Village Update

March 10, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR

MAYORS MESSAGE

Thank you to all Lions Bay residents for your patience and understanding as we navigate moving forward in the best interests of all Lions Bay residents. We have positive news and updates that I am pleased to be share with you today.

By-Election. Saturday, May 6th, 2023.

The Minister has responded to Council's request and the By-Election date has been 'reset' and the new By-Election date is Saturday, May 6th, 2023. This has been done by Ministerial Order. Minister of Municipal Affairs Ann Kang has appointed Mark Brown as our Chief Election Officer. Mr Brown will appoint the Deputy Election Officer and other election officials as required. The Chief Election Officer and his Deputy will work directly with our Village staff to move the election forward. A call for nominations will be forthcoming in the very near future. I am very pleased to have clarity for the Village in proceeding with this very important by-election.

Lions Bay receives $998,000 Government Grant

As reported in last week's Village update, the Province of BC announced that Lions Bay will receive a $998,000 Grant from the Growing Communities Fund for use by the community to address our "community's unique infrastructure and amenity demands". Council will actively engage and involve the community in getting the greatest impact from these funds to invest into much needed community infrastructure.

We have an opportunity and a responsibility to work together to create a livable, sustainable, and thriving community. This investment will benefit the residents of Lions Bay both now and in the future.

Lions Bay Budget 2023

Council is moving ahead with review and discussions of this year's budget. Meetings beginning next week will be ongoing throughout the budget process to adoption. Community input and involvement is being sought through the Finance and Audit Committee and through ongoing updates to the Village. The impact and need for

grants is a major consideration before Council. I fully support Council in reaching out for community expertise to assist in the best grant outcomes for the Village.

Thank You,
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay.

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



The Pride Trail, which connects Lions Bay Avenue to lower Kelvin Grove, has been closed since February 2 due to a fallen tree that damaged the footbridge over Rundle Creek. The tree crushed the onramp and caused the main supports to split. The staff immediately started dismantling the bridge and removing the debris the following week. However, the snowfall in February impeded the construction of a new bridge. The good news is that plans, and lumber required are in place and staff will start building the new bridge during the week of March 13, 2023, and aim to complete it by the end of the month.

Furthermore, the staff is also collaborating with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) to review the property where the Pride Trail is located – for a map, click **HERE**. They have identified two geohazard issues. Firstly, after a series of atmospheric rivers in April last year, a section of the slope above the trail collapsed, and a stand of trees fell onto the Pride Trail. Secondly, in late January of this year, a large boulder dislodged from another area of the property and rolled down the steep slope, landing in the Beach Park parking lot, where it still remains. MOTI has engaged a geotechnical firm to inspect the condition of the land, and they will decide on the next steps based on the results of this review. Public Works will provide an update once more information is available.



TELUS is continuing their work on their communications systems and will be performing work on the aerial cabling along the highway near the Brunswick Beach interchange between March 3rd and 20th, 2023. Crews will be onsite from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm accessing the existing poles along that highway at the interchange in order install a new connection.

Traffic control will be in place and flag persons will be directing traffic. Please use extra caution when taking the Brunswick Beach offramp southbound from the Sea to Sky and accessing the highway from the Brunswick Beach Neighbourhood. The traffic management plan can be viewed **HERE**.



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.

Traffic control will be in place and flag persons will be directing traffic. Please use

extra caution when taking the Kelvin Grove offramp southbound from the Sea to Sky and in the area of the construction at Periwinkle Place.



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.

BC SPECULATION AND VACANCY TAX INFORMATION

This provincial tax, originally established in 2018, was expanded this past July to include Lions Bay effective in 2023. Reporting will be required by all residents in early 2024 for the 2023 year. No response is required of Village residents this year.

The speculation and vacancy tax levies an additional two per cent on the property's assessed value for foreign owners and satellite families , and an extra 0.5 per cent for BC residents. Homeowners must complete a declaration every year to declare their residency status and how their property was used.

The tax took effect in the numerous new communities in January 2023, meaning homeowners in Lions Bay will have to declare their status for the first time in January of 2024.

Exemptions are available for primary residences, properties with a long-term tenant , and 'other circumstances'. More information is available on the BC Government website.

The declaration deadline is March 31st each year in effected communities. This deadline will apply next year in Lions Bay as well as Squamish and numerous Vancouver Island communities that have been added this year.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
March 21, 2023 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

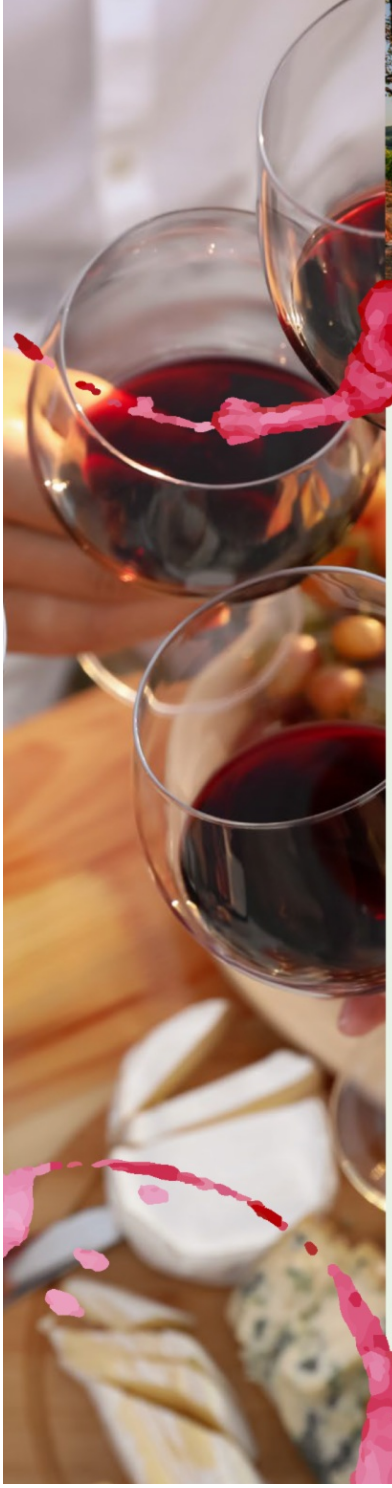
View the Council and Committee Schedule, Agendas, & Minutes HERE!

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





The Art of Wine

Have you ever wondered what prompts you to pick a bottle of wine off the shelf? You know that while the wine in the bottle must stand the test of time and palate, the wine label is an essential part of branding that influences you to choose one wine over another. Many of our BC wines have captivating stories behind their unique and artistically designed wine labels.

Please join us for an evening of select BC wines, highlighting artistic wine labels. Our newest Lions Bay Arts board member, Katelynne Katona, a BC wine sommelier, will lead you through an exploration of BC wines featuring labels that have been artistically celebrated along with the fine quality of their wines.

WHEN: **Thurs, March 30th 2023 6:30pm – 9:30 pm**
WHERE: **Lions Bay; address will be provided upon RSVP**

Tickets for this event are extremely limited, with only 20 tickets available. Requests will be taken by first email first served basis. Tickets cost $30 per person. Email treasurer@lionsbayarts.ca to request tickets.

Limit 2 tickets per membership.

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Photo of Black-capped Chickadee taken in Lions Bay by Bird Team member Danielle Wills.

WHAT: Organic Bird Friendly coffee, tea, treats, conversation and a session on how to use the Merlin app to identify birds by sound or visually. We'll also touch on how to count them and submit your sightings.
DATE: Sunday, March 26th
TIME: 9.30am
COST: Free, but cash donations welcome
WHERE: Meet at LB Beach

REGISTER HERE to help us with our planning
or email your name and number of attendees to lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com
Tiffany Brunke, an outdoor educator from Squamish Environmental Society, will walk us through the Merlin app, how to identify birds by sound and visually, how to submit your sightings and how to count the birds you're observing.

Please **download the Merlin and eBird apps** plus regional packs beforehand (both are free). If you're struggling to download, please email us at **lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com** in advance and one of the team will arrange to help you before the event. We'll be walking along Lions Bay avenue during the session (there are many birds in the vegetation as well as the trees on this stretch) so please dress accordingly. If you have **binoculars**, please bring them along! There will be binoculars to borrow as well.

The session is suitable for adults and older kids. Please leave furry four-legged family members at home.

*We'd like to thank **Wild Birds Unlimited North Van** for donating the delicious coffee. This event was made possible thanks to a Neighbourhood Small Grant from the **West Vancouver Foundation**.*

From the Lions Bay Bird Friendly Initiative

www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca

THE LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Thank you for your interest in our Lions Bay Scholarships!



Scholarship information

The purpose of the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation (LBCSF) is to encourage learning. Towards this end the LBCSF awards scholarships to successful applicants from the Lions Bay community who are in Grade 12 and pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution.

This information package includes:

- An application form to be completed by the applicant or, under special circumstances, a Nominator who submits an application on behalf of a student who otherwise meets the application criteria.
- The "Rules and Regulations concerning the awarding of scholarships" which outlines the documents to be submitted and the criteria to be addressed in the application.
- Information regarding The Rafe Mair Scholarship The Rudy Luethy Scholarship and The Chevalier 'Sir' Norman Kirby Scholarship which are administered by the LBCSF.

Note that the deadline for receipt of applications is the first Tuesday of May each year. Please submit all relevant documents with your application on or before the deadline by **completing this online form** **or** in hard copy to:

LBCSF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION c/o
THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY OFFICE
400 CENTRE ROAD
LIONS BAY, BC V0N 2E0

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