

March 6, 2020



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from Mayor and Council

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

I would like to welcome Jose and Celia Dino who will be moving to Bayview shortly. They were attracted to Lions Bay because of the beautiful scenery and the views. Jose is a Telus executive and Celia teaches Grade One at Wescot Elementary. Their daughter Isabella is at the University of Hawaii and is a NCAA Division 1 softball pitcher. Her brother Billy will be attending West Van Secondary in the Fall. The family looks forward to getting to know our Community.

Well known residents Vaughan and John-Luke and their two dogs left Lions Bay for England and a new beginning last Thursday. The Reynolds family hosted a very large farewell party attended by many friends and well wishers. "Once a Villager, always a Villager," so I know that a little bit of Lions Bay will be with them as they start this adventure.



Community News

Lions Bay School – Vice Principal Natalie Mendes advises me that our children continue the spirit of philanthropy and well-being that is a cornerstone of the Village. The students do us proud. You can read about their accomplishments [here](#).

Tim Jones Community Achievement Award Winner – Congratulations John Dudley. Details of this prestigious annual award are [here](#). John's work in initiating, building, and maintaining the Lions Bay trail system was recognized. His involvement in this can be found in his daughter Alison's nomination essay [here](#).

2020 Tokyo Olympian – Lions Bay's own Madison Mailey. Madison is the third Olympian sent to the games by the Village. I drew Madison to the Village's attention in September when she qualified. We now know she will be competing in Women's four or eight rowing in late July. Former Mayor Broughton recently spent some time with Madison and provides insight on her journey [here](#).

New Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Committee member – Kit McLean. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering.

New in the Village Shindig 2 – Last weekend Lorena and Javier Fiero hosted an evening reception for those new to the Village to continue to get to know each other. Anne Crosthwaite's brainchild gets new Villagers off on a good footing. If you are new to the Village in the last five years and would like to attend one of these friendly events contact Anne [here](#).

Council, Bylaw, Financial, Infrastructure and Services News

Beach Park Renovation Grant – We are still waiting to hear if we are successful from the Fed's. Plan "B" is to move quickly to construct a new playground and kayak racks this year.

2020 Budget – Refinements will continue for another month but the main points are:

- Property Tax – The current version of the preliminary budget proposes a 3% increase in taxation with a 10% infrastructure levy. This equates to a 3.3% overall increase. My home was assessed at \$1,676,000 last year and my municipal taxes were \$2,598.30. With the contemplated 3.3% increase, I would expect to pay about \$86 more this year. The Budget can be found [here](#). (Pages 31-53 of package)
- Currently, proposed non-major infrastructure Capital Expenditures for 2020 are over \$500K. These items are a combination of normal replacement and maintenance, new upgrades, and planning services for future large projects. These items cannot be funded from the Operating Budget without drastically increased taxation and will be financed from previous years' unrestricted surpluses. This isn't a sustainable funding source.
- The lack of being able to match taxation to funding non-major infrastructure capital expenditures highlights the importance of increased revenue. The best opportunity for this is in modest density to increase our fee, amenity, and property taxation revenue.

Asset Sales – A topographical survey has been done on the piece of excess road right of way at Oceanview/Highview. The CAO is going to explore density options and report to Council. The portion of Esplanade at the end of Brunswick road being contemplated for closure and sale (with the big rock) is at the quote for a survey stage. Once surveyed, it will be appraised and the matter will come back to Council for further consideration. Cash derived from asset sales like these cannot be used for operational needs; it must be used for capital purposes and in the case of the Brunswick piece, it is further restricted but can be used to internally borrow against to help fund major infrastructure.

Next month CFO Pamela Rooke will be writing to the Community with a summary of our Budget and the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw.

Ride Hailing – Inter-Municipal Business License (IMBL) Bylaws - These were given three readings this week and will come back for consideration of adoption next meeting. Our legislation joins the region in allowing and streamlining administration for ride-hailing companies so they can operate in all participating municipalities with

a single business license. Check the link to the staff report and the notice of opportunity to be heard on this matter in the pages that follow.

Mayor's Activities, information of note

Uber & Lyft don't pick up in Lions Bay – I wrote to both companies and they responded back with similar messages. At this time there aren't enough Class 1, 2, or 4 drivers who have registered with them and are available in Lions Bay to enable service. They generally only make their app's available for pickups in a community when there are enough drivers to give a reasonable prospect of a rider's trip request being accepted by a driver. They hope to be able to expand their service area as more drivers choose to drive with them.

Snow Angels – Thank you Emily Sandhack and Phil Lapointe for volunteering to be the coordinating Angels. This program should be organized next Fall in preparation for the winter.

Translink - Electric Bikes Can Now Ride the Bus Too! – Details [here](#).

Highway noise – Many are impacted by highway noise as it detracts from the Village being a peaceful place to live. There is no desire by the Ministry of Transportation to use cameras as a deterrent to speeding at this time. Their suggestion of consulting with other Communities on this possibility appears to be premature. Sound abating asphalt, barriers, and other speed and noise reducing opportunities are our best chance. I hope to explore this at the appropriate Provincial levels. It is slow going.

MP Patrick Weiler – Our representative recently sent us a letter addressing plastic pollution which you can find [here](#).

Regards,

Ron

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Updates from the Municipality



EMERGENCY WATER LEAK NOTIFICATION

Please be advised that Public Works has discovered a major water leak (140,000 gallons per day) in the Village. Over the course of the last two days we've been able to narrow the location to somewhere between 410 and 450 Bayview Road. The water main is under the trees along the upper side of the street and some of these trees will need to be removed prior to excavation.

We are currently pulling together the materials and supplies we need and plan on beginning excavation on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 8:00 am. This is classified as an emergency repair and some residents may experience service interruptions as we perform this work. We will do our best to notify those residents who will be without water prior to any shutdowns. The estimated repair time is unknown at this time.

During this repair, the water will remain safe and potable, however, there may be brief periods of discoloration, cloudiness and temporary pressure fluctuations. Water drawn in during this period can also lead to clogged filters and screens and may discolour laundry; therefore, we recommend you minimize your water use until the repairs are completed. Once we finish the repair, we will flush the mains to remove sediment; however, if you experience cloudy or discoloured water, let your cold water tap closest to the incoming water line run until the water flows clear.

Traffic will be impacted by this work and residents living on Bayview Place and Upper Bayview Road are asked to lower their speed and drive with caution around the work site. We will attempt to keep single lane alternating traffic flowing at all times but expect delays and interruptions.

If you notice water flowing on the roadway or experience loss of water pressure, please call the Public Works Emergency On-Call cell phone at (604) 290-1498.



**Emergency
Support
Services**

**Hazard, Risk &
Vulnerability
Analysis**

**Emergency Operations
Centre Support**

Emergency Planning

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Lions Bay residents have a long and storied history of volunteering and right now the Village Emergency Program is looking for some people who want to help write the next chapter of Lions Bay volunteering.

1. We are looking for a small number of volunteers to form the new Lions Bay Emergency Team (LBET). This is a great opportunity for those who are willing to help during times of crisis or are interested in learning more about the field of Emergency Management. The time requirements will be minimal (2-3 hours a month) under normal circumstances and will involve a regular monthly meeting and occasional outreach activity.
2. If you have ever wondered who helps people who are put out of their houses in the early hours of the morning after the fire engines leave, the answer is our Emergency Support Services volunteers. Someone on the ESS team could be your next door neighbour, the person walking their dog, or it could be the new person who recently moved in down the street. No matter the time of day or night the emergency happens, these dedicated volunteers are ready to help anyone and everyone. The only requirement is the desire to help others; no special skills are needed and it's always a great time for people with a similar desire to help to get involved and connect with likeminded individuals in the community. If this sounds like you, please do not hesitate to email with any questions, or if you would like to attend a meeting of the ESS team feel free to join them on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Firehall.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the emergency program or want to volunteer, please check out <https://www.lionsbay.ca/public-safety/emergency-program/be-involved> or email rwhitney@lionsbay.ca.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Coronavirus has featured heavily in the news of late, and as such some of the members of our community may have concerns about the spread of Coronavirus. It is important to know that in health matters like this municipalities are guided by local, provincial and federal health authorities.

The information contained here is precautionary in nature and is for information sharing purposes. It does not indicate any additional risk in our community.

It is important to know the true facts; for **up-to-date and accurate information** visit the health agencies' websites listed below. They also offer the information translated into other languages.

What you can do

Take the usual precautions to prevent regular cold or flu viruses during the cold and flu season. This includes:

- **Good hygiene:** Wash hands with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing (such as coughing into your elbow or using a tissue) and stay home when you are sick. Use of disinfectant wipes to clean surfaces can also help.
- **Masks are not recommended** as protection. Surgical masks are not designed to protect the wearer from becoming sick. They may cause you to touch your face more often, which may be worse than not wearing a mask.
- If you have either travelled to a high risk area or have come into contact with someone who has recently traveled or returned from a high risk area and think you may have symptoms of Coronavirus, call **8-1-1** for an assessment.

For more information and updates please visit one of the websites below.

Translated information is available on the [Vancouver Coastal Health website](#) and the [Healthlink BC](#) website.

Health Agencies

[Vancouver Coastal Health](#)

[HealthLink BC](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

INTER-MUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENCES

UBER | Lyft

A close-up photograph of a person's hand on a steering wheel. The hand is wearing a blue watch and a red wristband. The background is blurred, showing the interior of a car. Overlaid on the image are the logos for Uber and Lyft. The Uber logo is in white, bold, uppercase letters, and the Lyft logo is in white, lowercase letters with a stylized 'y'. A vertical white line separates the two logos.

UPDATE RE: INTERMUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENCE FOR RIDE HAILING SERVICES

At the [March 3rd Council meeting](#), two bylaws required to give effect to the Intermunicipal Business Licence for Ride Hailing services were given 3 readings. An opportunity to be heard for anyone who considers that they are affected by the bylaws was provided at the meeting and will be provided again at the beginning of the March 17th Council meeting, prior to Council considering adoption of the bylaws.

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

- Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award Committee Meeting - March 16 at 7 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - March 17 at 7 pm

[Meeting Calendar](#)

What's happening in the community?

A vibrant red banner for the 'World Tales - Short Story Competition'. The background is filled with various white line-art icons representing different cultures and stories, such as a globe, a hand, a star, a crown, and a speech bubble. The text 'WORLD TALES' is written in large, bold, white letters with blue outlines. The word 'WORLD' has a globe as the letter 'O', and 'TALES' has a crown as the letter 'A'. Below the main title, the text '- SHORT STORY COMPETITION -' is written in white. A small blue speech bubble with the word 'Hi!' is positioned in the upper right corner of the banner.

WORLD TALES
- SHORT STORY COMPETITION -

Here's a chance to write about what matters most to you, have your voice heard by an international audience, win a cash prize from Lions Bay Art Spark, and maybe even win a trip to France!

You're invited to take part in the [“World Tales” Short Story Competition](#) organized by UNESCO, the Idries Shah Foundation and the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR).

The theme is **“Once upon a time in my future”**. Your work of very short fiction is asked to speculate about what tomorrow's society looks like for topics such as: human rights, gender equality, anti-racism and/or discrimination, peace and non-violence, social inclusion, climate change, sustainable cities, or any other social issues that are of utmost importance for you.

Entries must be: short stories of 250 to 500 words; typed in English or French using Arial 12-point regular font; original unpublished works of fiction.

Your entry must be received by midnight, April 30, 2020 (i.e. 11:59:59 pm) via email to office@lionsbay.ca, with cc to robinspano@gmail.com.

Lions Bay Art Spark will recommend to the Lions Bay Municipal Council one entry to champion Lions Bay and submit to the international competition. We will also offer a short story workshop where potential entrants can learn about the craft of short fiction in order to hone their work for the contest entry. *More details and a date for this workshop coming soon.*

Three Laureates — Gold, Silver and Bronze — will be selected from each of seven international regions. All 21 names will be announced on June 30, 2020. The seven Gold winning laureates will be invited to attend a high-level conference and award ceremony on September 21, 2020 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. The Idries Shah Foundation will publish the work of the 21 laureates in a special edition hardcover book. It will feature all winning short stories and honorable mentions, and will be made available in ePub format. All winning laureates will receive a copy of the book, and a personalized certificate. Schools and cities of the 21 laureates will receive copies of the book. Home cities of the 7 Gold winning laureates will also receive a set of children's books of the Idries Shah Foundation for their city hall and public libraries.

For more information, please contact Robin Spano at robinspano@gmail.com. We look forward to your participation in this exciting international project.