

April 26, 2019



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the desk of **Councillor Abbott**

Let's connect: How are we doing so far?

In the [Village Update of February 1st](#) I discussed plans for improving our communications and laid out the following four goals:

1. Reach more members of our community.
2. Improve feedback, both qualitative and quantitative, from residents.
3. Create an environment where people are engaged and informed.
4. Investigate opportunities for additional tools, both old and new, to improve communications.

I believe that the recent public consultation over the proposed Metro Vancouver bylaw around wood burning appliances went a long way to ensure we are on our way to achieving these goals. The survey responses and comments of over 300 people provided the guidance necessary for Council to make an informed decision to apply for exemption from the proposed bylaw, as well as to consider 5 other current and future actions, as listed at the end of [my report](#) (see: On Table Items beginning at p.185).

This month Council also gave 3 readings towards approving the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw as well as the 2019 Tax Rate Bylaw to fund the 2019 Budget, which included a new 10% Infrastructure Tax levy (compounded annually over the following 4 years of the Financial Plan). This intention was communicated in 2 Village Updates. Three opinions were shared with all of Council and another five or so were sent to the mayor only. I am concerned that Council has advanced a significant decision with barely any residents' opinions.

In the last two Council meetings I introduced the [International Association for Public Participation's "7 Core Values"](#) and the and the CAO referenced the IAP2's [3 Pillars for Effective Public Participation](#), which incorporates the 7 Core Values, and the BC Auditor General's "[Public Participation: Principles and Best Practices for British Columbia](#)". Much discussion on this subject ensued and there seemed to be consensus that these documents can provide valuable guidance for Council and staff to improve communication with residents. Public consultation is a fundamental foundation of good governance.

In future, Council intends to use direct mailbox inserts again to communicate important issues which require public consultation. To encourage residents to "Have your say" and make things as convenient as possible, we will again provide various means for feedback so that we hear from as many of you as possible. It was my intention that the letterbox in the store be an ongoing way for residents to "Have their say"; however, Council was informed by staff that it was not comparatively effective and presents a number of issues mitigating against its continued use and that a policy would be required if its use were to be continued. I believe it can be effective and hope this issue will be resolved soon.

The weekly Village Update remains the primary means for Council and the office to communicate with the community. Although 705 people are now on the mailing list, we know many don't read it. We welcome suggestions about how to improve readability so please email Council@lionsbay.ca and/or staff via feedback@lionsbay.ca if you have ideas to share. You can also email me at Councillor.Abbott@lionsbay.ca (please drop me an email if you've managed to read this far :-). Also, let's see if we can keep expanding the VU mailing list – encourage your friends and neighbours to sign up by emailing office@lionsbay.ca.

As always, you can contact any member of Council or all of Council by [email via Council's website page](#).

As always, I/we look forward to hearing from you.

Councillor Neville Abbott



This year, Council is looking for your suggestions for the annual Citizen of the Year/Citizen of Distinction awards. Please review the following descriptions carefully, and if you know someone in the Village who falls under this criteria, email office@lionsbay.ca by April 30th with their name and the reason you think they are deserving of this award.

Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year is awarded annually to an outstanding community member who contributes significant volunteer time to enhancing the quality of life in Lions Bay. This well-respected individual demonstrates extraordinary leadership and community service, inspiring others with their caring and positive attitude.

- Works respectfully with others in the spirit of cooperation
- Demonstrates a personal commitment for the benefit of the community
- Makes a difference to the lives of Villagers
- Leads by example
- Inspirational to other Villagers

Citizen of Distinction

The Citizen of Distinction is awarded periodically in recognition of a community member who, through their personal or professional efforts in society at large, have exemplified the spirit of and brought honour and distinction to the Village of Lions Bay. This individual may have:

- performed an outstanding achievement or act
- made a lasting impact on the lives of others
- inspired others to care for one another or uplifted fellow citizens
- provided service to fellow citizens over an extended period (i.e. not focused solely on one singular event/activity)
- made a significant contribution to the future of the Village through beneficial awareness or advocacy of Lions Bay

Updates from the Municipality

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

- Regular Council Meeting - May 7 at 7:00 pm

[Meeting Calendar](#)

What's happening in the community?

Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

Are you a grade 12 student?

The Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund was established to honour the life and public service of the first mayor of the Village of Lions Bay, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 to 1981. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually from the trust fund, to the applicant who best exemplifies the criteria described in the official terms of reference for



the award. Please see the application form below for more details.

Applications must be received by the Village Office no later than 4:00 pm on April 30, 2019. Click for: [Information and Application Form](#)

Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation



Calling All Grade 12 Students

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents Scholarships to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution. Applications are due by 4 pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Click for: [Information and Application Form.](#)

LIONS BAY NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Should Lions Bay become a butterflyway? Click [here](#) to find out more about this great project, and how we can help our ecosystem by helping pollinators!



COMMUNITY SOCIAL CENTRE EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 2019:

- Every Tuesday: 10:45 am-12:15 pm - Tai Chi and Quigong Fusion, in the Hall.
- Every Tuesday: 2:00-3:00 pm - "Finding Stillness" is a group meditation experience, usually upstairs in the small lounge.
- The Memoir Writing course with Anne Crosthwait is postponed until the Fall.

- Community events planned for May: First Aid with Ava; Conversations with Max Wyman; "Crafternoon"; the Brandvold "Diamond Head" movie; the Tommy Douglas movie (father of Health Care in Canada); "Chemistry or Physics - Which is Greater?"
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**THE BIGGEST RECYCLING EVENT
OF THE VILLAGE
LIONS BAY GIVEAWAY WEEKEND**

STARTING SATURDAY, MAY 4TH AT 9AM
UNTIL DUSK ON SUNDAY MAY 5TH

ALL LIONS BAY VILLAGERS ARE INVITED TO HELP US KEEP OUR
UNWANTED ITEMS OUT OF THE LANDFILLS.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?
EASY!

PUT OUT ANY UNWANTED ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY
BETWEEN MAY 4TH AND MAY 5TH LABELED FREE (FURNITURE, SPORTS
EQUIPMENT, GARDENING TOOLS, BOOKS, TOYS, CLOTHES, TOOLS,
WOOD, APPLIANCES, ETC.).

DRIVE, WALK OR CYCLE AROUND THE VILLAGE DURING THAT WEEKEND
AND SEE WHAT KIND OF TREASURES YOU CAN FIND FOR YOURSELF!

CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND ORGANIZE A BLOCK PARTY SOME
TIME DURING THAT WEEKEND. IT COULD BE A GREAT TIME TO 'SHOP'
AND GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

CONTACT HEATHER HOOD AT HOODINLIONS BAY@GMAIL.COM IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

****PLEASE REMIND CHILDREN NOT TO DROP WANTED BIKES +
SCOOTERS NEAR FREE SIGNS**

Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS

SUBMIT YOUR
PHOTOS TO
calendar@lionsbayarts.ca
before
31 August 2019

CALL FOR PHOTOS

2020 LIONS BAY ARTS
CALENDAR

PHOTOS NEED TO BE HIGH RESOLUTION

PHOTOS NEED TO BE LANDSCAPE/HORIZONTAL

WE LISTENED!
We thank you for your feedback for our 2019 Lions Bay Arts Calendar and we will take all your thoughts & comments into consideration for the 2020 issue!

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