

October 11, 2019



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the desk of **Councillor Abbott**

Update on the proposed Metro Vancouver Wood Burning Bylaw

Many of you have been asking what's happening to the proposed Metro Vancouver Wood Smoke Restrictions we heard about earlier this year. The truth is, as often is the case with government, the wheels turn more slowly than planned.

In line with the results of Village-wide public consultation early this year, Council formally requested that Lions Bay be exempt from complying with such a bylaw. This request was presented to Metro's Climate Action Committee as an information item in its June 2019 meeting agenda.

I am told that Metro staff will be presenting the proposed bylaw to the Climate Action Committee in November, 2019. Subject to the Committee's recommendations, it will then go to the Metro Vancouver Regional District's Board for potential adoption. If things progressed and the bylaw was adopted, restrictions on wood burning would begin in 2021. So you can tell we are some ways off from anything being finalised. I'll keep you posted.

In the meanwhile, many of us will be burning wood again this year in an effort to keep warm and/or reduce our BC Hydro bills. One of the common concerns amongst those who wanted to comply with the new restrictions was noxious odours from neighbours' fires. If your fire is bothering your neighbours, you are likely not following current bylaws or best practices. So it's a good time to refresh ourselves on the do's and don'ts of burning wood.

The current regulations you need to follow

1. Metro Vancouver [bylaw 1082](#) bans burning any product other than wood: no burning of garbage is allowed and the only permitted fuel for residential fireplaces is wood, paper and its derivatives, or natural gas.

2. Lions Bay [bylaw 428](#) bans open burning and has a similar restriction on what may be burned inside a residence:

38. Except for Lions Bay Fire Rescue upon Village-sanctioned public occasions, for training exercises or for purposes of fire prevention, no person shall carry out open burning within the boundaries of the Village of Lions Bay.

41. No person shall burn material included in Schedule "A" (Section 2 (b) of the Waste Management Act, Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, B.C. Reg 145/93, as it may be amended, including but not limited to domestic waste, demolition waste, plastics or rubber, within the boundaries of the Village of Lions Bay, whether inside or outside a dwelling, in any apparatus designed for combustion, including but not limited to stoves, fireplaces, barbecues, hibachis, incinerators, fire pits and fire rings.

Best practices for burning wood

1. Burn only clean, dry wood (moisture content of less than 20%). Depending on storage conditions, split hardwood or softwood logs will take around two years to be ready for the fireplace, while softer woods could be good to go in as little as six months. Speed up the process by splitting earlier and removing the bark. With a keen ear and experience it is possible to tell if wood is dry by knocking two pieces together. Firewood moisture meters are available starting at around \$20 at most hardware stores or online. The other bonus of a cleaner burn is increased safety, since there is less build-up in the chimney, and hence less chance of a chimney fire. And very importantly, reduced emissions.

2. Treated or painted wood, or a wood product that contains glue (such as plywood), should not be burned in stoves, fireplaces or outdoors, because toxic chemicals are produced as part of the smoke and ash and can be harmful if inhaled.

3. Small, hot fires are the most effective. If you can see a significant amount of smoke after the initial startup, you're doing something wrong. Either the wood is wet or the fire has been choked down too far. If the house is warm enough, reduce the size of the fire while keeping it hot or let it burn out and restart later.

Finally: if you have not already done so, consider upgrading that old stove or open fire place. While these upgrades can be expensive, the benefits are considerable and over time will pay for themselves. It is generally accepted that open fire places convert less than 15% of the energy created by the fire into heat for the home while modern appliances can be in the 75 – 80% efficiency range. Also, open fires or old stoves can produce 20 times the air polluting emissions of an EPA certified product. You may qualify for the [Metro exchange program](#) which will ease the financial burden just a little.

For more information read the [Metro Vancouver Wood Smoke Awareness Brochure](#) or visit Lionsbay.ca.

Updates from the Municipality

STATUTORY HOLIDAY

Please note that the Village Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 14th and will re-open on Tuesday, October 15th at 10:00 am.

Enjoy the long weekend!





SEASONS CHANGE, SO SHOULD YOUR TIRES



Rain, slush, snow, ice and cold temperatures are all part of winter driving. The improved traction offered by winter tires may be the difference between safely driving on winter roads and being involved in a potentially serious motor vehicle incident.

BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND MARCH 31, IT'S THE LAW

If you're travelling the Sea to Sky Highway in either direction, winter tires are mandatory between October 1st and March 31st. An appropriate winter tire is defined as one with either the M+S (Mud+Snow) or the 3-peaked mountain/snowflake symbol (indicating a true snow tire) and in good condition with a minimum tread depth of 3.5 millimetres. Motorists driving on the highway without the correct tires risk a possible fine of \$109 and could be turned back from their destination.

Winter Tires are built to provide the best possible grip when there is snow or ice on the road. They are made with a different rubber compound that makes them more efficient and keeps them more flexible when the weather is cold. They are also particularly effective when streets are wet. Their larger grooves allow water to be pushed away from the contact surface, and there are larger chunks of rubber to aid traction.

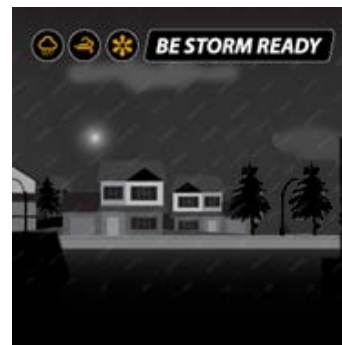
Preparedness Tips – Storm season is fast approaching. Are you storm ready?

Power outages can happen anytime and without warning. Be ready by knowing what to do if the power goes out during a storm.

When the power does go out:

- Turn off all tools, appliances and electronic equipment
- Turn down thermostats for home heating systems
- Don't open your freezer or fridge unnecessarily
- Use battery-powered lanterns. If you must use candles, make sure they have proper holders. Never leave lit candles unattended.

Learn more by clicking [here](#).



LIONS BAY IS CONDUCTING A TEST OF THE

LB ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM ON

**October 17, 2019
at 10:17 AM**



As many of you are aware Lions Bay has an Emergency Notification System in place called **LB Alert**. This system allows staff to send emergency messages to the residents of Lions Bay who have signed up and completed registration for the system.

On **October 17 at 10:17 am** we will be sending a short test message out through **LB Alert** to ensure that it is functioning as expected; when you receive this message, you will not be required to take any action.

If you have not already signed up for **LB Alert** and would like to receive emergency notifications when it matters, please sign up [here](#). Once you have signed up at the Village website, an email will be sent from our service provider, ePact, to the email address you provided with a link to follow to complete your registration on the ePact site. Once you have completed your registration you will receive emergency messages on **LB Alert** when they are sent out.



Invasive species do not recognize property boundaries and while the Municipality is working diligently with the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) to eradicate problem species on public lands, responsibility for private property belongs with you.

Not only are Invasive Species on your property harmful to the environment and a danger to neighbouring properties, but they can lead to huge infrastructure problems for you. Some Invasive Species can damage foundations and driveways, cause backups or blocking of septic systems, or pose a human safety risk. Several species are also considered “noxious weeds” meaning they are legislated by the [B.C. Weed Control Act](#) which requires you to remove them from your property.

Many invasive plants can be safely and effectively controlled manually and can be tackled on your own. Check out the priority plants in our region to learn more about appropriate management techniques and considerations for each species at [Metro](#)

[Vancouver's website](#). Please be aware that some invasive plant species, such as knotweed species and giant hogweed, require special care or chemical treatments and it is recommended that you hire a trained professional to remove them.

Some invasive plant species require very high temperatures and/or long periods of time to destroy seeds and root fragments, which can result in some invasive species surviving the composting process. In order to keep compost products invasive-free, many municipalities including Lions Bay, do not accept invasive plant material into the organic material waste stream. Invasive species must be bagged and disposed of in the household waste stream.

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 - Oct 15 at 7:00 pm

[Meeting Calendar](#)

What's happening in the community?

ELECTIONS CANADA: VOTING INFORMATION

Please note the following locations and times for the All Candidates Meeting and Election day and Advance Voting days below:

All Candidates Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

1:30-3:30 pm

Senior's Activity Centre (695 21st Street, West Vancouver)

Election Day

Monday, October 21

7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Broughton Hall (400 Centre Road, Lions Bay)

Advance Voting Days

October 11, 12, 13 and 14

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse (6190 Marine Drive, West Vancouver)



**Nocturnal Vibes
Kids Halloween Party
+ Tween Dance**

Friday October 25th

**Lions Bay
Village Hall
400 Center Rd**

**Kids Party
3:30-5pm
ages 0-8 (free)**

**Tween Dance
6:30- 9pm
ages 9 and up
\$10 entry at door**

**The Lions Bay Events Committee together with the Lions Bay Fire Rescue Department will be celebrating Halloween with their annual fireworks and hot chocolate festivities at the Lions Bay Beach Park on October 31st.
Fireworks begin at dusk!**

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