

March 25, 2020



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from the Municipality

A Message to the Community From Mayor and Council

Dear Neighbours,

At a special meeting last night, Council made some very difficult decisions following the crowded conditions on our parks, beaches and trails over the past weekend. We regret to inform you that, until further notice, all Village parks, beaches, trails and other facilities such as parking lots are now closed. There was considerable discussion on this topic, because we believe most of us are adhering to the instructions of health officials and maintaining the necessary distancing. Unfortunately, those who are not complying are cause for concern.

Legally, we cannot differentiate between residents and non-residents and so these measures had to be put in place to protect the well-being of our community. Our Bylaw Enforcement Officers will be commencing duties soon to help with enforcement of these measures and discussions are taking place with the RCMP to provide support.

Amendments to our Parks Bylaw and our Fining Bylaw, along with the streamlining of our Procedure Bylaw for electronic meetings will be up for adoption at the **Special Meeting** tomorrow evening, as well as adoption of the Ride Hailing Bylaws. A small contingent of social distancing Council and staff will be running the open meeting from Council Chambers with the rest of Council and staff calling in to the meeting. There is limited room for the public to attend and practice social distancing and Council members would be happy to receive your questions or comments in advance to raise at the meeting if you wish.

We have issued a [Media Release](#) today informing Lower Mainland residents of these closures, in the hope that it will discourage groups of visitors. In addition, we have closed the parking lots and all seasonal parking will now become permit only parking until further notice. Be sure your parking sticker is properly displayed at all times and if you are new to the Village, contact the Office to arrange for delivery of your parking sticker.

A few other notes:

- Some neighbourhoods have already joined in the 7 pm “applause for healthcare workers” movement. We encourage you to step onto your deck each evening at 7 pm and join in to thank those on the frontline of this pandemic.
- The store has received confirmation from Canada Post that they are a designated essential service, and that deliveries will continue. They also advise that the café is now closed to walk-in traffic and all food, including coffee, has been moved out of reach of customers and is only available from store staff. Payment by card only is taken in the store. They will continue to serve customers until just after lunch (approximately 2 pm) and then will remove the sandwiches, baked goods, etc , to their deli cabinet in the Store appropriately saran-wrapped. They will now accept pre-ordering, phone payments, drive-by collection out of the store windows (for those that are particularly sensitive to coming within any distance of their counter and other patrons) and home delivery by Craig and a large collection of volunteers.
- As a reminder, if you are able to help collect supplies for those who are self-isolating or offer other forms of help, or are in need of assistance yourself, please join a Facebook group called Lions Bay Neighbours by clicking [here](#) or email them at lionsbayneighbours@gmail.com.

This is not a Council initiative – it was started by Helen Waterson to support the efforts of the store and others, and we fully support this initiative.

Thanks to all for your emails and calls at this difficult time. If you wish to contact us, you can do so by emailing council@lionsbay.ca with a copy to office@lionsbay.ca.

Mayor and Council

Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus and concern for everyone's safety, the Municipal Offices and Broughton Hall will be closed to public access until further notice. The offices are still operational but ask that you either email us at reception@lionsbay.ca, phone 604-921-9333.

If you have documents to deliver or payments that you would like to make, please drop them off at the office through the mail slot.

Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.
Stay safe, practice social distancing - we are in this together.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

- Special Council Meeting - March 26 at 7 pm