Village Update
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Village of Lions Bay Contributes to Canada's National Conservation Network, Supporting Nature and Combating Climate Change

The Village of Lions Bay with the support of BC Nature has registered 14.64 hectares of their protected natural areas in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD). The Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database tracks Canada's progress toward the target of protecting 30% of lands and waters by 2030 (30x30 commitment). The official recognition of the protected area was achieved through the national Municipal Protected Areas Program (MPAP) coordinated by Nature Canada.

The protected natural areas within the Village of Lions Bay that are now registered in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database, consist of temperate forest providing vital wildlife habitat. These areas, located on Village-owned lands within the municipal watershed, are situated at the base of the North Shore Mountains.

Lions Bay is situated within the Átl'ḵa7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region on the east shore of Howe Sound. The community is endowed with a spectacular natural landscape of creeks, shoreline, steep slopes, and awe-inspiring views.

"Respecting nature and the environment have been a core value of our community since it began and this submission strongly reflects who we are and our ongoing commitment to protecting habitat and biodiversity. We're very pleased to be able to support the national 30X30 goal by adding Lions Bay land to the CPCAD. This inclusion also supports ongoing local and regional initiatives to preserve sensitive ecosystems and wildlife corridors." *Councillor Neville Abbott, Village of Lions Bay*

"We're thrilled about the Lions Bay Village conservation area being recognized by the federal government. The Municipal Protected Areas Program is demonstrating the important role of small local governments in reaching our national biodiversity goals across the country." *Stewart Guy, Executive Director, BC Nature*

"We're so excited about the progress that BC Nature has made in getting Lions Bay Village's conservation areas recognized by the federal government. Nature Canada's Municipal Protected Areas Program is shining a spotlight on the significant part that municipal governments can play in reaching our national biodiversity goals across the country. Nature and people are learning to co-exist and municipalities like Lions Bay Village are a great example for other communities to follow." *Dylan Rawlyk, Organizing Manager - Nature Canada*

"We are so pleased the Village of Lions Bay participated in the Municipal Protected Areas Project. The recognition of these lands as being managed to protect in-situ biodiversity puts the Village of Lions Bay on the global map. The criteria for achieving this recognition indicate that the watershed is managed effectively for ecosystem health and climate

resilience. Contributing to global biodiversity targets is the side benefit thanks to the efforts of the Village Council and BC Nature." *Ruth Simons D.Litt, Executive Director Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society, Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region*

Quick Facts

Canada's network of protected and conserved areas is important to mitigating the impacts of climate change by protecting healthy, resilient ecosystems and contributing to the recovery of species at risk.

Lions Bay's identity and well-being are deeply intertwined with its surrounding natural environment, necessitating a community commitment to respecting these valuable resources, both within and outside village boundaries.

BC Nature is a federation of local nature clubs, representing more than 56 nature clubs throughout BC. BC Nature works to protect nature and educate naturalists, the public, and decision-makers about the natural history of British Columbia, including its biodiversity, species at risk, parks and other natural areas.

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