Village Update

April 21, 2023

Updates from the desk of the Mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Village and Staff for continuing the cultural shift of implementing sound financial practices, fiscal responsibility, efficiency, and accountability by ensuring staff are at the office and working for the residents.
While staff departures often occur during periods of cultural change and new directions, our Village continues to be managed by professional, capable, and caring staff. Over the last four months we have been building a strong Team of professionals who are committed to "Putting Lions Bay First" and bringing back open, transparent, and fiscally responsible management to our community.

This cultural shift includes tapping into the wealth of expertise and knowledge within our Village and I am pleased with those members of our community who are stepping forward to ensure we are on the right track. Thank you to all the various villagers who continue to express support for our new direction, and for your positive feedback. As we're on this journey together, respectful discourse amongst all of us neighbors have never been more important, and we must be able to listen to and try to understand differing viewpoints

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Acting CAO/CFO - Ron Miller
Mr. Miller brings to Lion's Bay extensive experience in financial and accounting matters. He recently retired as a Partner from MNP Chartered Professional Accountants with experience as the Managing Partner, auditing public companies, performing forensic audits, assisting with taxation, both with the private and public sector.

Acting Public Work Manager - Karl Buhr
As a 15-year resident, Karl Buhr brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team as acting Public Works Manager. With an engineering education, a consulting training and 40 years in industry in the Americas and Europe, he knows Lions Bay's people, projects, problems and place. A founding member of Lions Bay Infrastructure Committee in 2012, Karl served his community as mayor, Metro director and Translink Mayors' Council member from 2014-18.

Municipal Accountant - Karen Jeffery
Another 15-year resident, Karen Jeffery, previously worked for the Village as the Administrative Assistant covering a matt leave for 16 months, and also was employed

as the Age Friendly Coordinator in 2015. Karen's career has primarily been the in the not-for-profit sector with a focus on policies, bylaws, financial management, grant-writing, and governance. Karen is delighted to serving her community once again.

Fire Chief – Barret Germscheid
Barret is a 10-year resident of the Village and 7 years as a member of our Lions Bay fire department serving as technical trainer. In addition, Barret has served 25 years as a West Vancouver Fire Fighter. We are delighted to now have Barret Germscheid officially onboard as Fire Chief of Lions Bay.

Controller - Joe Chirkoff
Joe joins the Village as a Senior Financial Manager with Canadian and international public, not-for-profit companies, and pension plans. He has delivered accounting and assurance services to a broad spectrum of clients from small to multi-national corporations under Canadian and US Standards.

Corporate Officer -Deanna Campbell
Deanna Campbell, a trained Corporate Officer, Meeting Facilitator and Recorder to assist council meetings. Our Municipal Advisor, Randy Diehl has recommended the Village sign a short-term contract.

Financial Assistant - Doug Rae
Doug Rae is an experienced CPA, CA with over two decades experience, primarily in servicing the local governments. Our Municipal Advisor, Randy Diehl has recommended we engage his services on a temporary basis to help prepare for the upcoming budget.

LONGSTANDING TEAM MEMBERS

Administrative Assistant - Shawna Driscoll
Shawna, who is currently on leave has been with the Village since 2014.

Administrative Assistant - Marina Blagodarov
Marina joined the Village in 2022 as the Administrative Assistant. She has a passion for local government and brings with her over four years experience.

Public Works Yard
Our faithful and experienced works crew, Garth Begley, Aiden Young, Alberto Urrutia, and Andrew Smethurst, collectively have over 50 years experience managing the ins-and-outs of our Village. This dedicated team continues to keep us safe throughout the year.

Bylaw Enforcement
Kevin Tufts leads the Bylaw crew who will be welcoming back some familiar faces for our summer season.

In summary, we have much to be thankful for. We have a wonderful community, clean safe environment with warm caring neighbours embraced by a phenomenal community spirit. This week included two major music events in Broughton Hall, the Lions Bay Rainforest Racers team completed the Sun Run, there was highly engaged attendance at Council, a busy Broughton Hall full of activities for all ages all week, and hikers, walkers and runners enjoying the beauty of Lions Bay almost every day. So many of the activities that support and enhance our community are the result of volunteers. As Volunteer Week draws to a close April 22nd, a sincere thank you to all

volunteers.

Once again, I would like to thank all Lions Bay residents for your patience as we continue moving forward in the best interests of the Village of Lions Bay.

Sincerely,
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

From the desk of Public Works Manager

Hello Lions Bay,

Pleased to be here, and please allow me to say that I know very well that this week I took on two personas in the Village. One as a private resident and one-time elected community representative, with opinions and a vote, and the other as a dispassionate, neutral professional who knows the job is to serve residents through the CAO and Council. I understand as well as anyone the boundary here, as well as the boundary between the roles and duties of policymakers and of paid staff. Here's the thing: I've been a professional a lot longer than I was a volunteer politician, and I'd ask those who doubt that a politician can return to what he trained for 40 years to do, to suspend judgement for a bit. Full disclosure, working as I am in a professional capacity, I will be compensated as seen in next year's SOFI, at the same rate as my predecessor. I work mostly out of the Frank Smith Yard, full time, and on call 24-7 (my former day jobs will now be done evenings and weekends). I have already met with Nai, my predecessor, for a long first download of the vast amount of work he has produced. You would be gratified, as I was, at the thoroughness of the recordkeeping and documentation. The job suddenly got a lot less daunting.

I see my job over the next year foremost as providing Public Works with what it needs to keep the Village's systems working well. I will also help to finish off the 2023 budget and institute systems to track and report funded infrastructure projects. I'll be producing technical recommendations on a slew of infrastructure issues facing the community, by which time we should have my permanent replacement identified, up to speed and in place. I fix operations for a living, and this operation is already defined and scoped. Should be a piece of cake, and I'm already stuck in.

Karl Buhr
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER
kbuhr@lionsbay.ca (*not operational yet, but it's being fixed*)

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



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.



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.

Deadline May 1, 2023

Application form HERE



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

APPLICATION FORM



Our bears are awake and hungry

We have had several reports of bear sightings in the village in the past week. Please take a moment to check your property and make sure all attractants are inaccessible to bears. Let's **protect our bears** by not letting them get into trouble.

Waste Collection Time Slots/drop off times
The waste collection **time slots and drop-off times** are in force and with hungry bears around it's very important we don't tempt them, especially at this early stage. As a reminder, the **2023 Waste Collection Calendar** is on the village website.

Report Bear Sightings
Thanks to all who've reported bear sightings… keep 'em coming! You can report on our website: **www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca**. *We do not share this information with anyone*.



2023 LOCAL BY-ELECTION

GENERAL VOTING DAY
Saturday, May 6, 2023, between 8 am and 8 pm
at
Broughton Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay BC

ADVANCE VOTING
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, between 8 am and 8 pm
at
Broughton Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay BC

2023 BY-ELECTIONNOTICE OF ELECTION

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
May 2, 2023 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Climate Action Committee - April 24, 2023 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*

COMMUNITY UPDATE



"2023 Lions Bay Rainforest Racers"

Our team woke up to a rather wet and dreary Sunday morning. We were committed and ready to find our way to the Gleneagles Bus stop. This location has been our starting point to the trek into town. Dressed in layers, with raingear, some in shorts baseball caps and hoodies. Barbara decided it was OK to be sheltered from the pelting rain in a new fashion statement with the good old plastic bag. Of course, our iconic flag made its appearance for the annual photo op. Our ride into town was filled with enthusiasm and anticipation of what lay ahead. After a quick trip to the washrooms the team quickly mingled with the masses on Georgia and Howe. If you do not like crowds this event is not suitable for you. Music played, seagulls flew, people smiled, jumped in place to stay warm. The look on some faces were edged with concern and wondering what lay ahead.

The first highly tuned runners were on their way at 9.00AM. Slowly the mass of people moved forward.

According to the news, 35,000 signed up for the 39th Vancouver Sun Run. Both male and female races were won by locals.

Participants:
Rose Dudley, daughter Alison Dudley, Maliya Jakob,15 Anika Lofgren13, and Sacha Lofgren aged 10, a newcomer. Michael Broughton, Tom Caspersen, Barbara Enns. Sadly, Brenda Broughton Deirdre McNeil, Mike Porter Judith Jordan and I withdrew for a variety of reasons. That left John Dudley as the only remaining walker, so he decided to go by bus! Actually, that was only to deliver dry clothes to his grateful grandchildren as they arrived like drowned rats at B.C. Place.

All runners handily beat last years' time which was their goal. Barb placed an impressive fifth out of 53 in the 75–79-year-old age group, and Rose placed fourth in an embarrassingly small group of 80–84-year-olds. She really had her nose out of joint, however, because Barb beat her by 21 minutes and 59 seconds, not that any of us are competitive!

Trudi Luethy was part of the team as the Kodak Moment person. I decided I would walk

from downtown through the causeway and over the Lions Gate bridge instead of letting my sore foot do 10km. Along the entire distance to Park Royal only one female jogger and 3 cyclists passed by. The conditions on the bridge were quite challenging. I was holding on tightly to my brolly. On a couple of occasions gusts of wind almost lifted me up and created the image of the unforgettable Mary Poppins scene.

Despite the weather, we had a blast. Please think of joining our team: "Lions Bay Rainforest Racers" next year.

From l. to r. Michael Broughton, Tom Caspersen, Rose Dudley (Team Leader) Maliya Jakob, Anika Lonfgren, Sacha Lonfgren, Barbara Enns, Alison Dudley.

Written by: Trudi Luethy and Rose Dudley

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY


PLEASE JOIN US
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

RSVP HERE



You're invited!

This year's event is bigger and better with more "Bs" than last year, including information about BATS, and additional activities!
Plan to spend some time taking a look at the amazing info our exhibitors will be offering: **LB Bird Friendly** and **Bear Smart** teams, **Community Bat Program** (LB's new Bat Ambassador will be there!), the **Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region** and **Marine Stewardship Initiative**, the Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden and their **Butterflyway Project**, and the Sea to Sky Eagle Education Community Awareness Program. Also participating are the LB Trailblazers and Seniors' Social Circle.

PROGRAM

9.15 - 10.15
Build-a-Birdhouse (**sign up here**); Bird ID with Merlin sound ID (**NEW** – **sign up here**); Bird Friendly Art Project (**sign up here**); "Be-a-Bird" Face Painting (**NEW** - no sign-up required for this one)

10.30:
Interactive “Eagle Experience” (**NEW** - all ages – no sign up required)

11.30 - noon:
PRIZES! Including a pair of **Vanquish 8X26 Binoculars**, courtesy of **Wild Birds Unlimited** in North Van and more!
Noon:
Walk to see the Bald Eagles with the Trailblazers (all ages - no sign up required)

Tea, Bird Friendly coffee and goodies available 9.15 - noon. Many thanks to the Seniors’ Social Circle for prepping and serving and LB's own **Red Couch Bakery** for the goodies.

BBQ burgers & pop available 11 - 2 (please help us plan ahead by **booking your burgers**)

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY LIONS BAY, BC
CERTIFIED BY NATURE CANADA

If you have any questions, please contact
lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com



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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