Village Update

April 6, 2023

Updates from the desk of the Mayor

INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL ADVISOR - Randy Diehl

I would like to thank Randy Diehl for joining our council meeting on April 4th to provide the Village, Staff and Council with further background on his extensive experience and accomplishments over the many years of public service. Staff and Council look forward to next week's Orientation Workshop to be held on April 13th which is expected to help council refocus on the business of the Village of Lions Bay.

Randy has over 35 years of experience working with local governments (as well as the Province). His last posting before retirement was as Chief Administrative Officer with the City of Kamloops (for 11 years); he previously served as the City's Director of Development Services (for 12 years). In addition, Randy has served in leadership or advisory roles with a range of other local governments, including the District of Logan Lake, the District of Chase, the Thompson Nicola Regional District, and the Central Coast Regional District.

The principal reason for calling on Randy Diehl's expertise is to provide guidance to Council in resolving certain issues that are being raised unrelentingly at Council. These issues are ones that appear only to impede the administrative and organizational processes of the Village rather than to advance the well-being and interests of the municipality and its community. Indeed, consideration of the well-being and interests of the municipality is the primary responsibility of elected municipal Councillors under the Community Charter. However, rather than facilitating the achievement of its legitimate objectives in the best interests of the citizens of Lions Bay there appears to be an ongoing attempt to undermine the administration.

ALL CURRENT COUNCILLORS ENDORSED MOVING IN A NEW DIRECTION

It should be remembered that all four current Council members were unanimous to end the working relationship with the former CAO "without cause". It was the unanimous decision of all four current Council members to hire Mr. Tobin as acting CAO. Unfortunately, immediately following Mr. Tobin's endorsement, council divided in allowing the new acting CAO and now acting CAO Mr. Miller the ability to manage and focus on the pressing and important administrative and financial issues facing of the village.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE ACTING CAO/CFO

This divided Council continues to be a significant distraction and undermines the administration's ability to manage important Village business. The legal powers and duties of Councillors and of key administrators are set out in the governing legislation and in the contracts entered into between them and the municipality. In addition, in April of 2018,

Council passed a resolution, “THAT Council appoint the Chief Financial Officer to the role of Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer during any Chief Administrative Officer’s vacancies, vacation, or sick time”. There is no legitimate basis for continuing to challenge the operational authority of the Village's chief administrators. The legal opinion we have received have confirmed this. It is time to unite behind our administrative staff so that they can get on with the important task of managing our community for the benefit of all residents.

Staff and Council look forward to next week’s meeting with Municipal Affairs Advisor Randy Diehl who will assist in our efforts to refocus Council on the important business of the Village of Lions Bay.

BY-ELECTION - ***to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023***
We thank those candidates willing to devote their time and energy to serve the Village of Lions Bay.

For further information please contact:
Mark Brown, Chief Election Officer at 250-927-0304
Nancy Smeal, Deputy Chief Election Officer at **nsmeal@shaw.ca**
Marlene McGunigal, Deputy Chief Election Officer at **mcbeagle@telus.net**
Email: **election@lionsbay.ca**

Lastly, we look forward to the coming by-election May 6th and to working respectfully together with a full complement of Councillors at the table this spring.

EASTER EGG HUNT –*A Big Thankyou to All Event Organizers!*
Thank you to Ryan and Riley for the much-anticipated Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 9th (Sunday) at the Lions Bay Beach Park. Festivities are expected to include the Easter Egg hunt for all the different age group of kids; “foot races”, egg and spoon, 3-legged race, balloon waddle, etc…

Once again, I would encourage everyone, young and old, to join in the festivities!

Sincerely,
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY





Residents are advised that Waste Control will be collecting recycling and organics on schedule this Friday. However, please note that the Friday morning drop-off service at the Works Yard will **not** be in place.



Council is looking for nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year & Citizen of Distinction awards.

Please review the criteria below to nominate a Citizen by sending an email to **office@lionsbay.ca**. Please include their name and the reason you think they are deserving of the award.

Citizen of the Year
The Citizen of the Year is awarded annually to an outstanding community member

who contributes significant volunteer time to enhancing the quality of life in Lions Bay. This well-respected individual demonstrates extraordinary leadership and community service, inspiring others with their caring and positive attitude.

- Works respectfully with others in the spirit of cooperation
- Demonstrates a personal commitment for the benefit of the community
- Makes a difference to the lives of Villagers
- Leads by example
- Inspirational to other Villagers

Citizen of Distinction

The Citizen of Distinction is awarded periodically in recognition of a community member who, through their personal or professional efforts in society at large, have exemplified the spirit of and brought honour and distinction to the Village of Lions Bay. This individual may have:

- performed an outstanding achievement or act
- made a lasting impact on the lives of others
- inspired others to care for one another or uplifted fellow citizens
- provided service to fellow citizens over an extended period (i.e. not focused solely on one singular event/activity)
- made a significant contribution to the future of the Village through beneficial awareness or advocacy of Lions Bay

Elected officials, municipal employees and business endeavours are not eligible for the awards.



Grownups are now using the same wipes once reserved for babies, leading to billions of dollars of sewer problems across the globe. And the frustrating point is this is not a new problem leading lawmakers across the globe to consider banning them from store shelves.

Flushable wipes may seem like a convenient solution for personal hygiene, but they pose a significant threat to septic systems, sewer lines, and wastewater treatment plants. Despite their claims of being "flushable," these wipes do not break down like toilet paper and can cause costly and damaging blockages in plumbing and sewage systems.

When flushed, these wipes can accumulate in pipes and cause clogs that can lead to sewage backups in homes and businesses. In addition, they can damage septic systems by creating blockages that prevent proper drainage and cause overflows.

These issues can result in expensive repairs and even health hazards, as sewage backups can create unsanitary conditions that are hazardous to human health.

In short, the dangers posed by flushable wipes cannot be overstated. To protect your plumbing, septic system, and the environment, it is crucial to dispose of these wipes in the trash, not the toilet. Failure to do so can lead to costly and dangerous consequences. So, remember, when it comes to flushable wipes, the only safe place for them is in the garbage can.



Proper Sorting of Recycled Materials will Avoid Fines

As residents of Lions Bay, we are proud of our commitment to reducing waste and recycling materials whenever possible. However, recent audits our recycling have shown that we have a long way to go in properly sorting our waste. The contamination rate in our mixed container bin is currently at 34%, which is much higher than the 3% allowed by RecycleBC. This means that we are at risk of facing fines if we do not take action to correct this behaviour.

The two main reasons for our high contamination percentage are glass being put in the mixed container bin instead of the glass bin, and paper and fiber products being put into the mixed container bin. To address this issue, we want to remind everyone about the proper sorting of materials.

GLASS GOES IN YOUR GREY BIN



Glass is 100% recyclable and can be reused over and over again. However, it needs to be properly sorted and placed in the correct bin.

Please do not put glass in the mixed container bin – it should be placed in the grey glass bin.

If you don't have a glass bin, you can pick one up for free at the Village Office.

PAPER AND FIBER PRODUCTS GO IN THE YELLOW PLASTIC BAG

Paper and fiber products, such as cardboard, newspapers, and



magazines, need to be separated from other recyclables. Please do not put paper or fiber products in the mixed container bin – they should be placed in the plastic bags provided for paper products. If you don't have a plastic bag for paper, you can pick one up for free at the Village Office. Please also ensure that your paper and fiber products are clean and dry, as wet or soiled paper cannot be recycled.

It is important to note that cross-contamination of recycling streams can lead to entire batches of recycling being rejected and sent to the landfill. This defeats the purpose of recycling and harms the environment. Additionally, recycling facilities are facing stricter regulations, which means that we need to be even more diligent about our sorting habits.

Please be aware that there are significant fines for improper sorting of materials, and these fines can ramp up if the behaviour is not corrected. Let's work together to properly sort our waste and recycling materials, so that we can continue to protect our environment and keep our community clean and healthy.



If you are a student and looking for work, please see our job opportunities
link



The Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund was established to honour the life and public service of the first Mayor of the Village of Lions Bay, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1972 to 1981. A $1000 award is given annually from the trust fund, to the applicant who best exemplifies the criteria described in the official terms of reference for the award.

There are many ways you can apply! Submit a video or send in a written application

along with the completed form.

Please note: Applications for the Curly Stewart Award must be submitted separately from others, such as the Lions Bay Scholarship Foundation.

Application form HERE



Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation

CALLING ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents Scholarships each year to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay Community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution.

Once again this year, three additional privately funded scholarships are being administered by the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation. The Rafe Mair Scholarship, The Rudy Luethy Scholarship and the Chevalier (Sir) Norman Kirby Scholarship may all be applied for through this one application process. Please review the criteria carefully on the application form. Students may be eligible for more than one Scholarship.

Applications are due by 4pm Tuesday, May 2, 2023 for the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, Rafe Mair, Rudy Luethy, and Chevalier Sir Norman Kirby scholarships.

APPLICATION LINK FOR 2023

2023 LOCAL BY-ELECTION

2023 BY-ELECTION - NOTICE OF ELECTION

2023 BY-ELECTION FOR ONE (1) COUNCILLOR - KEY DATES

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
April 18, 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



THYRA MCKILLIGAN
REALTOR AND RESIDENT - 25 YEARS ON THE NORTH SHORE

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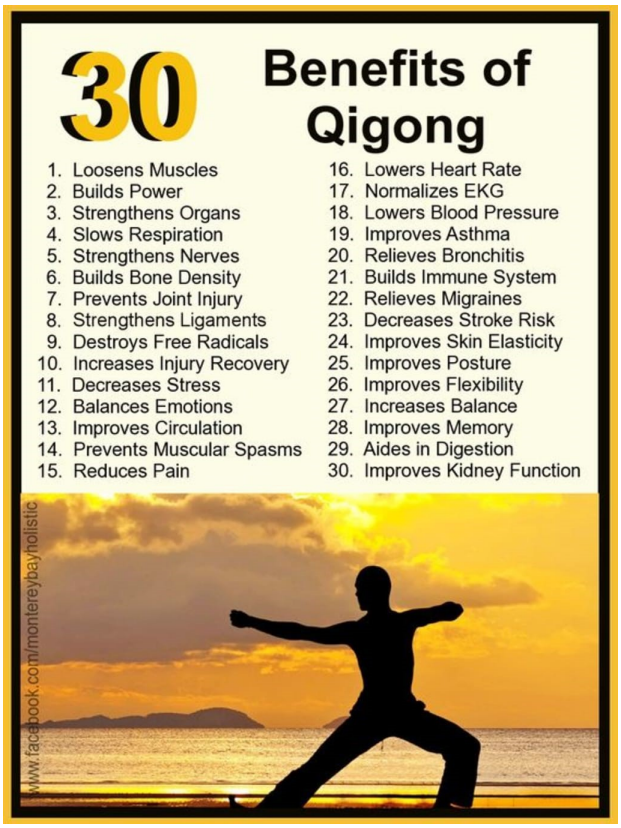
- **Starts April 11th – June 27th, 12 classes, (an option for July classes will be decided later by the Group)**
- **Excellent, experienced, professional instructor**
- **Fee: $108.00**
- **Time: Class starts 11:15am-12:15pm; Join us for Tea at 11:00am (optional)**

This is our 8th year at the Broughton Hall !

- Our Instructor leads us in warm-up that helps stretch and strengthen the body.
- The warm-up is followed by Qigong exercises and meditations!
- This Spring session we will learn a short Tai Chi Form that will exercise the mind, body & spirit.

CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER






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FOR OUR ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH INFORM
OUR MEMBERS AND RECEIVE INPUT IN OUR
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
LIONS BAY ARTS
Annual General Meeting
& Reception
Saturday, April 22nd
18h30-20h30
BUSINESS MEETING 18H00-18H30
REFRESHMENTS & APPETIZERS 18H30-20H30
MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME
MEMBERS ARE FREE | GUESTS $10
RSVP TO INFO@LIONSBAYARTS.CA
Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS
180 Highview Place | Lions Bay

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LIONS BAY CONCERT

Cayla Brooke



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

BROUGHTON HALL, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

$25 ADVANCE
$30 DOOR

MICHAEL CREBER, PIANO
BUFF ALLEN, DRUMS
LAURENCE MOLLERUP, BASS

Celebrate Spring! Join Lions Bay resident Cayla Brooke. An award-winning Jazz/Rock vocal powerhouse and star of the hit show Eva Cassidy How Can I Keep from Singing, with her trio -

- Grammy Nominated Michael Creber (Piano),
- Juno Award-Winning Buff Allen (Drums)
- and the exquisite Laurence Mollerup (Bass).

An intimate afternoon of stellar music and stories in your neighbourhood.

Tickets - https://www.caylabrooke.com/performances



2023 JUNO-Winners (and Fulbright Scholar) **Florian Hoefner Trio**, featuring **Andrew Downing** on bass and **Nick Fraser** on drums, are coming to Lions Bay to perform a repertoire of originals from their 2023 JUNO-Winning "Best Jazz Album-Group" album "**DesertBloom**" and 2021 JUNO -Nominated "**FirstSpring**" at the Village Hall. Born and raised in Germany, trained in New York City on a Fulbright Scholarship and now based in Newfoundland Canada, jazz pianist and composer Florian Hoefner draws from a myriad of influences that culminate in his unique Award-Winning brand of modern jazz.

Having just recently played the National Arts Center, it is an absolute dream to host them here in Lions Bay for an intimate concert gathering, in Lions Bay at the Village Hall on **Saturday, April 15, 2023 (2:00pm - 5:00pm)**

This will be an incredible intimate afternoon, and a chance to mingle and meet jazz greats!

INDOOR INTIMATE CONCERT in Lions Bay @Lions Bay Village Hall. Seats are very limited. We hope YOU can come. POTLUCK IS BACK so bring your favourite drink and appetizer to share. See you there!

PLEASE NOTE :: This is a 19+, POTLUCK food + (non-alcoholic) drink, INDOOR seated concert event.

Tickets



Lions Bay Giveaway Weekend

Saturday, May 13th at 8 am
until dusk on Sunday, May 14th

Once again, please help keep waste out of our landfills by putting out any of your unwanted items at the end of your driveway marked **FREE**. Items can include furniture, books, sports equipment, toys, gardening equipment, building supplies...anything goes, there are no rules!!

Drive, walk or cycle around the village over the Mother's Day weekend and see what treasures you can find for yourself.

Parking regulations will still be in effect so please be mindful of where you stop to shop. Kindly remind your kids not to drop any 'wanted' bikes and scooters near FREE signs.

Feel free to contact Heather Hood at 604 992 6179 or hoodinlionsbay@gmail.com if you have any questions.

*Please note we cannot accommodate a village-wide pick up at the end of the weekend, it is up to owners to please put away/donate their **own** unwanted items.

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