Village Update

May 12, 2023

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

Lions Bay Welcomes a New Councillor
We wish to congratulate both Jaime Cunliffe and Tanya Cosgrave for an outstanding job in running in the recent Byelection. We are pleased to congratulate and welcome Jaime Cunliffe to the Council of Lions Bay. As a member of the previous administration, Jaime brings a wealth of experience to our council chamber. Jaime is a problem solver and believes that with collaboration, hard work, open dialogue, and creative minds, solutions are always possible. I look forward to Jaime bringing her enthusiasm and problem solving skills to council and continuing the journey to make Lions Bay a better place for all.

Please come out and celebrate Jamie's Oath of Office ceremony at 6pm, Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 in the Council Chambers. Judge Greg Fitch, a Lions Bay resident and Justice of the Supreme Court, will perform the Jaime Cunliffe's Oath of Office swearing in ceremony.

Budget
The 2023 Budget and Five Year Plan, and the Tax Rate Bylaw received three readings Thursday in anticipation of final adoption Friday evening. This is very positive for our community. Despite challenging times, we were able to keep the rate at 6% within the inflation rate. Thank you to the residents who responded to the request for input placed with the Budget that has been posted on the Village website. Acting CAO/CFO Miller and Controller Joe Chirkoff have provided responses or clarifications to concerns predominantly regarding grant and capitalization numbers in 2024 and beyond. Most of these numbers are a legacy from previous council and we look forward to working closely as a Council with input from our Finance, Infrastructure and Grants Committee expertise to accurately inform the budget and Council decisions going forward.

Lions Bay's Provincial Advisor
Randy Diehl, our Provincial Advisor, will speak to the Lions Bay Community this coming Tuesday to provide council and the public with an update on his activities and next steps. Specifically, he will address the need to hold a governance workshop as soon as possible now that we have a full slate of Councillors.

Staff
Proudly, we have a Public Works Team that is happy in their work, and very effective. Importantly, they each are skilled and well trained, working well together with Public

Works Manager, Karl Buhr. Karl Buhr, brings 7 years of Lions Bay Infrastructure and Water knowledge from his 4 year role as former mayor and 7 years serving on the Lions Bay Infrastructure Committee. Please see Karl's post below.

Ron Miller, Interim CAO, along with Council, Ministry Advisors, and staff feedback, will determine staffing needs, prior to Council finalizing the overall structure. This interim structure have provided the Village time to move forward in an orderly manner, building an effective and positive Lions Bay Staff Team.

Lions Bay will soon have a building inspector when one of our Village residents completes the Building Inspection Certification. Currently, Building Inspection is occurring by the home owner's engineer or architect acting a Building Inspector to sign off with their professional guarantee that the home and property's Building Inspection is correct. This leaves Lions Bay without liability, with skilled professionals. This is what the Ministry allows, despite any misunderstanding that may have been discussed. A Building Inspector or the Home Owner's Engineer or Architect can do the inspection with sign off and guarantee. There will be a transition period to facilitate home owner's needs.

Our current Village Staff is doing an outstanding job and working in a positive respectful environment.

We have just celebrated Volunteer Week and Emergency Preparedness week but please remember that *Every week is Volunteer Week and Emergency Preparedness Week* in Lions Bay, our tireless volunteers and dedicated Fire Rescue, ESS and SAR are always on call.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Ken Berry
Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

DOWN AT THE YARD

A week ahead of the usual May long weekend opening, the beach is just about ready to receive visitors. It took eight loads of new sand, and some big machines, but it's looking pretty good.

The freshet is on, but pristine water is flowing. As we do every week, we inspected the intakes way up there yesterday--the plant way below is shut down with a remote phone app, the weir gate is opened to flush small rocks and horticulture, the screens are scrubbed, and we go back on line in a well-oiled 20 minute sequence. There are some very large rocks behind the weir that are going to need some equipment to remove, but our water has come through the winter just fine.

Approaching a month into the job, I'm realising that once a sign has been put in place

in a municipality, it's there forever unless someone questions if it's still needed. The community ends up looking like a sign farm rather than, well, a community. Public Works is going to take a hard holistic look at our sign population. Please nominate candidates for the cull.

And a final piece of news, congratulations to PW team member Aidan Young on his promotion to Foreman 1 effective…now.

Karl Buhr
Public Works Manager (**pwm@lionsbay.ca**)
All-hands group email: **works@lionsbay.ca**







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

DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 15TH AT 12:00 NOON!

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.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
May 16, 2023 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:
May 12, 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*

Message from the Fire Chief, Barret Germscheid





Last Friday, Lions Bay Fire Rescue hosted Lions Bay Elementary School grades K-3 for a morning of fire education, lessons on fire safety and preparedness, and of course a lot of fun for everyone. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility: from Kindergarten to more Senior members of the community, we all need to stay safe.

LBFR members in attendance;

Captain Adrian Cameron along with;
Lieutenant Mike Russell,
Firefighter Matthew Bicknell,
Firefighter & BCAS Paramedic Dennis Singh Minhas,
Firefighter Charity Stelmacker,
Firefighter Kyron Lallas, and
Firefighter Fraser Montgomery

And a warm thank you to the teachers from LB Elementary School;

Natalie Mendes,
Sonia Southam,
Emily Ross, and
Allayne Atkinson





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY





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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Lions Bay Arts
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LIONS BAY ARTS INVITES YOU TO

Succulent Sunday

Participate in celebrating the wonders of succulent plants and create your own work of art.

WHEN: Sunday, May 28 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm

WHERE: Lions Bay; address will be provided upon RSVP

- 2:00pm Barb San Severino is offering a painting workshop on small canvasses cost $25.

- 3:30pm Ingrid Wray will present a brief 'How to..' on succulent care and you will be able to plant a small container to take home cost $15.

You can take both classes or just the one.

Please sign up by May 24th latest.
Reserve your spot at treasurer@lionbayarts.ca

RSVP





Lions Bay Arts and **Lions Bay Bird Friendly City** are thrilled to announce the theme for this year's **street banners:** "**Birds of Lions Bay**". The banners were installed by the Works crew last week ahead of our 2nd annual Bird Friendly Community Event on Saturday (May 13th, World Migratory Bird Day).

Twelve local birds are featured along with Lions Bay's official Bird Friendly City logo. The names of each are also included. Four of the beautiful photographs were taken right here in Lions Bay by Danielle Wills, a resident and member of the Bird Team. See if you can spot them: the Black-capped Chickadee, Pelagic Cormorant, Glaucous Gull and Steller's Jay.

Jonathan Wreglesworth, also a resident and member of Lions Bay Arts, designed the banners.

We hope you enjoy the results of our collaboration as you move around the village!

UPDATES FROM
Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden Society

Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden
Invasive Species Awareness Week

Many invasive species are still sold throughout BC, such as in plant nurseries (and pet stores). Invasive plant species can take over your garden and spill into the wild, outcompeting native wildflowers and reducing biodiversity.

May is Invasive Species Action Month (ISAM). This week, May 8 to 14, 2023, focuses on planting native and non-invasive exotic plant alternatives. If you're interested in more information, please check out: **Invasive Species Action Month**. The **Grow Me Instead Guide** is a great resource for plant suitable for the Pacific Northwest.



Image: PlantWise, "grow me instead"

Throughout May, gardeners at the Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden will be providing information about the importance of local pollinator species, listing contact information for nurseries that stock indigenous plants, raising awareness about invasive species, and sharing information about Lions Bay-based biodiversity initiatives.

*If you're interested in more information about the Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden Society, please contact Val Morton [**val.morton@gmail.com**].*

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