

March 27, 2020



Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

Updates from the Municipality

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

I hope everyone is doing well. Please continue to follow anti COVID-19 measures and be practical and responsible.

Thank you to all of the friends and neighbors who check in and take care of each other. I know our Community is strong in character and spirit and we will come through this horrible occurrence even more connected. I would also like to acknowledge our staff who are working tirelessly in an ever-changing and uncertain environment.

In addition to recent announcements, local government continues to function. I will keep you informed and engaged on that front. I also want to bring good Community stories to the forefront.

Community News

I last saw *Philippa May* when she and her daughter *Mara* were chest high in the water at the Dip'N'Dash on New Years Day. I kept in touch because I knew they had a special day coming up. On February 29th *Philippa and Pontus De La Motte* got married at Kelvin Grove Beach. They couldn't have picked a more spectacular setting or day for the event which was attended by family from here and far, friends, and many Kelvin Grovers. [If you would like to read more and see more go here.](#)



I would like to welcome *Andrew Nasr and Megan Lazelle* who are excited to be moving to Crosscreek Road. They were attracted to the Village because we appeared to be a special place to live, with scenic views, and exuded peacefulness and warmth. Andrew is the Regional Manager for the JOEY Restaurant Group and Megan is an interior designer. Their *little boy Milo* just had his first birthday on March 1st. The three of them and their *dog Carter* can't wait to meet everyone and get settled in later this summer.

Marie is our new Postmaster. Please say hello to her if you see her. She commutes from Langley each day to serve us.

On November 8th I welcomed *Amber Johnson and Phil Lapointe to the Village*. They live on Mountain Drive. At the time, I didn't know I was introducing new Royals to the Village for what they do for all of us. Phil is a Home Builder and commercial contractor when he isn't active with the North Shore Search and Rescue. Amber is a nurse at BC Children's Hospital in the Microbiology/Virology area and spends her very long work days COVID-19 testing. She selflessly tells me that the team is just doing their jobs. Supporting our health care workers at this time of unbelievable stress is important. You can see it in action [here](#), or better yet start at **7 PM tonight if you haven't already. Applaud these brave individuals and fill our sky with cheers and sounds of appreciation. Thank you from all of us go to Amber and all the other health care workers who live in the Village.**

Thanks go to *Craig Doherty and Helen Waterson*. Both of you, and I know there are others, are making things better and facilitating neighbors helping neighbors. If you want to pre-order groceries, pay, and arrange pick up at the General Store please call them. Deliveries to those who are quarantined or housebound can be arranged with Craig, or a large group of volunteers organized by Helen. If you want particulars of the latter group and desire to be part of them go [here](#).



Welcome Baby Hannah!

Shawna Driscoll, our front counter Administrative Assistant, left on maternity leave last week. **Baby girl Hannah Nicole Driscoll was born March 19 at 8:43 am at the Squamish General Hospital weighing 7lbs 10oz and 18.5".** Mom, baby and dad are all healthy and doing well.

Karen Jeffery, a long time Village resident, has replaced Shawna while she is on maternity leave and is thrilled to be serving the community in which she lives. Welcome aboard the admin team Karen!

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** has, unfortunately, been **cancelled** and the Volunteer Week celebrations have been postponed until further notice.

Council, Bylaw, Financial, Infrastructure and Services News

Utilities Payments – Residents will have an extra 60 days to make their utility payments and still receive the early payment discount. Keep in mind utilities are not actually due until December 31, 2020

Pressure Reducing Valve Stations / KG Waste Treatment plant – The three PRV's complement our new water tank's increased capacity and will provide for greater fire fighting capability. Reconstruction of the KG Waste Treatment Plant began this week. Both projects are currently proceeding as planned.

Water break on Bayview – Two weeks ago our Public Works crew identified a break on Bayview and within a few days had repaired the leak of 140,000 gallons of water per day – close to ½ of the entire Village's current daily use. You can see what this looks like after the break was uncovered and the water shut off, and after repair below.



Public Works Staff – The team consists of the PW Manager and six positions, one of which is vacant. Our new hire will be coming to us in mid-April. Two of our crew are self-isolating at this time so coverage is thin.

2020 Budget – Refinements were concluded Thursday and the Budget will be presented for readings on April 7th. Key points of the Budget are:

- Property Tax – a 3% tax increase for operational needs and a 10% infrastructure levy on top of the 3% resulting in an overall tax increase of 3.3%. This equates to \$86 for my home which was assessed last year at \$1.68 million.
- An aggressive \$544K non-major infrastructure program will be undertaken which includes a combination of normal replacement and maintenance, new upgrades, and planning/engineering/project services for future large projects. These items cannot be funded from current year's taxation without a drastically increased tax rate and instead will be financed from previous years' unrestricted surpluses. This isn't a sustainable funding source.

Ride Hailing – Inter-Municipal Business License (IMBL) Bylaws- Legislation passed final reading last night. Some Communities are opposed and you can see their reasons why [here](#). We join most Communities in the region in allowing and streamlining administration for ride-hailing companies so they can operate in all participating municipalities with a single business license.

Meeting Technology – Other municipalities face this issue as well. At Council meetings the Mayor and selected senior staff are on site, having virtual attendance by Councillors. Yesterday, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, issued 3 Ministerial Orders, including one which allows for “open” Council meetings to be completely electronic without any requirement for the public to be present.

We are ramping up our technological capabilities and last night held our Special Meeting via Zoom. We are looking at options to provide the public with the ability to participate despite the Order and will provide details as we work out the kinks. In the meantime, if you write with your concerns on any matter it will be placed in correspondence for Council review and response. Until we have a technology platform capable of having the public join in we will be trying to limit our agendas. Any subjects that Council deems as special to some (Cell Tower) or having wide Community interest will be put on hold unless they require urgent attention (eg: trails). I am hopeful we will have a mechanism to include the public and be in trial in April. Audio and minutes of past meetings are available on our web site.

MP Patrick Weiler- His message is [here](#).

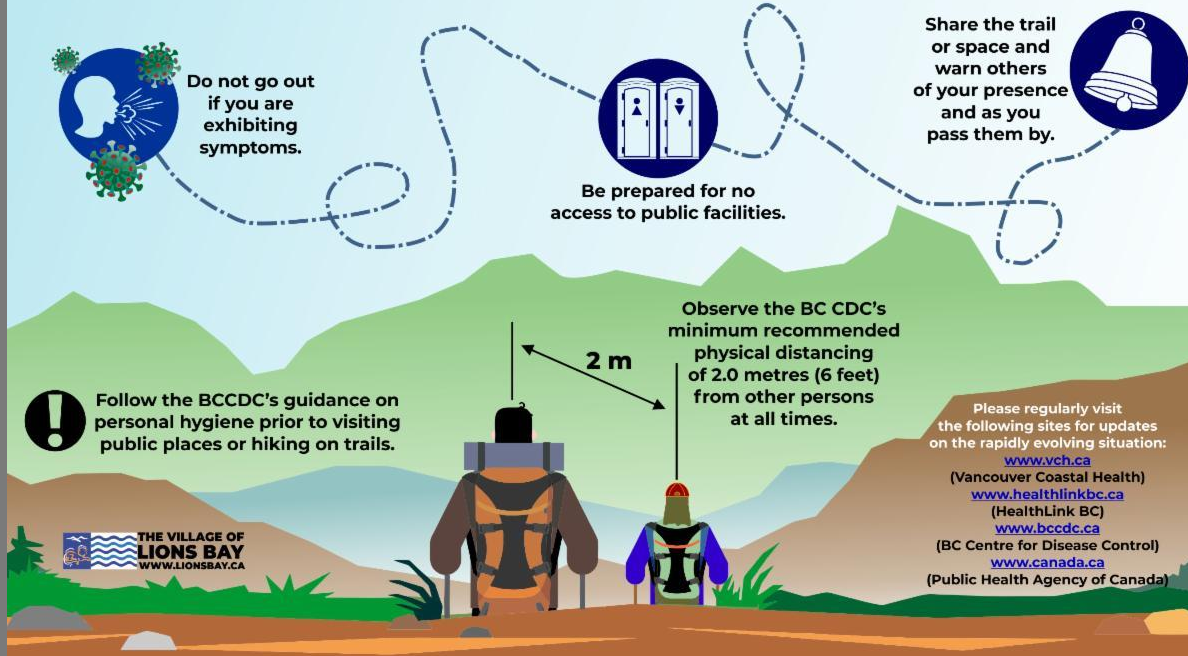
Mayor’s Message

I don’t see an end to anti COVID-19 protocols any time soon, and there is a likelihood of increased isolation. Our water system is in good shape, subject to staff health. If you see our crews out and about, please give them a wave or a thumbs up from afar to acknowledge their efforts in this difficult environment. The grocery supply chain may be challenged from time to time but it is not broken. We are able to sustain ourselves and follow the Minister’s and Public Health Officer’s advice by buying what we need and not hoarding.

Take this as a time to be closer to your family, do all those house chores you always wanted to do, garden, read, or exercise. There is lots to do and in Lions Bay you are never really isolated. Take care of yourselves and each other.
Warm regards and keep well,

Ron
(604) 921-7138
Mayor.McLaughlin@LionsBay.ca

COVID-19: SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND ON TRAILS



UPDATE ON PARKS AND FACILITIES CLOSURES

At last night's Special Meeting, feedback on the use of trails was received and considered by Council with the following reconsidered list of parks and facilities closures approved:

- Lions Bay Beach Park
- Lions Bay Beach Parking Lot
- Kelvin Grove Beach Park
- Kelvin Grove Beach Parking Lot
- Sunset North Parking Lot
- Lands at 63 Brunswick Beach
- Lions Bay Tennis Courts

Public Works staff have been busy today posting signage regarding these closures and regarding social/physical distancing on trails and in other areas.

The Municipality will continue to monitor the effects of these closures and the general health restrictions like social/physical distancing and the Public Health Officer's Order prohibiting gatherings of 50 or more people that still apply to trails, open spaces and other areas. Adjustments will be considered if necessary but it's hoped that everyone will do their part to get through this pandemic safely.

The **Village Office and Broughton Hall** remain closed to the public until further notice, but staff are still available to assist residents via phone 604-921-9333 or email per the information on the Municipal website at: www.lionsbay.ca. **Stay safe!**

If you have documents to deliver or utility payments to drop off please drop them off at the office through the **Mail Slot**.

[Living in a COVID-19 World](#)

[COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool](#)



**Due Date for Early Payment Discount
for Utility Fees Extended to
June 1, 2020**

Please note that the utility due date is December 31, 2020.
No interest will be charged on your account if you pay by the December 31 due date.

WASTE CONTROL SERVICE CHANGES

Thursday, March 26, 2020:

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect our waste collection crew:
To protect everyone in the community, including our collection crews, please ensure all personal hygiene products, used tissues, paper towels, napkins, sanitary wipes (even those labeled compostable), cleaning cloths, face masks, gloves, and similar items are disposed of in plastic garbage bags and not put in Recycling or Organics containers. Garbage bags should be tied securely for disposal. Un-bagged or loose items will not be collected.

Recycling containers and glass must be thoroughly cleaned prior to placing in blue recycling bins. For their safety, our operators have been instructed not to touch any items in the bins, so please ensure only accepted materials are placed in the bins. See attached guide for what is accepted in the program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact community@wastecontrolservices.com.

Sincerely,

Waste Control Services Team

COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2020

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 → Garbage
 → Recycling & Organics



**VILLAGE OF
LIONS BAY**
In partnership with
Waste Control Services

**2020 Collection
Guide and calendar**



Questions about recycling?
Check out our webpage
www.wastecontrolservices.com

Pick-up problems?
Call operations at 604-986-9777.

Collection Notes:

- Place bins at curbside between 5am and 7am to ensure pick up
- NO dirt or rocks or plastic in your organics bin
- Flatten your containers to save space in your bin
- Flatten your cardboard boxes and stack neatly beside your paper bag
- Maximum weight is 20 kilograms (45 pounds) per can or bag

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

We all love our four-legged furry friends and to each of us, they are love and perfection. However, what feels like 'responsible dog/pet ownership' to one might not translate that way to another.

All pet owners are required to follow the Bylaws within the entire Village of Lions Bay which includes: Kelvin Grove, Lions Bay, Brunswick Beach, Trails, Beaches and any publicly accessible property such as the General Store and Post Office.

A reminder:

- Please pick up after your dog.
- Dogs are required to be on leash in all public places.
- Dog must be on leash for the first 50m of any trail and under control at all times.
- Please control your dog from excessive barking.

Please refresh your knowledge of the bylaws [here](#).

If you encounter an owner not adhering to the Bylaws, follow these basic steps:

1. Try the neighbourly approach first by discussing the issue with the owner regarding your concern and infraction of bylaw.

2. If you have exhausted this approach or you feel someone, or the pet is in danger, please report to the Village of Lions Bay by following this [link](#).



Public Works will be conducting our annual spring watermain flushing beginning on March 30, 2020. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Though locations and dates may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, our intent is to adhere to the following schedule:

Bayview, Crosscreek, and Sunset.....	March, 30
Brunswick Beach and Timbertop.....	March 31
Oceanview including all side streets.....	April 1
Isleview and Kelvin Grove.....	April 6
Lower Lions Bay.....	April 7

A detailed location map is available [HERE](#).

Over time, mineral deposits, biofilm, and sediment accumulate in watermains and can be removed by the high-velocity flushing of watermains. Using a diffuser which allow a high velocity of water to be flushed while dampening flow, Public Works will sequentially flush watermains from one fire hydrant to another in order to scour the watermain and remove the mineral deposits, biofilm, and sediment. The Municipality is mandated to flush our watermains twice a year to comply with our drinking water treatment permit to operate issued by Vancouver Coastal Health.

During the flushing period, residents are advised to avoid using water to the extent possible and to place their filters, softeners and other water treatment equipment in 'by-pass' mode. Use of water during flushing will draw into the residential system the agitated sediment, thereby requiring more rigorous clearing of your water lines. Water drawn in during flushing can also lead to clogged filters and screens and may discolour laundry. During the flushing period the water will remain safe and potable, however, there may be brief periods of discoloration, cloudiness and temporary pressure fluctuations. The Village of Lions Bay accepts no liability for inconvenience or damage caused by low pressure or discoloured water use during its flushing program.

After the flushing is completed, we advise residents to clear their water lines. To do this simply let your cold water tap (remove screens/aerators on tap) closest to the incoming water line run until the water flows clear prior to returning any water treatment equipment back on line.

The Village of Lions Bay thanks you for your co-operation during this seasonal flushing program. For information, questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 604-921-9833 or works@lionsbay.ca.



On Monday, March 23rd, Industra Construction Corporation will be mobilizing to the Kelvin Grove Beach Park to begin their work preparing the Community Gardens site for the temporary sewage treatment plant required to treat the community's effluent during the WWTP replacement. Before the temporary treatment plant is delivered to the site, Industra must demolish the current garden plots, level the ground, and build a lock-block surround to support the temporary unit. Once this unit is in place, Industra will begin excavation to tie in the existing sewage lines to this temporary plant.

During their construction works, which are anticipated to last all summer, Industra will do its best to provide pedestrian access to the beach; however, residents and users of the park should be prepared for periods of limited or no access. Public Works will do our best to inform residents of the construction progress and any access issues here in the Village Update.

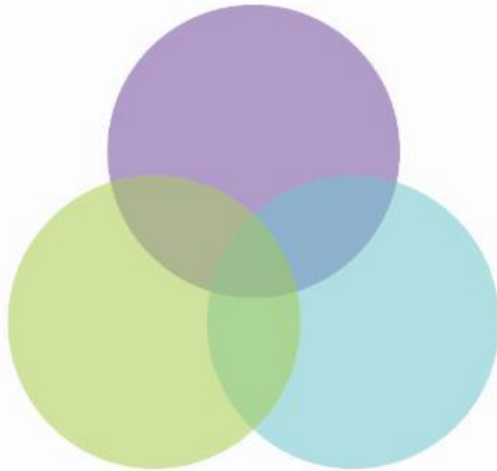
Residents are advised to use caution, remain alert, watch kids closely and keep pets on a leash while passing through the construction area. Also, please note that the washroom facilities will be closed during the construction period. Public Works is looking into renting a portable toilet for the site in the near future.

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.

Meeting Calendar

- Regular Council Meeting - April 7 at 7 pm



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West Vancouver Seniors Centre

LIONS BAY ARTS HAS DECIDED TO ERR ON THE
SIDE OF CAUTION AND POSTPONE OUR AGM
THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5th.

The AGM is an opportunity for members and guests to be
informed about our contribution to arts and culture here in
Lions Bay and also receive feedback from our membership
about our future plans.

Please stay tuned as we hope to reschedule our AGM once we
know that there will be no further risk to health.



Music After School

Temporarily Cancelled until after school starts up again.

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



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 will offer **online mentoring** for interested young authors, including recommended web resources for the key points of a short story, plus one read-through of your entry with feedback at any point before submission. To learn more, email robinspano@gmail.com



Are you a grade 12 student?

The Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund was established to honour the life and public service of the first mayor of the Village of Lions Bay, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 to 1981. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually from the trust fund, to the applicant who best exemplifies the criteria described in the official terms of reference for the award. Please see the application form below for more details.

Applications must be received by the Village Office no later than 4:00 pm on April 30, 2020. Click for: [Information and Application Form](#)

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](#)