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# Village Update

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## REMINDER!

Council held a special meeting on May 21st to triple the parking fines in the Village. If someone parks in a “No Parking” area, or in a “Permit Required” area, the ticket is \$195 (\$150 if you pay it right away, \$240 if you delay).

Our Bylaw Enforcement Officers have also been directed to tow more often, particularly where the offense is egregious and the rules are clear. These penalties and rules do apply to everyone, including residents, so be sure your permits are visible and that you don't park where you shouldn't!

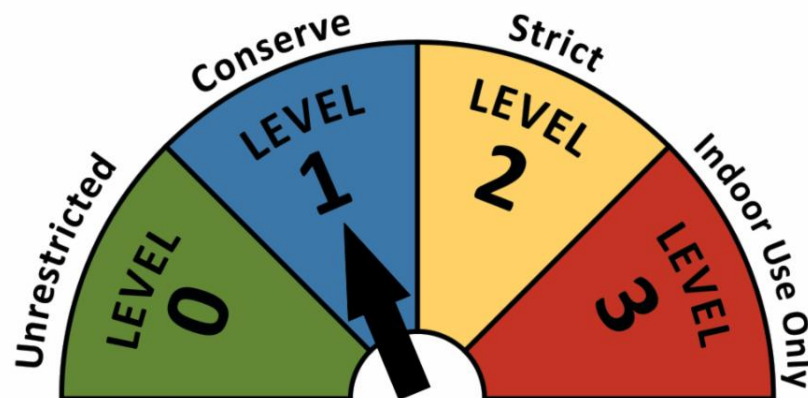
If you require additional passes for your family members or secondary suite renters, you can purchase them for \$40 from the Village Office (by mail or appointment). If you need contractor passes for ongoing construction (\$40 for 3 months) or free daily guest passes for members of your slowly expanding bubble, please contact the Office to make arrangements.

Our parks and parking lots continue to remain closed in an effort to keep a lid on visitation from external communities. If you need to access your kayak at the Lions Bay Beach Park, you can do so but retrieve it and put it in the water swiftly to avoid receiving a fine for lingering in the park. Similarly, if you want to access the beach, please move through the park swiftly. Our Bylaw Enforcement Officers have been directed to issue these \$450 tickets to anyone who fails to immediately leave the park when requested to do so.

We are taking direction from the Provincial Health Officer and while things are looking up, we want to ensure that everyone remains safe in the Village. COVID-19 is still present and the physical distancing directives are still in place. That means be cautious as you tentatively expand your bubble – continue to maintain your two metres and no gatherings of large numbers of people. Beaches (provincial jurisdiction, as opposed to municipal parks), are open, along with all trails in and above Lions Bay (multi-jurisdictional). Please report any over-crowding or parking issues to our Bylaw Enforcement Officers via email: [bylaw@lionsbay.ca](mailto:bylaw@lionsbay.ca). They will be very busy and are working hard to keep Lions Bay safe, so please be patient and supportive. Thank you.

Peter DeJong  
Chief Administrative Officer

## WATER RESTRICTIONS BEGIN MONDAY



### Water Conservation Level 1 NOW IN EFFECT

We know COVID-19 is dominating your thoughts and work at present, and public health comes first; however, let's not forget about our water!

Many of us are spending more time at home due to the pandemic and it's vital that we follow the hand washing guidelines and other measures recommended by the BC Centers for Disease Control, which can be found [here](#). That said, consider this a friendly reminder that washing your hands for 20 seconds does not mean you need to have the tap running for 20 seconds 😊.

Conservation Level 1 remains in effect until September 30, 2020 in accordance with the Village of Lions Bay Outdoor Water Use Bylaw 484, 2015, subject to potential increases in Conservation Levels.

Sprinkling can only occur between 4 a.m. - 9 a.m. as follows:

- Even numbered addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays

- Odd numbered addresses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays

See Outdoor Water Conservation Measures, Levels 1 to 3 [here](#).

For additional tips on how to conserve water, read our [water conservation brochure](#). Please provide any feedback or comments to Public Works via email at [works@lionsbay.ca](mailto:works@lionsbay.ca).

## Property Taxes are Coming Soon!

Annual Property Tax Notices are being mailed out next week.

More information will be posted on the website and in next week's Village Update.



## Translink

From June 1, TransLink will resume fare collection and front-door boarding on buses, as well as easing seat restrictions. These are the next steps in their [Safe Operating Action Plan](#), which is designed to make transit service safer and available for those who need it as our region reopens. [Read their media release here](#).



## COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting - June 2, 2020 at 7 p.m. via [zoom](#)

[Agenda available here](#)

### Meeting Calendar

*Note: We are changing the way we do Council meetings to meet physical distancing requirements. Video conferencing is available for public participation via [Zoom](#). Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).*

*We thank you for your patience as we learn new ways of conducting Council meetings and navigate through new technologies.*

### Public Viewing Etiquette

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Please read the instructions*
- *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*

*It is still possible to attend meetings in-person but please be advised that seating is limited to four (4) seats maximum for the general public in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.*



## UTILITY PAYMENT DEADLINE

Due Date for Early Payment Discount for  
Utility Fees Extended to **June 1, 2020**

Please note that the utility due date is  
**December 31, 2020**

No interest will be charged on your account  
if you pay by the December 31 due date

For more info visit [www.lionsbay.ca](http://www.lionsbay.ca)  
or email [accounting@lionsbay.ca](mailto:accounting@lionsbay.ca)

## B.C. ANNUAL BAT COUNT NEEDS YOU!

*Did you know that bats in  
BC do not have, nor are  
they responsible for the  
spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus.*



Misinformation such as this can lead to unfounded fears – this is why the BC Annual BAT Count is asking for your help. Identified as an ‘at-risk’ species, Bats consume 1000s of insects each night. One colony of 100 bats can eat 42lbs (19kg) of insects during the summer!

The Annual Bat Counts offer a safe way to learn about bats and share knowledge, while contributing to bat conservation efforts which take place annually between June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 5th. The BC Bat Program is aware of over 40 bat colonies in buildings, and 50 bat boxes in the Greater Vancouver area. They are asking homeowners with bat colonies to help monitor their bat population by counting or if you know of where bats are roosting in your neighbourhood, to send an email at [vancouver@bcbats.ca](mailto:vancouver@bcbats.ca).



To find out more about bat counts or white-nose syndrome, to report a dead bat, or to get assistance dealing with bat issues, visit [www.bcbats.ca](http://www.bcbats.ca) or call 1-855-9BC-BATS ext. 11.

More factual information about bats, the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and COVID-19 is available at:

- **BC Community Bat Program:** [www.bcbats.ca](http://www.bcbats.ca) <https://bcbats.ca/index.php/get-involved/community-bat-program-news-updates/91-information-bulletin-on-bats-in-bc-covid-19-and-wns> and
- **Bat Conservation International** <http://www.batcon.org/resources/media-education/news-room/gen-news/80-latest-news/1227-bci-s-faq-on-bats-and-covid-19>

## What's Happening in Lions Bay

### The Fight Against Invasive Plants Resumes



exposure control plan in place, and is acting appropriately to keep its staff and community members safe.

The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC), a local environmental non-profit, will be launching its summer field operation program in the coming weeks. The SSISC's mandate is to minimize the threat of invasive species to the environment, the economy, and human health. The 2020 season marks the non-profit's 10<sup>th</sup> season, which will no doubt be very different from previous ones, given the current pandemic. However, the SSISC has a COVID-19

The SSISC staff are often asked about invasive plants' potential impacts and why they can't just leave invasive plants to spread. "Second to habitat loss, invasive species have been identified as one of the most significant threats to biodiversity", explained executive director Clare Greenberg. "Invasive plants outcompete and displace native species. The invasive plants can increase fire hazards, cause erosion, damage roads, or contain substances that are toxic to humans and animals."

The SSISC uses an Integrated Pest Management approach to invasive plant control, which combines mechanical (pulling, digging), chemical (herbicides) and biological control (competition and predation from other species). The specific control method or combination of methods used at a site on a given day, is determined in collaboration with the land manager/owner. Factors considered include site-specific characteristics, weather conditions, plant biology, and priority level of the target invasive species. You can visit the SSISC's [website](#) to learn more about their regional strategy and priority species list.

To learn more about what the SSISC is doing in Lions Bay and how you can help, please visit [ssisc.ca/lions-bay](https://ssisc.ca/lions-bay).



**Calling all Lions Bay residents age 12-18,**

UNESCO is running a short story contest called Once Upon A Time in My Future. Write a very short story (250-500 words) to win some awesome prizes. Details are [here](#).

Lions Bay Arts is offering three local prizes to encourage local entries. The top Lions Bay entry will win \$100 from Lions Bay Arts, and two runners up will win \$50 each. Details for this contest, including some short story writing tips to get you started, are [here](#).

The deadline for both contests is MAY 31, 2020. Good luck to all entrants!

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