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TICK TALK

REMINDER!

Being bitten by a tick is only a matter of time. If you spend time in the outdoors, you're at risk and it will happen. And with ticks, come the dangers of tick-borne disease, namely Lyme Disease. Here's a news flash: "Ticks don't practice social distancing," and they most definitely don't take the spring off!

Ticks like grassy areas and short bushes and can attach to you if you brush by them. Not all ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease but there is no way to tell just by looking at them so avoiding all tick bites is your best bet. Check your body for ticks after being outdoors. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body. After kids play outside, check their skin and hair - especially the scalp, behind the ears, around the neck, and under the arms. If you're bitten, save the tick in a baggie, pill bottle or plastic dish and label it with the date of the bite, and take it to your doctor who will send it off to a lab for testing, which can take up to a week.

For information on precautionary measures and how to safely remove ticks download and read the BC Centre for Disease Control brochure: [Lyme Disease](#).



EMERGENCY PROGRAM UPDATE

PART 2

by Robert Whitney, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator

Hello again my friends. Last week I talked to you about what the Emergency Program is doing with the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This week, I want to talk to you about something a little closer to home.

As some of you may be aware, there is a great group of volunteers within the Village who stand ready every day and night to provide what is called Emergency Support Services (ESS) if they are called upon. These individuals will respond to help anyone who is impacted by a disaster or emergency, providing them with access to vital resources that they temporarily may not have access to. These resources could take many forms from food to clothing, shelter, or even access to support services such as reception centres, group lodging or counselling services in larger emergencies.

While it is expected that all communities in British Columbia stand ready to provide these services to their residents in times of need many communities, it is often the case that smaller communities and regional districts covering vast areas encounter challenges around the volunteer aspect of ESS. These challenges often fall not in the delivery of the services, but rather in the management of the volunteer teams. There may be no shortage of people who are willing to step up and volunteer to help out, but due to the demands we all often face in our own lives it can be difficult to find someone who has the time to devote to assuming a leadership role with added administrative responsibilities.

When our neighbouring community of Squamish encountered similar difficulties with their ESS team leadership, they turned to a venerable and trusted organization to provide volunteer leadership and management. Using their experience managing emergency volunteer teams, the Canadian Red Cross is now partnering with many communities and regional districts within British Columbia in service agreements to manage their ESS team volunteers. Some of you may even know people who made use of these services during the recent wildfires and evacuations in and around Squamish.

In an effort to provide new leadership and direction to our local ESS team in Lions Bay, the Emergency Program entered into discussions with the Canadian Red Cross to explore the possibilities of setting up our own service agreement for them to manage our ESS team volunteers. Some of you might be wondering what this will look like from a local viewpoint, and I want to assure you that for the most part the changes will be minimal. The volunteers who make up the ESS team will remain local, and in point of fact, it will remain the same team, if they wish to continue to volunteer with Lions Bay ESS. The volunteers themselves will become Red Cross volunteers and they will provide the same services as they have always provided. There will even be the opportunity, should they desire, for our local volunteers to further develop their skills and training through the Red Cross if they want to help in larger emergency situations, showing a larger audience how vibrant the volunteer spirit is in Lions Bay. Council has approved this new direction and our ESS team is excited to begin this new relationship with Red Cross.

If you'd like to learn more about this or other opportunities to volunteer in our Emergency Program, please don't hesitate to send me an email at rwhitney@lionsbay.ca.

Robert Whitney, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting - June 23, 2020 at 7 p.m. via [Zoom](#)

[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.

What's Happening in Lions Bay

Upcoming Invasive Plant Treatments in Lions Bay

The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) and the Village of Lions Bay (VOLB) have partnered together to carry out herbicide control of Knotweeds in Lions Bay. The treatments are planned between June 17th and September 15th 2019.

Note: herbicide application cannot be



carried out if it is raining, too windy, too hot, or too cold, so exact dates & times of treatments will be dependent on the weather.

[Read the Community Memo!](#)

Outage Notification June 18, 2020

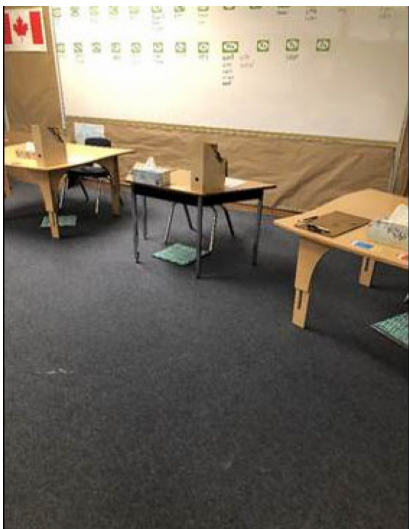


From: Thursday, June 18, 2020 09:00 AM
To: Thursday, June 18, 2020 05:00 PM

Reason: Pole Replacement

[View affected properties here](#)

What in person instruction during Phase 3 of a Pandemic looks like in a school by Natalie Mendes - Vice Principal/Primary Teacher



As Monday, June 1, 2020 rolled around, Lions Bay staff greeted our first group of students during Phase 3 of the pandemic. Students arrived with cautious eagerness and found their name written on a taped line in front of the school. Parents followed the protocol and let students walk in independently from the outskirts of the school. Each student entered the school one at a time after a health and safety check and washed their hands. Many students were thrilled to have their own table and a large basket of personal supplies. To prepare for this, staff have done extensive work to sanitize and label each item, right down to labelling each marker. The space which was once set up for sharing and fluidity is now

set up to minimize physical contact and to ensure social distancing. We were amazed at how well each student followed the expectations and knew what to do. Our students listened intently to our Health and Safety lessons and especially enjoyed watching a short clip of a raccoon washing its hands. Throughout the day there was a lot of hand-washing. This included washing hands before and after eating a snack, and

before and after playing on the playground. Playing on the swings and building forts in the forest again were high on the list of favourite activities. We are fortunate to be situated in such a wonderful location to take advantage of using the outdoor space for eating, playing, and learning. The opportunity to connect with one another, although from a distance was so uplifting. We were very excited to welcome back almost 80% of our students to in person instruction.

Mac and Cheese Food Truck in Lions Bay June 18th!



The volunteer initiative to bring the community together through food truck events continues on Thursday, June 18th from 5pm to 8pm at the Lions Bay Beach parking lot with movie themed menu options by “Reel Mac and Cheese”. Pre-orders are not necessary but physical distancing is required. Visit the truck to place your order to take away with you. Thank you!
