Village Update

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Significant Development in the Investigation into the Death of Stewart McLean

The Village of Lions Bay wishes to inform residents of a significant development in the investigation into the tragic death of Stewart McLean, a loss that has deeply affected our community.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has announced that Nathan Ambros Neima, 35, of New Westminster, was arrested on November 21, 2026. The BC Prosecution Service has approved a charge of second degree murder in connection with Mr. McLean's death. The announcement follows an extensive investigation involving IHIT, the Squamish RCMP and other police resources. Investigators have indicated that they do not believe there is an ongoing risk to public safety.

In a community as close-knit as Lions Bay, a tragedy of this nature is felt well beyond those immediately affected. This latest development may bring renewed grief and difficult emotions for those who knew Stewart, his family and others touched by his death. Mayor Ron McLaughlin, speaking on behalf of Council and the Municipality, offered the following message:

“Stewart's death has been a profound loss for our community. While this announcement represents a significant development, our thoughts remain first and foremost with his family, friends and everyone who knew and loved him. Lions Bay is a community built on personal connections, and it is during difficult times such as these that the strength of those connections matters most. I hope we will continue to support one another with kindness, understanding and respect, particularly those for whom this tragedy has been most deeply felt. On behalf of Council, I also want to acknowledge the dedication and perseverance of the investigators who have worked on this case over the past several months.”

The Municipality recognizes that this announcement may be particularly difficult for those personally affected by Stewart's death. Residents are encouraged to respect the privacy of those involved and to approach this development with the compassion and sensitivity that such circumstances deserve.

Further information regarding the investigation will be provided by the RCMP and IHIT as it becomes available.

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