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Village Update

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION



From the desk of

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update for March 13, 2020

Hello Lions Bay Residents,

I want to talk to you today about the COVID-19 situation, both here in Lions Bay, and in BC and Canada generally. Some of you may be facing some confusion about the situation and I want to try to do what I can to clear up that confusion.

A common question people have is what they can do to help prevent COVID. The **best thing you can do** to help control the spread of Coronavirus is to follow the directions of the BC Provincial Health Officer and the Health Authorities. These directions are:

1. Clean hands regularly with soap and water if available or use alcohol-based sanitizer with an alcohol content of 60% or more.
2. Cover your mouth with your elbow or a tissue if you need to cough or sneeze. Dispose of tissues in waste bins and wash your hands afterwards if you used a tissue.
3. Clean high use surfaces regularly, disinfecting them at least once a day.
4. If you feel sick stay at home. This applies to any form of illness and is not restricted to COVID-19 symptoms. This applies to work, school and other forms of public gatherings.
5. Avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada. If you do travel outside of Canada the Health Authorities are asking that you voluntarily self-isolate (do not return to work or school) for 14 days upon your return. This is not mandatory; however, it is asked that you view it as your civic duty to protect yourself and others.
6. For all health-related concerns, the public is advised to call HealthLink BC's 8-1-1 information and advice line, or the Government of Canada Novel Coronavirus telephone information line at: 1-833-784-4397 or contact your health-care provider or local public health office.

Another thing that people often have questions about is public gatherings. Yesterday the Health Authorities here in BC recommended the cancellation of any public gathering with over 250 people attending it. For larger communities this makes sense, but here in Lions Bay we rarely, if ever, have events that large, so what steps are appropriate for us? At this time, we are not cancelling Council or committee meetings or closing the Village Hall to programs or activities, but are communicating with program and activity organizers to let them know that cancellations will be refunded if they wish to suspend their events for now. It is recognized that we are a social species and still need human interaction on many different levels. So how do we accommodate that while maintaining proper health hygiene?

A new phrase we are hearing about in the media is "social distancing". This phrase involves conscientious consideration of ways in which each of us can maintain a safe distance from one another, things like avoiding large events (i.e. over 250 people) and situations that will result in close contact with strangers, greeting people by means other than handshakes, spreading out spatially to the extent possible at smaller events, activities and gatherings, taking meetings via phone or Skype instead of in-person, and a variety of other ways to enhance the safety of one's personal space. So, what is the Village doing to respond to the situation and to help combat the spread of COVID-19?

1. The Village and its employees are following the directions of the Provincial Health Officer and the Health Authorities, just as we trust all our residents are doing.
2. We are taking steps to ensure the delivery of our core services and the protection of our staff.
3. We are reviewing our facility cleaning procedures to ensure the health and safety of facility users and staff. We do ask that when using our facilities, you take extra caution in keeping it as clean and germ free as possible through common germ etiquette: washing hands properly and frequently, coughing or sneezing into one's elbow, and in case of symptoms of a cold or flu, not attending the facility that day. It is also recommended that food is not brought into the hall to share during this time (i.e. potluck, appetizers, snacks, etc.) in accordance with the advice of public health officials.
4. We have placed signage in the office and the hall to remind people of correct hand hygiene and have hand sanitizers available at the front desk of the Office. If you can email or call us for assistance, rather than coming into the Office, that is another way to maintain "social distancing".
5. We are constantly monitoring the situation and the advice of public health officials to stay informed on the latest information and communicating with other Metro municipalities so that we can continue to make decisions consistent with the advice of trusted sources and in the best interests of the Village of Lions Bay.
6. We are endeavouring to maintain clear and open lines of communication with you, the residents, and Council to help keep everyone informed.

Lastly, I want to stress once more that when you are looking for information about COVID-19 please use trusted sources of information. Instead of looking to social media or random web searches for your answers, please use the correct sources of information. The response to this situation is being headed by the local Health Authorities here in BC; as such once more I want to highlight the following websites as reliable sources of locally relevant information:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: www.vch.ca/about-us/news/vancouver-coastal-health-statement-on-coronavirus
- HealthLink BC: www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-covid-19
- BC Centre for Disease Control: [www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- Public Health Agency of Canada: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html

Thank you,
Robert Whitney, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator



Ensuring a Safe Community

After recent thefts in Lions Bay, the RCMP is reminding us to ensure your doors and windows are locked to prevent a crime of opportunity. While these incidents are rare, it is always a good idea to report any suspicious activities to the RCMP. Emergency 911 and non-emergency phone 604.892.6100 are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Lions Bay also has a local Block Watch organization. Don't sit back – be proactive and take part in your community. A break and enter can be prevented if criminals know there are watchful neighbours. Get involved with Block Watch now and help prevent criminal activity by reporting suspicious activities.

How Does Block Watch Work?

Block Watch is all about neighbours helping neighbours. The Block Watch Program is a free community-based crime prevention program administered by our local policing, the Squamish RCMP. Residents on a street or in a strata development form a communication chain, aided by a block map of names, telephone numbers, and addresses. They make a commitment to watch out for each other's homes and report suspicious activities to the police and to each other. They also keep each other informed about neighbourhood occurrences, burglary, thefts, and other crimes or problems occurring on their street.

Block Watch encourages active participation in crime prevention. To get involved either as Captain, Co-Captain or participant on your street or in your strata, please contact Lions Bay Block Watch Coordinator Ruth Simons by [email](#) or phone at (604) 921-6564 or check out the [Facebook Group](#).

*Note: All meetings take
place in Council Chambers*

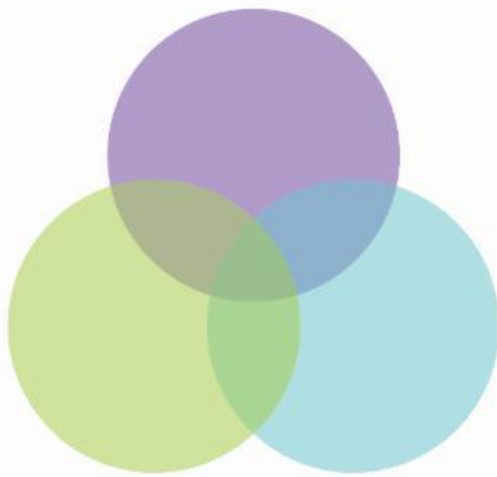
COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

- Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award Committee Meeting - March 16 at 7 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - March 17 at 7 pm (*Agenda includes Cell Tower report and adoption of Ride-Hailing Bylaws - opportunity to be heard.*)
- Infrastructure Committee Meeting - March 19 at 7 pm

[Meeting Calendar](#)

What's happening in the community?



**SENIORS
SOCIAL
CIRCLE**

Special Event: "The History of the Diamond Head Chalet".

A movie on film of the remarkable achievement of a pioneering family in the early 1940s, introduced by Hans Brandvold. For the story, click [here](#).

At he Village Hall, Friday, March 27, 2020. Doors open at 7:00 pm. All Welcome.

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FOR OUR ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH INFORM
OUR MEMBERS AND RECEIVE INPUT IN OUR
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

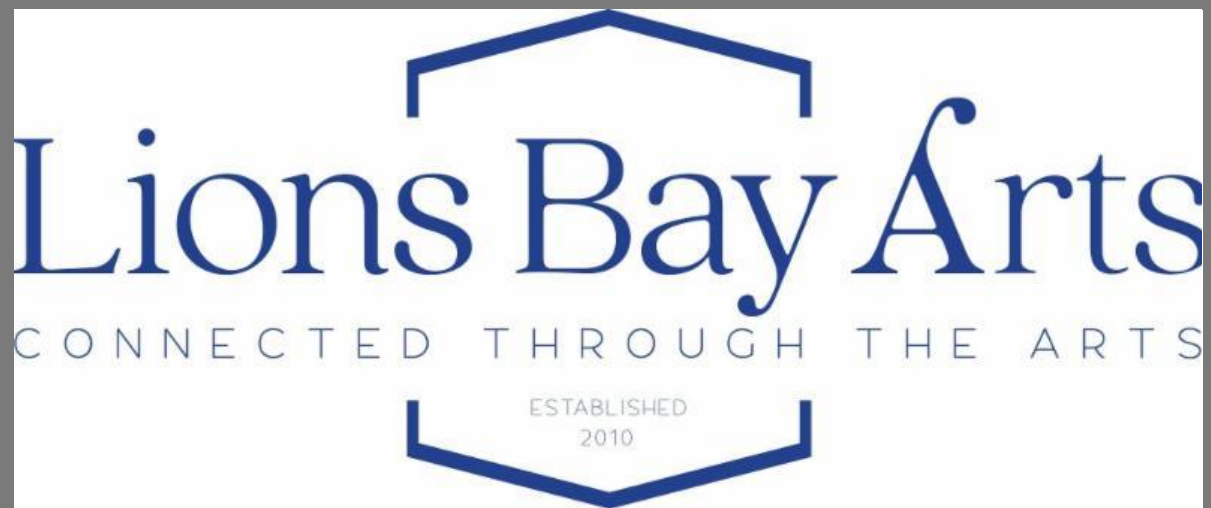
LIONS BAY ARTS
Annual General Meeting
& Wine Reception

SUNDAY, April 5th
18h00



WINE & APPERTIZERS TO FOLLOW
MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME
(LBA Members free - Guest Fee is \$10)

180 Highview Place | Lions Bay



Lions Bay Arts presents

Music After School

Time: 3-3:45 p.m.

Dates: 5 Thursdays in a row, April 16 through May 14, 2020

Location: Saplings Preschool (at Lions Bay Elementary School)

Open to: children from birth to grade 3, accompanied by a parent or caregiver

What it is: Singing, dancing, percussion instruments, harmonizing, and improvising as a group. While this program is geared toward kids, Tanya also teaches parents how to live and breathe music with our kids every day.

Cost: \$60 includes the 5 classes and a lifetime family membership to Lions Bay Arts; \$25 for additional children in the same family, and existing Lions Bay Arts members

Registration: Parents can e-transfer the registration fee to info@lionsbayarts.ca with a message that includes your child's name. You can also bring a cheque made out to Lions Bay Arts.

Questions? Email robinspano@gmail.com for more info.



WORLD TALES

- SHORT STORY COMPETITION -

Calling all Lions Bay residents age 12-18

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

You're invited to take part in the ["World Tales" Short Story Competition](#) organized by UNESCO together with 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. Accepted entries will 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.

There are some amazing international prizes on the table, including a trip to France for seven winners in the world. ArtSpark will also offer a local cash prize of \$150 for the winning Lions Bay entry, plus \$50 each for 2 honorable mentions, if applicable.

ArtSpark is planning to run a short story workshop upstairs at the village hall on Sunday, March 29, but may postpone or cancel due to coronavirus precautions. If it runs, this workshop will be free for all Lions Bay residents age 12-18, regardless of

whether you plan to enter the competition. If it doesn't run, we will offer online mentoring in its stead, and reschedule a writing workshop for teens at a later date. To register for the course (or sign up for online mentoring), email robinspano@gmail.com.

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 May 5, 2020.



We invite you to DONATE to the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, "*Helping Our Students Grow*".

[Application Form](#)