Yard between shifts. Driving snowplows and other heavy equipment in hazardous conditions can be dangerous and stressful. As a Community, I know we recognize and appreciate the sacrifices that the Public Works members make and express our gratitude for their hard work and dedication. If you have the opportunity when you are walking about, hail down a Works truck and extend this gratitude personally.



The Historical Society concurs that we are a welcoming Community, and the best time to demonstrate that is when new residents arrive. I have been in contact with four new resident families recently. The snowfall and a myriad of other items have delayed me in telling you about three of them. I will be introducing them to you next time I write.



Catherine Haorei-Gruttner and Adam Gruttner



Cats - Ned and Snow

Today I would like to welcome Adam Gruttner and his wife Catherine Haorei-Gruttner, who just moved to Upper Kelvin Grove. They recently moved to Vancouver from San Francisco. Adam is Canadian and Catherine is American but both have fallen in love with all that Vancouver and Lions Bay have to offer. Adam is a software engineer at Slack and Catherine is a producer who last worked for MasterClass and is enjoying learning the Vancouver film/TV landscape. They are joined by their own two little lions, Ned and Snow. Most of their time is spent trying out new recipes in the kitchen, cuddling with the cats, and taking as many outdoors breaks as possible to unglue themselves from their screens. They chose to move to Lions Bay as it offers access to nature, privacy, and is close to Vancouver - everything they hoped for in their next chapter in life. They look forward to becoming part of the Community, and cannot wait to learn the local trails, take in the incredible scenery, and eventually

grow their family here.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Historical Society, or if you know of interesting events, special dates, or people more of us would like to know about, please contact me.

Warm regards and keep well,

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