Village Update

April 28, 2023

Updates from the desk of the Mayor

Dear Lions Bay Residents,

This past week has been a busy time for residents of all ages in Lions Bay. Spring is everywhere in the Village.

Just some of the activities this week started last Saturday with the Annual General Meeting of the active and creative Lions Bay Arts Council. By-election candidates Tanya Cosgrave and Jaime Cunliffe hosted large groups of engaged and interested residents at their respective 'Meet and Greet' sessions at Broughton Hall.

Early voting took place on Wednesday, with many residents choosing the Advance Poll to cast their ballot in the Councillor by-election. All remaining residents are encouraged to vote Saturday, May 6th, to complete our Council complement.

Lions Bay School students were excited to bring their parents to school Thursday morning for a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser put on by the Lions Bay School PAC. We are all celebrating being able to feel comfortable together and visiting again.

Many Lions Bay graduates are busy this week preparing applications for the numerous scholarships available to students in the Village. The deadline for the applications is next week. The Curly Stewart Scholarship, May 1st, and the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation scholarships and Chevalier Sir Norman Kirby, Rudy Luethy, and Rafe Mair 'In Memoriam' Scholarships due on May 2nd. Application information is available later in this Village Update. Good luck Lions Bay graduates.

Village Controller Joe Chirkoff presented a draft budget to the Finance Committee on Thursday, April 2th. Karl Buhr, our village's new Public Works Manager (and former Mayor) was in attendance in his new role providing a wealth of background and important information recently shared with him. Mr. Chirkoff started off the meeting by confirming that $100,000 per year of additional interest income or cost saving has been achieved by segmenting our reserves in a higher interest municipally approved investment account and by eliminating excess banking charges. Good news to begin a long, but very informative session reviewing and explaining numerous spreadsheets and responding to questions. The Finance and Audit Committee will provide recommendations to Council for consideration. Council review will include a Thursday, May 4th, 2023 Committee of the Whole session

I campaigned on the promise of being open and transparent. For the first time, we have

posted the preliminary draft budget for the Village on our website, which will be uploaded today, for residents to review. In order to conform to best practices and obtain public consultancy we are actively seeking residents' input into the budget. Please take a look at the budget and let us know where you would like to see some changes. For example, if you think the streets need to be cleaner or more By-Law officers added which both lead to more employees, let us know and we will gladly consider your comments. We look forward to receiving your feedback as soon as possible on what you would like to see Council and staff focus on in this year's budget. There is an email link **budgets@lionsbay.ca** to review the draft budget materials and provide your comments. We look forward to advancing this rigorous process within Ministry timelines.

Lions Bay residents are just naturally hospitable, but please join your neighbours in "checking your property and make sure all attractants are inaccessible to bears. Let's protect our bears by not letting them get into trouble".

With a Slug Race Fundraiser next weekend, and the Bird Friendly Community Event and the Great Lions Bay Giveaway Weekend the weekend following (its time for Spring Cleaning). It is a busy and productive time in Lions Bay. Enjoy the sunshine everyone.

Sincerely,
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

From the Acting CAO's Desk

Public Works Manager Nai Jaffer's last day with the Village was Tuesday. Up to the date he left the Village he was cooperative with the transitioning of his knowledge base and work projects to his successor. We wish him all the best in his new role. The new Public Works Manager, Karl Buhr, as previously announced, is a former mayor, Infrastructure Committee member and 15-year Lions Bay resident. Karl took on the role having extensive prior insight into Lions Bay's infrastructure. Although not currently a BC registered professional engineer, he brings to the role an engineering education, a management consulting background and over 40 years in industrial capacities in multiple countries.

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Highway Noise Update

Quiet Pavement Replacement Approved !

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's contractor Miller Capilano has confirmed that the replacement of the "quiet pavement" through Lions Bay has been budgeted, approved and on order. Arranging the installing contractor and acquisition

of the specific materials needed is in progess. Miller Capilano, Thursday, could not provide a specific date but good weather is required for proper installation.

This is good news for Lions Bay and particularly for residents of Bayview Road, Panorama Road, and Kelvin Grove who have been seriously impacted by the sound levels caused by the breakdown and poor performance of the current pavement. This pavement is long overdue for replacement.

'Quiet pavement' is only part of the sound mitigation plan to limit highway noise which the Province has committed to. This plan also includes sound walls, monitoring, and concerns about sound source and speed. Numerous residents are anxious to serve on a Highway Committee to address these concerns. Council will be putting out a call for interested residents soon.



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

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

If you are Non-Resident Property Elector, you will be required to fill out the following forms on Voting Day.

You can download them here to save some time:
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR CONSENT FORM

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**

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

Slug Races & BBQ

Sunday, May 7th, 3-5pm

Sunset Drive cul-de-sac (south side)



Please join us for this fun, informal, family-friendly event to raise funds to support a new refugee family!

Free participation.

BBQ sausages, veggie dogs and drinks by donation.

Details:

- South side Sunset Drive cul-de-sac (near 170 Sunset Drive).
- Please walk or park on Mountain Drive or the north cul-de-sac.
- Slugs provided – our goal is for this to be a cruelty free event. Slugs will be cared for and given nice things to munch on in between heats.
- Prizes and fame for Lions Bay's fastest slugs and racers!
- More info: text/call: 604-341-6337

All funds raised will support refugee sponsorships for the parents and brothers of Agid Omar, in partnership with the West Vancouver United Church and the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster. Originally from Syria, Agid was sponsored by Lions Bay residents in 2017. His parents and two brothers are still in the Darashakran Refugee Camp near Erbil, Iraq, with sponsorship applications underway.

Call or Text



Register your kids (or you) for an activity!

PROGRAM

9.15 - 10.15: Activities

Build-a-Birdhouse (ages 5 – 12: **details and sign up here**);

Bird Friendly Art Project ages 4 – 12: (**details and sign up here**);
Bird ID with Merlin sound ID (**NEW** – ages 10+ – **details and sign up here**);
"Be-a-Bird" Face Painting (**NEW** - no sign-up required)

10.30: Interactive presentation

"Eagle Experience" (**NEW** – all ages – no sign up required)

11.30: Prizes

Including a pair of **Vanquish 8X26 Binoculars**, courtesy of **Wild Birds Unlimited** in North Van and more!

Noon: Hike to Eagle View Loop

Walk to see the Baby Eagles with the Trailblazers (all ages - no sign up required). A spotting scope will be on hand for a close look!

BBQ Burgers and Refreshments

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**)

EXHIBITORS

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.

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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