Village Update

May 2, 2025

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

From the CAO's Desk

Governance and Administration Support Update

In early 2023, the Village of Lions Bay formally requested support from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to assist with governance and administrative matters impacting the effectiveness of Council and municipal operations. In response, the Ministry entered into a service agreement with Diehl Management Services to provide the necessary expertise and guidance.

The contract commenced in March 2023, and concluded at the end of August 2023. During this period, Mr. Diehl worked closely with Council and staff to assess internal processes, decision-making frameworks, and overall governance practices. At the conclusion of the engagement, Mr. Diehl submitted a report to both Council and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, identifying key areas for improvement intended to enhance Council's efficacy and support the long-term stability and performance of the municipal organization.

Although Council initially elected not to release the report publicly, it has now chosen to do so in the interest of transparency and community awareness. The full report will be available for review on the Village's website.

The Village thanks the Ministry for its support and reaffirms its commitment to continuous improvement, good governance, and operational excellence.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

TAX SEASON IS UPON US...

In preparation of our upcoming tax season, please ensure that we have your correct Mailing Address on file. This means your PO Box if you live in Lions Bay, or a street address if you own a property in Lions Bay but do not live here.

Please remember:

- *It is up to the owner of the property to ensure that all contact information is up to date.*
- *It is the responsibility of the owner to apply for the HOG (Home Owners Grant).*
- *It is the responsibility of the owner to apply for the Tax Deferment if this option is desired.*

Please note: If taxes or billing is undeliverable via post or any other means, an owner has unpaid taxes, or an owner forgot to apply for their HOG, it is the sole responsibility of the owner to ensure that taxes and levies owed to the Municipality are paid on time. While the Municipality will make every attempt to contact an owner, this is done out of curtesy, but is not a legislative requirement.

If you have moved, changed your mailing address, or would like your email address added to your file, please contact the office and someone will be happy to assist you.

DATES TO WATCH FOR...

⇒ Utility Notices will be issued within the next couple of weeks. Please watch for them in your mailbox.

⇒ 2025 Property taxes will be issued by the end of May 2025.

WAYS TO PAY...

⇒ *Online services through the Village website: https://www.lionsbay.ca/services/financial-services/online-services (SERVICE FEES APPLY)*

⇒ *In person via cheque, or cash ($150 limit)*

⇒ *DEBIT Card at the Front Counter*

⇒ *Through your financial institution*

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MODULE

The Accounts Receivable Module is now up and running. This means that you will receive an invoice for most services, and may require a tiny bit more of your time when you pop into the office. This is to ensure that we have gathered all the required information to process your transaction and provide you with up-to-date and accurate information .

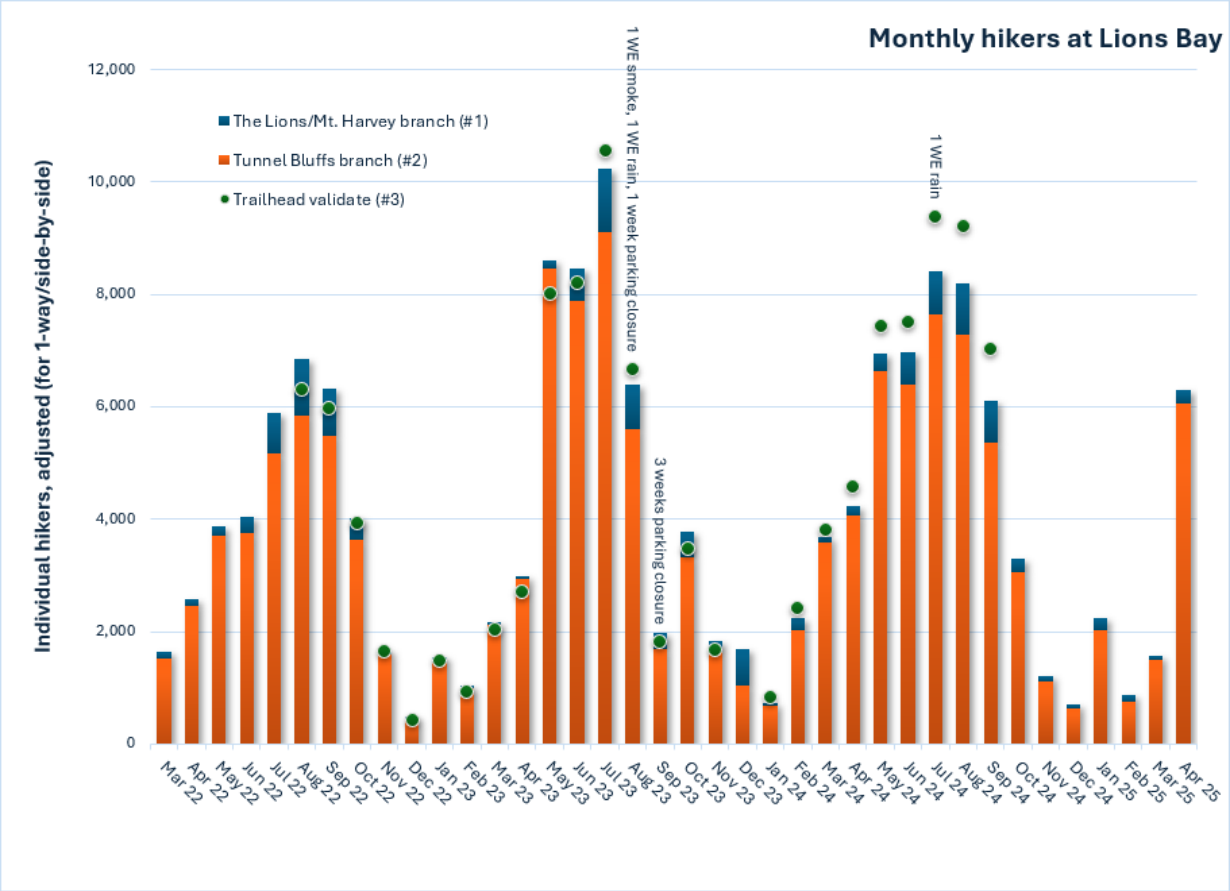
Please do not leave without your receipt!

Any Questions, please call 604-921-9333, or email: accounting@lionsbay.ca



We have downloaded the first trail counter data of the year. We think historical gaps between trail user totals and the Trailhead Validate counter represent summer users who turn around. That counter was tampered with since we last saw it, and it's in for repair and possible data recovery, but we are confident in individual trail data that show April was very busy, with over 6000 users. Mentioned in a recent Update, five outhouses at a purpose-built site 200 meters up from the Sunset gate are now operational. Like the interpretive-signage water fountain, the intent is to help address the water regulator's directive to "minimise [human] fecal contamination in the watersheds"--we hope that countdown signs encourage people to wait. It's not the lavish new facilities drawing hikers: counts to The

Lions/Mt. Harvey are still low because it's still snow and ice up there, but speaking to Tunnel Bluffs aficionados as they traipse by, we learn the majority see it on TikTok, worldwide:



Trail users this week will have seen a crew pulling power and data cables through existing conduits to the Magnesia Creek intake. This functionality will be used to provide live measurement of raw water turbidity, stream flow, __ and surveillance, all to improve water security and quality. When budget is approved and the engineering calculations are complete, a powered control valve will be able to shut off draw from the creek when water quality is out of spec, all to fulfil regulator directives to continue our ongoing filtration exemption.



"Negotiations between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) are scheduled to take place this week according to the communication we have received from Canada Post. While the outcome remains uncertain, please rest assured that BC Mail Plus is actively preparing to minimize any impact on your mail services. Regardless of the negotiation results, we are doing our very best to keep your mail items moving as efficiently as possible through our contingency plans.

To help you stay informed and prepared, we have developed a**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** document. It outlines key information, including how we will continue to process and deliver mail using alternative methods should disruptions occur, and your key contacts.

We encourage you to review the FAQ and reach out if you have any questions, require additional support, or identify areas where more information would be helpful. Your feedback is always welcome. We will also post important announcements on our **Goods & Services Catalogue** pages to ensure you stay up to date."



The Village is seeking 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** by **May 9, 2025.** Please include their name and the reason you think they are deserving of the award.

Click HERE For More Details!



NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:
Regular Meeting of Council - May 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Special Meeting of Council - May 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Infrastructure Committee Meeting - May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm

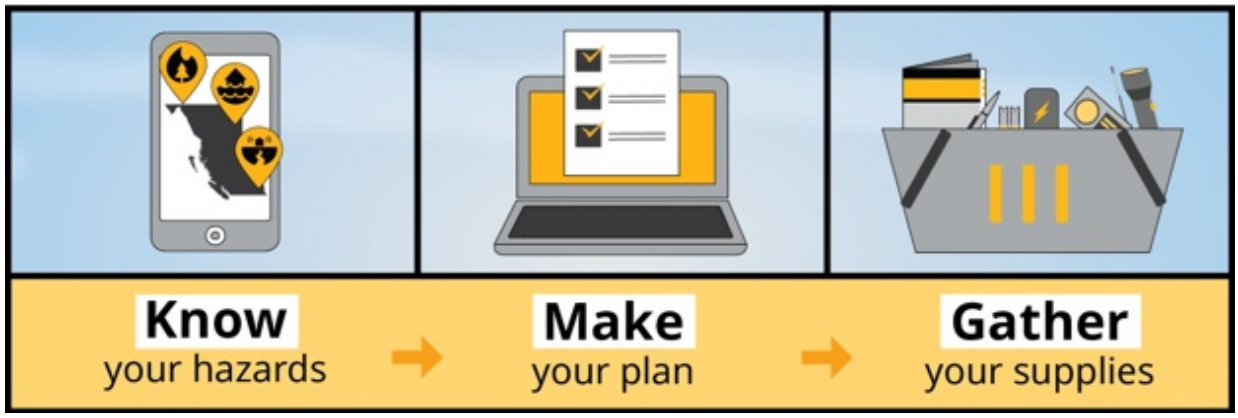
*Note: Please check the Village website **calendar** for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.*

View the Council and Committee Schedules, Agendas, and Minutes HERE!

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on viewing etiquette, and how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found **here**.

UPDATES FROM THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Preparedness Week May 5-11, 2025



Preparing for an unknown may seem overwhelming. Here are some tips. Choose three and make implementing them a family event.

- Make your emergency plan by clicking **HERE**
- Pre-register for Emergency Support Services on Evacuee and Registration Assistance (ERA) **HERE**
- Add your insurance information to your emergency plan to ensure it's handy when you need it. You can also keep the below link handy with any insurance related questions, link: **Insurance Bureau of Canada**
- Know how to turn off your utilities. Make this part of your emergency plan. Make sure everyone knows how to do this.
- Have an out-of-area emergency contact who the family can touch base with if you are separated during an emergency. Make this part of your communication plan.
- Make a pet plan. Have leashes, harnesses, cages, food and medicines ready for quick access: link **HERE**
- Build your emergency kit (for shelter in place) and your Grab-and-Go bag (for immediate evacuations): link **HERE**
- Sign up for emergency messaging through the **Alertable app**
- Keep an old pair of shoes under each bed. If you need to evacuate your home quickly and household debris (broken glass, building material) is littering the floor, these can be use to allow you to safely move about your house.
- Save digital copies of important documents, such as birth certificates and financial records on a memory stick, or make photocopies of them. Place these in your graband-go bag.

Getting prepared is more than just gathering supplies for grab-and-go bags. It is also about working together - individuals, First Nations, organizations and all levels of government - so we can all respond and recover better.

That's why this year's theme is "In it together."

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time. Now, more than ever, it's important to:

- Work together on a shared goal of being prepared
- Get to know your neighbours and community
- Identify people around you who may need extra support
- Be personally prepared so you can support others and your community

During the week, the PreparedBC team will host free webinars:

- **Inclusive preparedness | Mon. May 5 | 5:30 PM (PDT)**
- **Cultural safety and preparedness | Tue. May 6 | 5:30 PM (PDT)**
- **Animal preparedness | Wed. May 7 | 5:30 PM (PDT)**
- **Insurance: why it matters | Thu. May 8 | 5:30 PM (PDT)**
- **Community preparedness | Fri. May 9 | 5:30 PM (PDT)**

Find out more and **register today via Zoom**. All attendees will be entered to win a four-person home emergency kit.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAM

The weather is getting nicer and we are all feeling the urge to go out and explore our beautiful province. As we soak up the extra sunshine, let's take a moment to brush up on road safety



Motorcycle safety

- The noise dampening pavement in the Lions Bay Sea-to-Sky highway stretch has less traction than normal pavement. **Slow down!**
- **Wear proper motorcycle protective gear—**helmets, jackets, pants, gloves and boots. Choose bright colours to be more visible.
- **Don't lane split**. Stay in people's mirrors
- Don't add throttle and lean angle at the same time in a corner

Bicycle safety

- **Wear an approved bicycle helmet**

that meets safety standards—it's the law in B.C. Make sure it fits you well
- **Follow the rules of the road—** they apply to you too
- **Use hand signals and shoulder check** before turning or changing lanes
- **Be extra visible** by using lights and reflective gear
- **Ride predictably** and stay as far to the right as is safe
- **Keep at least one metre away from parked vehicles** to avoid getting hit by an opening door.

Road Safety Tips

- **Don't drive impaired or fatigued.** Your reaction time and judgment are seriously affected.
- **Stay focused—don't let your phone or navigation system distract you** . If your eyes aren't on the road, you can't react to what's happening around you.
- **Maintain a safe follow distance—three-second rule** . Three seconds between you and the vehicle ahead specially at higher distance and adverse conditions
- **Use your headlights when visibility is low** . This includes dawn, dusk, or bad weather like fog, rain, or snow—anytime, day or night.
- **Keep right except to pass** . This helps traffic flow smoothly and safely.
- **Adjust your driving for the road and weather conditions.** Plan ahead so you don't feel pressured to speed.
- **Check mirrors regularly** to be aware of motorcyclists and bicycles
- **Shoulder check before opening car doors** - drivers and passengers must.

Stay safe and enjoy the ride and sun!



FireSmart Home Assessments

Lions Bay Fire Rescue has partnered with Frontera Forest Solutions through a wildfire grant to offer free home assessments to the community, conducted by our local FireSmart representative.

Our FireSmart representatives are available to assess your home's wildfire risk using the Home Ignition Zone model. They will provide recommendations on changes that can significantly reduce the risk of structure ignition.

These assessments are completely confidential and offered at no cost. To inquire about scheduling your free home assessment, please contact us at:

lbfradmin@lionsbay.ca

Thank you for helping make our community safer!





Calling all Lions Bay Grade 12's! The Curly Stewart Scholarship has been increased to $1,500.

This award honours the life and public service of Lions Bay's first mayor, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 – 1981. It is the Village's official scholarship and is separate from the other Foundation. Students may therefore apply to both. Criteria for applicants are outlined in the application form.

How to apply:
1) Complete the **online application form** or a **hard copy**.
2) Submit sealed reference letters and/or hard copy application to the Village Office in person no later than 4p.m. on May 7th.
3) PLEASE WRITE "FOR ATTENTION: CURLY STEWART SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE" ON THE ENVELOPE to make sure the committee receives your information.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS



This year's Sun Run, dedicated to David and Barbara Enns, engendered a crowd of 27 Lions Bay participants joined by 24 members of the Enns/Hunt family.
Barbara had been an enthusiastic member of the Lions Bay Rainforest Racers -formerly Ramblers - since its inception over fifteen years ago, so every step of the way, her absence was sorely felt by us all, and many tears were shed.
We wore our shirts, displaying Barb and Dave's photo, with such pride and will wear them for all future Sun Runs.
Not only the shirts were worn in memory of The Enns'. Jody wore a treasured angel pendant that had been given to her Mom by her Dad on a sailing adventure years ago in Panama.
Miraculously, the little angel was found amongst the tons of debris following the slide, and later on, Barb's journal, which documented the story of the gift and the joy that it had brought her, was discovered.
Now, Jody keeps the angel in her kitchen, seeing it as a symbol of her parents' watch over the family.



Thanks are expressed to:
Richard at Griffin House **Screenprinting-richard@griffinhouse.com** for our shirt designed with such dedication, patience and love.

Trudi Luethy for, as usual, bearing our iconic, Lions Bay flag.

Jan Schneider for, year after year, standing on the street to cheer us on.

All participants who were there, proudly wearing the Memorial shirt for this unforgettable event.

All those who provided such delicious contributions for the after-gathering.

Sympathy is expressed to those who had to withdraw at the last minute - Brenda Broughton who was grieving the loss of her sister, and Deirdre McNeil, Mike Porter and Ron McLaughlin due to ill health.

Congratulations go to Fiona Fury and her daughter, Ashleigh Kish, who completed the race in 1:05, Jody Enns Dyer in 1:12 and Tom Caspersen who despite a recent kidney transplant crossed the finish line at an impressive 1:17.

Click HERE to see video of Jeremy Valeriote Mention the Rainforest Runners in Parliament!

~~~~~ "How a vision had the impact on Sound" ~~~~~

Many of you reading this article know how the sound at
Broughton Hall had it's unique challenges...

Bringing people into the Hall was never difficult.
People always showed up no matter what the occasion.

Over the decades and years many of us were wondering what was being said by the many speakers, no matter how close we were at the front or being in the standing room sections..

To factor in the hearing loss into the equation was for some of us an added difficulty.

In my experience having been a part of the numerous November 11th Remebrance Day Services brought it home each year. People would come up to me and say;
"I could not hear what was said!"

In early Spring I finally made a decision to reach out to our local resident
Hans Branvold who I knew had experience in sound systems...

In typical Lions Bay Style,Hans agreed to reach out to his friend Dave Smith of "Ovation Audio" who was the gentleman with the expertize..

My next step was to reach out to Mayor Ken Berry and Council to ask for permission in having the 2 gentlemen come together and take a look in what was needed.

I added Public Work's manager Karl Buhr and
Councilor Michael Broughton to the e-mail feed.

With permission and on time we all arrived at Broughton Hall.

I must admit most of the technical talk went right over my head,
but I could tell we were making progress. The long awaited Sound System Upgrade was

finally inspected and moving forward.

We did have a timeline for the project to be ready in time for the upcoming "Celebration of Life" for Barbara and David Enns on March 8th. The first big test was on our shoulders with 160 people in attendance...

A subsequent comment; "For the first time in 40 years, I could hear what was being said!"

Many of you have memeories of our one and only Mrs. Patricia Wade. Mrs. Wade is the Mother of her two sons who perished in the 1983 mudslide. Many of you have passed by, stopped or looked at the view from the dedicated Park to "David and Thomas Wade!"

Mrs. Wade with her generous and giving style contributed the funds for the new Sound System Upgrade.

As the saying goes; "It takes a Village!"

Our "Thank You's" go to Mayor and Village Council, Hans Branvold, David Smith, Karl Buhr, Public Works and Village Staff for their unwavering support.

With our deep felt gratitude to Mrs. Patricia Wade. It is yet another amazing and constant reminder how the "POWER of ONE" can impact and accomplish so much.

We can hear clearly "Now!!!"

by Trudi Luethy



Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation
CALLING ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

Applications are due 4 pm Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 for the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, Rafe Mair and Rudy Luethy scholarships. Students ~ complete your applications early and seek your applicable reference letters now.

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.

The Rafe Mair Scholarship and The Rudy Luethy Scholarship may 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.

Graduate Celebration 2025
Attention: All graduates and families
Save the Date
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7pm
Broughton Hall

Scholarship Application Form

ArtSpark
May offering

Master gardener **Ingrid Wray** welcomes Lions Bay kids aged 7+ for this Saturday springtime class:

Spring Succulent Workshop

When: Saturday, May 3rd
Time: 10-11:30 am
Cost: $15
Class max: 8 participants

(includes 2 plants, soil and containers)

Register: www.lionsbayarts.ca



Register Here

Vote for Lions Bay's Official Bird!

For all information and to vote:

- Click Here
- Go to: tinyurl.com/nefy69hj
- Scan the QR Code

Voting closes at 11am, Sat 10th May

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY
LIONS BAY, BC
CERTIFIED BY NATURE CANADA

Lions Bay Historical Society


Bird Friendly Lions Bay
Community Nature Event
May 10, 9.15 – 1 in the Village Hall
9.15 - sessions for kids
REGISTER HERE
Drop-in fun on offer, too!
9.30 - 11
NEW: Collect answers at participating partners' displays and enter to win prizes, including a $200 spa gift voucher!
11.00
"It takes a Village..." A short presentation
Official Village Bird - voting result
Prize draw
Noon
Short hike to see the Bald Eagles' nest
9.30 - noon
Tea, Bird Friendly coffee, treats
10 - 1
BBQ hot dogs and pop
WEST VANCOUVER FOUNDATION
THE RED COUCH BAKERY
FeatherFriendly

Lions Bay

Giveaway Weekend

Saturday, May 10th - Sunday, May 11th, 2025



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. It might be a great chance to find something special for mom on Mother's Day!

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 or scooters near FREE signs.

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

Contact: Heather Hood - hoodinlionsbay@gmail.com



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Encourage friends to Subscribe	Meeting Calendars	Real-time Air Quality Map	Real-time Air Temperature	Curbside Solid Waste Timeslots

Compostable and landfill garbage drop-off is available at the Public Works Yard: 5 Tidewater Way, **Fridays 6-8 am** and **Saturdays 8-11 am**.

SPLENDOUR IN SERENITY

Reception: (604) 921-9333
Public Works Voicemail: (604) 921-9833
Public Works After-hours On-call: (604) 290-1498
Bylaw Enforcement Officer: (604) 834-3404

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