

July 5, 2019



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the desk of Councillor Abbott

In last week's Village Update we announced the scholarship awards and graduating class of 2019. This week the awards season continued, culminating in the acknowledgement of two slightly more seasoned community members at the Canada Day celebration at the beach on Monday.

On behalf of Council and the community, I am very pleased to announce that **Louis Peterson** "*Founding Father, Philanthropist, Organizer and Consummate Volunteer*" has been named Lions Bay's Citizen of the Year 2019 and **Glen Dennison** "*Howe Sound Subsea Explorer and Citizen Scientist*" is our Citizen of Distinction for 2019.



With some guidance from others who know him better, it was relatively easy to get published information on Glen's achievements but for Louis not so much because, while his achievements are many - both professional and as a volunteer, not much is on record. So, based on the suggestion of someone who had helped with information gathering, I tried calling Louis and did my best attempt at an interview. The outcome was predictable... humble but gracious, all he would offer was how he struggled to understand why people would seek to reward him for simply doing what he loved to do.

Louis did however give me a bit of a glimpse of the early days of our community, which I have filled in with editorial license, recollections of others and hopefully with some accuracy of fact. Louis came to Lions Bay in late 1967, camping on the floor of his partially completed home, with the company of mice and other forest dwellers, to provide some security for himself and the neighbourhood. There had been a few break-ins and theft of building materials from the ongoing construction of homes. At the time there were less than 60 complete or partially complete homes in the then Water Improvement District. Little of what we now know of Lions Bay existed above the highway, Panorama was the only real street, and properties such as Louis's on Oceanview were accessed by trails. In 1971 the Village was incorporated and Louis became one of our first Aldermen. Some of the Council and the developer of the day had a different vision for the Village to what Louis and, he believed, others saw as the future. Armed with some flyers for those who may not be home, he went door to door to see if his opinions resonated with others and seek out those of like mind. I am not sure how much of the modern day Village was foreseen by these early pioneers, but have no doubt it would not be the place it is today without this action.

Louis has always striven to be inclusive and has been instrumental in getting many initiatives off the ground while encouraging others to join in, for the betterment and enjoyment of our community. From the original beach park, to the native plant garden, to the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation (including selling and delivering all that sea soil in his little red pick-up to raise funds), and most recently organising the increasingly popular "community days" in the Village Hall, which started several years ago as the seniors circle for a couple of hours on Wednesdays, and the most recent Lions Bay directory.

He has done all of this as a volunteer in the truest sense of the word, unselfishly, with little acknowledgement and of course no remuneration, in the gentlest, kindest manner, over literally decades, and always with the best interests of the Village at heart.

The above is not a comprehensive summary of Louis's participation and service to Lions Bay: there is so much to say - and therein lies the point.

At a time when Louis is stepping back (very slightly) from some of the above activities, it is fitting that he finally receive this much-deserved award.

The Citizen of Distinction award went to Glen Dennison, who has been an active and dedicated member of the Marine Life Sanctuaries Society since 2007. He is a seasoned diver of more than 35 years, a constant observer and explorer above and below the ocean's surface, and a true guardian behind the documentation of the effects of human activity on the sensitive bottom-dwelling marine life of Howe Sound.

Over the past 25 years, Glen has discovered several Glass Sponge Reefs known as Bioherms throughout Howe Sound. These Sponge Bioherms were once thought to be extinct in the Jurassic period (over 100 million years ago!).

In the mid 1990's, Glen and fellow divers with the Underwater Council of British Columbia convinced Transport Canada to install mooring buoys in Howe Sound as a means of protecting and reducing boat anchor damage to marine life living on the seafloor. His profound dive knowledge of the Sound led to the self-published guide for Diving Howe Sound Reefs and Islands in 2012. He then used his own boat, the Skyliner, kept here at the Lions Bay Marina and self-built inexpensive equipment to conduct hundreds of surveys to map and video the seafloor in search of glass sponge reefs. The Skyliner is usually loaded with divers photographing the reefs and his 'spare' time is often focused on teaching engineering students the art of building affordable off-the-shelf research devices or assisting would-be oceanographers, journalists and even film-directors in pursuit of their chosen careers.

With this enormous commitment of time over the past two decades, Glen has been a driving force behind the discovery of 12 glass sponge reefs in Howe Sound. His work and cooperative relationship with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada has resulted in the recent announcement on March 6, 2019 that the glass sponge reefs in Howe Sound are now protected under marine refuge status. His tireless, selfless, passionate and collaborative efforts have paid off for the sponge reefs, the marine life associated with the reefs, and for the surrounding communities and municipalities who are in pursuit of obtaining an UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation for Howe Sound. The Lions Bay Citizen of Distinction Award is a very timely acknowledgement of his efforts and contributions to the protection of marine life in Howe Sound.

Finally I would like to thank Heather Hood, Tanya Cosgrave, the young table decorators, Mia Hood and Montana Cosgrave, and others from the Events Committee and the Fire Department (great fireworks!) for putting together another memorable Canada Day celebration at the Beach Park.

Regards,
Neville Abbott
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Updates from the Municipality



HAVE YOUR SAY

COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM *you*

Take the Filming Survey and tell Council what you think about filming in Lions Bay.

Filming in Lions Bay has been a contentious issue for a number of years with various Councils and Administrations attempting to determine an appropriate regulatory environment for filming in the Village. Current Village of Lions Bay Council promised to review the matter and would like to hear from as many people as possible regarding this subject to help inform their review of the current filming policy.

Paper copies can be picked up from the Post Office Notice Board or the Village Office and may be dropped off at the Village Office. If any questions don't apply, please skip to the next applicable question. The survey is open until end of day July 14, 2019. Results will be reported after the survey has closed and the responses have been analyzed. Please take a few moments to share your views on this important topic. Thank you for taking the time to [respond to this survey](#).



TRANSIT ENHANCEMENTS AND SURVEY

Beginning June 24th and running through summer to August 30th, 2019, there will be additional hourly transit service to/from Lions Bay Monday through Thursday evenings, leaving Caulfeild at the top of the hour and Lions Bay at the bottom, from about 8:03 pm through 11:27 pm to complement the current Friday & Saturday evening service on the 262 Lions Bay Community Transit Bus.

In conjunction with this good news story, the Municipality is running a survey to provide an opportunity for both resident and non-resident riders, as well as non-rider residents, to provide feedback about the pending increased service, other potential service level enhancements and the Lions Bay transit service in general. Help us help you get the service you want! [Click here to take the survey.](#)



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Transportation is important. Whether you bus to work, drive to school, or bike to the grocery store, how you move affects your time, budget, and health. And our environment.

TransLink is leading the development of Transport 2050, a new shared regional plan to help us navigate the next 30 years of transportation. What's important to you? How can transportation support the kind of life you want to live?

We want to hear your bold and creative ideas for the future of transportation. Join the conversation! Phase 1 engagement runs to September 2019.



Visit transport2050.ca to take their survey, and click [here](#) to watch the video.

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

- Board of Variance - July 9 at 6:30 pm

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?

Lions Bay Arts
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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!

Thought 'du Jour' - A 'Thank You' to the Village of Lions Bay

By Louis K. Peterson

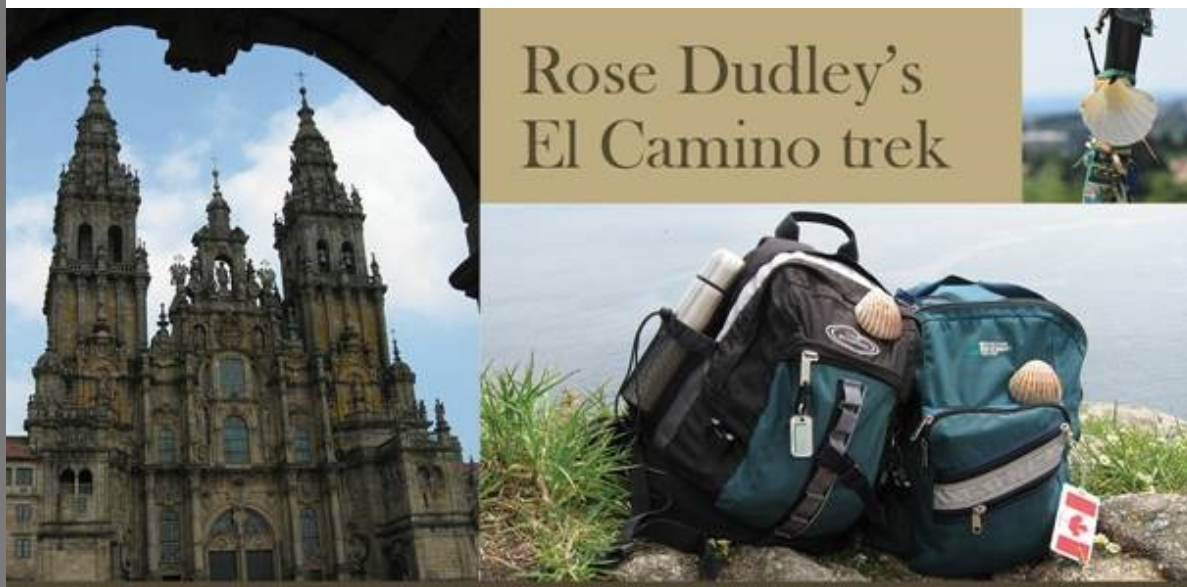


It is extremely pleasing to be given the Award of 'Citizen of the Year' by the Council of the Village of Lions Bay, particularly so as it comes from my own community ("chuffed is the word"!).

Jill and I came from the UK to Canada in 1965 and to Lions Bay in 1968. We had wanderlust in our veins, thinking to move on to Australia, New Zealand, Japan or South Africa for sequential short periods. Lions Bay, however, soon became “a good place to live, for the young, the not-so-young, and all those in between”.

To have been able to be a part, even a small part, of the fabric that is truly the quality of community in Lions Bay, in collaboration with many others, and to have received reward, is surely an enduring intangible gift for which I must express my deep sense of gratitude.

*“Always forget to remember the troubles that come your way,
But never forget to remember the blessings that fill each day.”
(Quoted to me by Sharma, a colleague at SFU)*



Rose Dudley's
El Camino trek

Author Rose Dudley will read from her article about her El Camino trek. Reference to flute is that a member of Rose's walking group played the flute in each church along the pilgrimage.
Date: July 25, 2019 Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS

Next in our Celebrating Arts! Series sponsored by Dodd Financial Group....

Author Rose Dudley will read from her article about her El Camino trek. Reference to flute is that a member of Rose's walking group played the

flute in each church along the pilgrimage. Mary McLaughlin and Mary Brown will perform a flute concert after the reading.

We will be serving Spanish tapas, sangria, Spanish wine

Date: July 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Place: 180 Highview Place

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include food and refreshments.

Request tickets at: tickets@lionsbayarts.ca

Limit of 26 people

Open to members of Lions Bay Arts

Memberships available on request at info@lionsbayarts.ca

Click [here](#) to read about Rose Dudley.