Village Update

September 15, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPLITY



A friendly reminder to residents and motorists to slow down and stay alert when driving through the school zone on Bayview Road and when approaching intersections and crosswalks throughout the Village. Parents, please reinforce your child's knowledge about walking to school, intersections, and traffic safety.

Please share the road with the young pedestrians that are travelling our streets and ensure that you:

- Watch your speed through the school zone on Bayview and throughout the Village.
- Don't block known crosswalks when stopped at an intersection.
- Always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections, especially in a school zone.
- Always stop for children at crosswalks and intersections.
- Don't let your cell phone distract you.

While these are good habits to practice year-round, Back to School season is a great time to remind ourselves to think about pedestrian safety when we're travelling around the Village.



The unpaid property tax sale advertised as mandated by the Local Government Act has been cancelled upon payment of delinquent taxes. Read more about unpaid property tax sales and why municipalities are required by law to conduct them **here**.

This is an ideal time to remind property owners that it is their responsibility to keep their contact information current at the municipality.

UPDATES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD

We are awaiting quotes on turnkey replacement of the staircase at the municipal campus. It's too early to estimate a date for return to normalcy.





With the bird nesting season moratorium on vegetation management now over, before the rains start Public Works will be blitzing anything impinging over road surfaces. We'll necessarily be moving fast, so if local topiary located on public lands requires finesse please do it to your liking before we get there.



Miller-Capilano, the concessionaire on our stretch of the highway, advises they will be milling out the old asphalt for the southbound on-ramp at Lions Bay Ave on Monday, Sept 18, 2023 and paving it on Tuesday Sept 19, 2023. During the milling traffic movement will be facilitated by traffic control persons, and the paving requires a detour to Brunswick Road and back.



About rains starting, current provincial guidelines are for drought conditions to continue well into October. We are nowhere out of the woods. While any shower slightly reduces demand for garden watering, and the rain at the beginning of September bumped creek flow for a few days, we are now right back to medium-term flow trends, about 400,000 GPD in Harvey Creek and 350,000 in Magnesia. Community consumption is ranging from 500,000 – 600,00 GPD. The way the water system was originally built means we can't confidently utilise all of Magnesia's supply, but we are trying a different operating regime this coming week by putting 20 more houses on its supply and carefully watching its stored treated water 24 hours a day. We have recently implemented direct measurement of creek supply using pressure transducers placed in total-flow pools upstream of the intakes. Right now data is retrieved monthly, so not of use on day-to-day management, but if we can find cellular modem locations with adequate signal up there, we can get their data fed live to our flow modeling tool. Then we'll know within 100 liters or so exactly where we stand. Here are recent supply and demand trends:





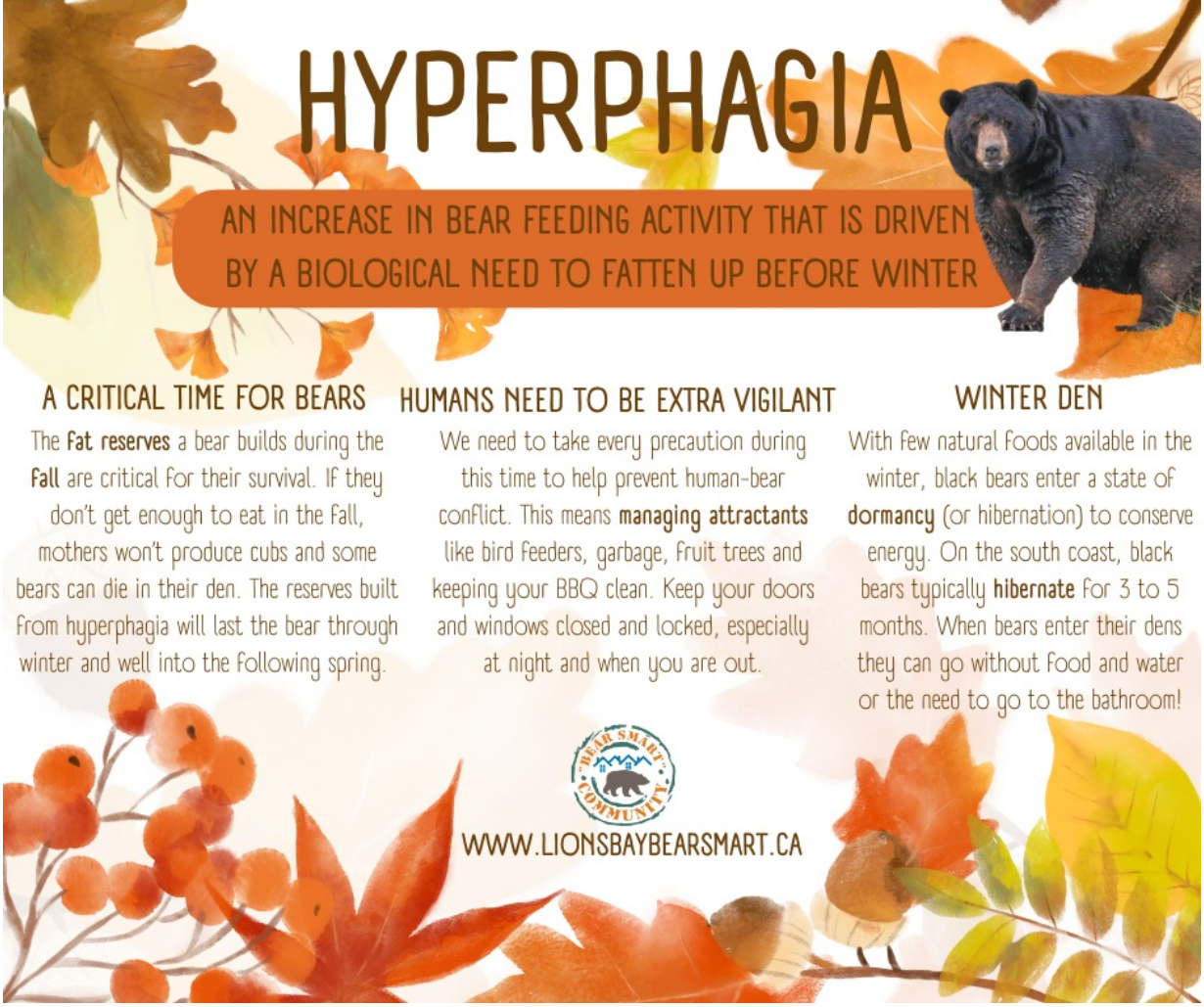
NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
September 19, 2023 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

View the Council and Committee Schedules, 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*





Lions Bay Beach Park Revitalization Update
The LBBPAC is pleased to share the progress that has been made over the last several months. The decision to continue our regular meetings over the summer has kept us on track to open for next summer 2024.

Construction
Lions Bay resident, Morgan Gatto, was the successful respondent to the construction manager RFP, and will be leading the beach project construction. Earlier this week, some boulders were procured locally from a Lions Bay residence at no cost and were temporarily placed on the upper lawn of the park. The boulders will be properly placed once the larger

installations of the park are complete.

Washroom Building, Lori Beck Pavillion and Kayak/SUP Storage
Local Lions Bay architectural firm and successful RFP respondent, Millenia, presented the third iteration of the architectural drawings of the new washroom building. Next steps will include permit drawings. At the same time, we reviewed the Lori Beck Pavilion and its refurbishment, as well as the kayak and SUP board storage rebuild.

Playground Equipment
Habitat Systems was the successful respondent to the playground RFP. Having provided some of the current equipment, they are not only highly experienced, but enthusiastic partners. We are now working on confirming the final footprint and the equipment design, and are incorporating some of the suggestions that were gathered at the focus groups held in February with Village kids.

Stay tuned as we look forward to holding a Town Hall this Fall to share a virtual tour of the updates. By way of a reminder, the LBBPAC meets every two weeks. Our agenda is regularly posted on the Village website and you are welcome to join the meeting via the Zoom link at the top of the agenda.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY

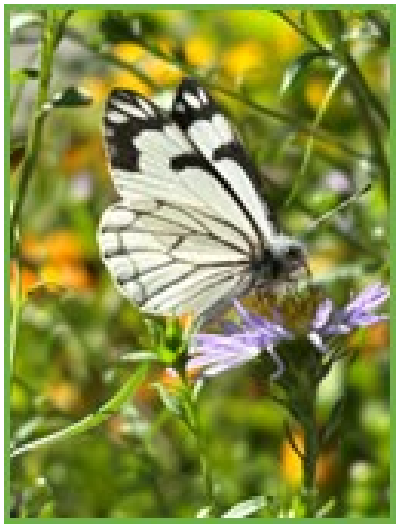


For those Artists needing a table please let us know in advance by emailing ***info@lionsbayarts.ca***



Click HERE for Details

Lions Bay Joins David Suzuki Foundation Cross-Country Butterflyway!



The David Suzuki Foundation (DSF) started the Butterflyway Project to encourage Canadians to plant habitat for pollinators. This initiative was a way to provide citizens with a positive activity to participate in and also to raise awareness about the plight of insects in general and of pollinators in particular. This work is all part of a world-wide 'rewilding' effort.

DSF has trained more than 1,200 Butterflyway Rangers across Canada. These Rangers have helped citizens and neighbourhoods create 7,000 habitat gardens, with 91 interconnected Butterflyways. To qualify as a Butterflyway, 12 or more 'pollinator patches' must be established in a community.

Lions Bay Rangers Val Morton and Hana Boye are excited to report that Lions Bay has now been added to the DSF Butterflyway map. More information about the DSF project can be found at the following link: https://davidsuzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/.

Our yards can provide critical areas for beneficial pollinators, and every additional pollinator patch helps. If you are interested, please contact us at lionsbaybutterflyway@gmail.com. We can help identify some of the most important plants for Pacific Northwest pollinators, share seeds and seedlings and offer support and ideas.

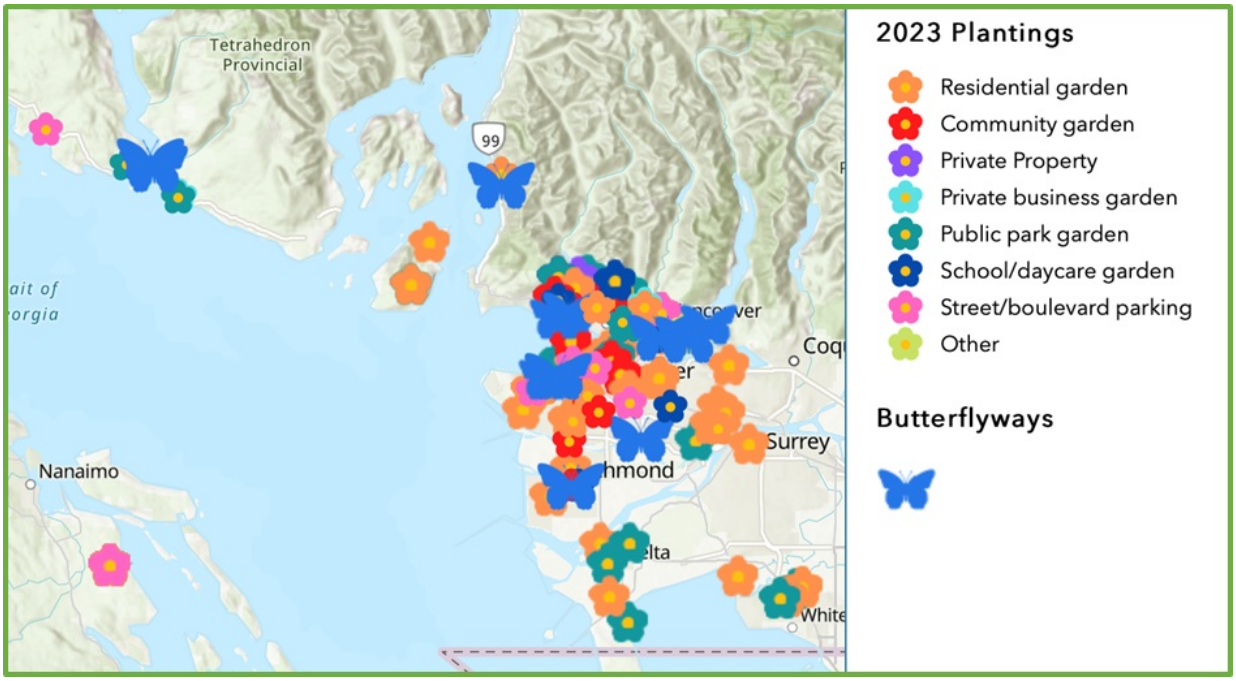
Every patch, regardless of size, can help pollinators. You can see Val's starting plot last summer and how it expanded this summer. This small patch attracts a great variety of pollinators - bees, flies, beetles and butterflies. Every bit helps.





If you're interested in more information, stay up to date with the project at our Facebook site: **https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsbaybutterflyway**.

Congratulations to everyone who is participating in this project. Your commitment to ecosystem health is truly heartwarming. Thumbs up from your Butterflyway Rangers, Val and Hana!



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