

May 24, 2019



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

While we can't plan for all eventualities, what should we be focused on? For me, the answer to this question is that our critical infrastructure must be sufficiently maintained or replaced to meet current and future service needs. The areas needing repair have already been identified in the [2016 Infrastructure Master Plan](#). We continue to await the results of outstanding grant applications and advice of new grant opportunities from senior government to maximize leverage (our dollars being about 25% of cost), but these have been slow in coming forward. With the potential for a change in the Federal government there may be a moratorium on this type of funding in the Fall. The infrastructure upkeep needs to be done in any case.

Infrastructure costs a lot of money and our Village's small size doesn't allow a lot of options to prepare for eventualities. We should feel good for the present that we are moving in the right direction and currently have cash, unused lines of credit, and are trying to sell our lot in Kelvin Grove. We have also initiated an infrastructure tax in preparation for when the expenditures need to be paid. What I see coming down the road that is impactful is the sale of the Public Works yard and the department's movement to Brunswick Hill, adjacent to the Fire Department's training compound.

A lease application is in preparation now to facilitate this move. Once approved, it will probably take a year to move the operations. After the sale of the old site the remaining financial options we control to fund infrastructure are limited. Development might be a possibility for increased growth and revenue. We are not in a position to take this opportunity to the public for consultation at this time, although I am hopeful that we will by the end of the year. My comments are intended to bring everyone up to speed well in advance of the Fall when the 2020 Budget discussion begins, grant opportunities and successes are known, senior government's stance on infrastructure is known, and we begin planning our next infrastructure upgrades.

At the last Council meeting, Public Works Manager Jaffer provided a refresher presentation of the Core Services Level Review. For those of you wondering what our Public Works staff do and should do, I encourage you to read the presentation [here](#) and/or the full report [here](#). The synthesis of the report is that with insufficient manpower to accomplish all that is necessary, some of the most important infrastructure maintenance tasks are falling by the wayside. That is not a desired situation and changes need to be made. As part of the Budget discussion in the Fall, Council has asked to see an updated Core Services Level Review put forward by our Public Works department that is laser focused on infrastructure repair and maintenance. We are undermanned already and hiring additional staff is not an option; outsourcing work isn't a panacea since outsourced work also requires staff time and has union implications. Expect that nice-to-have items such as gardening, landscaping, boulevard maintenance, and assistance to citizen groups will be minimized.

The Province has not embraced our recommendation to pilot average-speed-over-distance (ASOD) technology in Lions Bay. Evidence from the locations where this program has been implemented show a drastic decline in speeding, serious accidents and fatalities. We have asked the Minister to reconsider the decision and our letter to him can be found [here](#).

Last week there was an article in the Village Update about the additional School Tax enacted by the Province for homes worth over \$3 million. 39 properties in Lions Bay exceeded that threshold and will be aggregately charged over \$107,000. I mentioned in an earlier editorial that I thought the Speculation Tax was a cash grab. You can imagine what I am thinking on this new tax since there is no School Tax fund, nor does any money collected necessarily go to schools.

Friday, May 17th was a sad day for Lions Bay in that our long-time former paramedic, Brian Croston, passed away. Many will remember him responding to your calls for help through our Lions Bay British Columbia Ambulance Service. Others may remember him in uniform at the cafe or at the Klatt building waiting for his next call. Either way, he was always the same calm friendly member of our community for many years. He will be missed.

A service is contemplated for June 1st in Langley where he and Sheila recently moved. More details of Brian's life in Lions Bay will be coming through our Historical Society.

Regards,

Ron

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Updates from the Municipality



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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TAX

In addition to collecting taxes for municipal purposes, the Village is also required to collect and remit taxes on behalf of other taxing authorities, including school tax on behalf of the provincial government. Starting in 2019, the provincial government will apply an additional school tax on properties assessed at \$3 million and above.

The additional tax rate is:

- 0.2% on the residential portion assessed between \$3 million and \$4 million
- 0.4% on the residential portion assessed over \$4 million

If your property is assessed at \$3 million or higher, you will see the additional school tax on your 2019 property tax notice, which will be mailed out the first week of June.

For more information, visit www.gov.bc.ca/schooltax

Note: All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30 pm on Regular Council Meeting nights. Please check the Meeting Calendar for changes or cancellations.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Infrastructure Committee - May 27 at 7 pm
- Trees, Views & Landscapes - May 31 at 9 am
(52 Brunswick Beach Road)
- Regular Council Meeting - June 4 at 7 pm

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?

ARE YOU HEADED DOWN THE TRAIL; WHAT ARE YOU REALLY TAKING WITH YOU?

Your route is prepped; your snacks are packed... whether on foot or on your bike, you are ready to head for the trails! But what are you *really* taking with you?

Unbeknownst to you, the mud on your hiking shoes or your mountain bike tires might contain invasive plant parts or seeds – enough to sprout a whole new infestation at your favourite getaway spot.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and micro-organisms that have negative environmental, social and economic impacts. The Sea to Sky Corridor has many pristine mountain ecosystems that are threatened with invasion. Please help us keep these environments free of invasive species.

By cleaning your gear (like your bike!) and your shoes between outings, you can help avoid spreading a number of invasive plant species, such as **Orange Hawkweed**, **Common Burdock** and **Scotch Broom** that like to hitch a ride on people and pets.

Find out more about how to Play, Clean, Go responsibly [here](#).

GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

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Please help stop the spread of invasive species like Common Burdock (*Arctium minus*) along our trails!

Stop Invasive Species In Your Tracks.



Help Prevent The Spread Of Invasive Plants And Animals.

- **REMOVE** plants, animals & mud from bikes, boots, gear, pets & vehicles.
- **CLEAN** your gear before entering & leaving the recreation site.
- **STAY** on designated roads & trails.



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IN YOUR TRACKS.
PlayCleanGo.org

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HAPPENINGS

- 1 - Sunday May 26, 2019, 11:00 am-3:00 pm: Lions Bay Arts & Garden Festival.
- 2 - Thursday, May 30, 2019, 2:30-4:30 pm: "Support our Local School" (see below).
- 3 - At Kay Meek, Thursday 30th May 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm: A Kay Meek special presentation of "Amazing Grace" by Max Wyman, in their New Works 2019 Play Reading Series. Readings are by professional actors, followed by a facilitated talk-back session with Nicola Cavendish.

"This raw and affecting drama probes the devastating effects of physical and emotional disability on a family of damaged souls - and their striving for real and imagined hope and redemption".

The website to reserve tickets is [here](#).

COMMUNITY SUMMER SOCIAL CENTRE EVENT

Invitation: "Summer Celebration Luncheon - Soup & Sandwiches"

DATE: Tuesday, 4th June, 2019

PLACE: Broughton Hall

TIME: 12:30-2:00 pm

COST: \$7 per person

Please RSVP to lpeterso@sfu.ca to provide numbers for catering - limit is 32 people
first come, first served! Save the date!

Sponsored by the SSC.



LIONS BAY
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

Telling Our School's Stories

Connecting Community

SPRING
FESTIVAL

MAY 30TH
230 - 430



- MARKET GARDEN
- SINGALONG
- FIRE TRUCK RIDES
- FACE PAINTING
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- INTERPRETATIVE FOREST WALK

COMPLIMENTARY
ADMISSION

250 BAYVIEW RD LIONS BAY



Sponsoring partner:



ARTS & GARDEN FESTIVAL



SUNDAY MAY 26TH LIONS BAY AVE. 11^{am} - 3^{pm}



[CLICK HERE FOR MAP & EVENT PROGRAMME](#)

RAIN OR SHINE, IT'S HAPPENING!

Sunday, May 26th
Lions Bay Avenue, Lions Bay
11 am - 3 pm

We look forward to seeing you all out there enjoying beautiful gardens, joyful music, gorgeous visual artistry, creative succulent potting ideas in the Native Plant Garden.

AND...

Let's not forget yummy crepes too!

**There will be a members and guests reception from 4:00 pm at 180 Highview Place.
Please join us all are welcome!**



SAVE THE DATE

Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation 15th Anniversary Celebration

Please Join Us for BUBBLY & APPIES

As we celebrate our 2019 Lions Bay Grads
and
The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation
15th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, June 20th ~ 7pm to 9pm
Broughton Hall
AGM following ~ 9pm to 9:30pm

~ We invite you to join us – especially if you are a ~

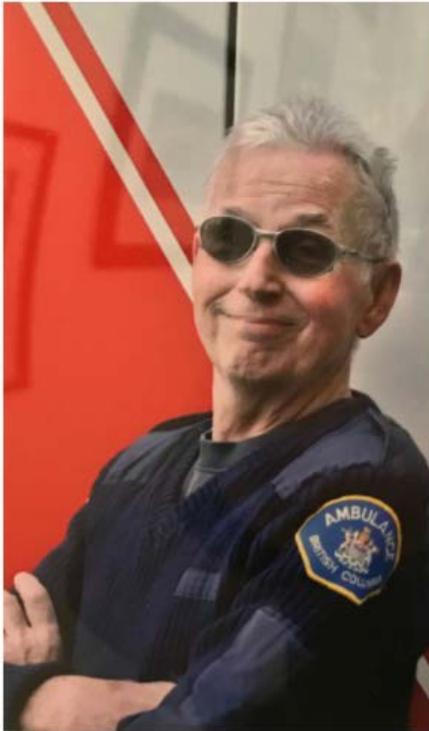
Recipient of an LBCSF Scholarship
Lions Bay graduate from 2004 - 2019
Parent of a Lions Bay graduate from 2004 - 2019
LBCSF Donor or Supporter ~ past & current
Former LBCSF Board Member
Current or Former Village of Lions Bay Mayor and Council Member
Representative of VanCity Community Foundation
Resident or Friend of Lions Bay

~ Refreshments will be served as we mix and mingle ~

Please RSVP by June 7th, 2019 by clicking [here](#).

A piece of Lions Bay History...

LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "LOOKING BACK"



The passing of Brian Croston last Friday leaves a deep sadness in our hearts.

Brian was a friend, neighbour, mentor and incredible gentleman.

Brian had a long and steady career serving the people from Squamish along the Sea to Sky Corridor and all the way into the North Shore neighborhoods.

The Lions Bay Klatt building was his second home during his service with the B.C. Ambulance Service.

With each 911 call that was dispatched we always hoped that our beloved Brian Croston would be at the door. While Brian was on call, his appearance was surrounded by his calmness, his unwavering professionalism and steadfast compassion. Brian's gentle guidance always went beyond the call of duty.

"Brian Croston's Celebration of Life"

Date; June 1st 2019

Time; 1.00 PM

"Henderson Langley Funeral Home"

**20786, Fraser Highway
Langley, B.C.**

**Brian's Obituary will appear in the North Shore News
Check into our website at a later date for Brian's Legacy.
Sheila and family are working on a piece about Brian life
and Legacy**

Please visit the Historical Society's [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.