



Village Update

Updates from the Municipality

From the CAO's Desk

COVID-19 UPDATE: PARK CLOSURES, PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND FIREWORKS/BURNING BAN ENFORCEMENT

As most of you are aware, the Municipality has taken steps to prevent gatherings and to promote social or physical distancing. This includes the closure of our parks and parking lots and additional restrictions on parking including:

- Prominent warning signage at all Lions Bay off ramps indicating there is NO PARKING without a valid parking permit.
- Lower Kelvin Grove – closure of Kelvin Grove Beach Park and parking lot along with signage on Tidewater Way restricting parking to Permits Only. Please ensure you have your resident parking permit prominently displayed in your front window on the driver's side.
- Lower Central Lions Bay - closure of Lions Bay Beach Park and parking lot along with street signage restricting parking to Permits Only. Be sure to display your permit if you are on the street in this area.
- Brunswick Beach – prominent signage as noted above is placed at the top of the hill above the train tracks. All street signage in lower Brunswick indicates parking is restricted for those with Permits Only. The MOTI parking area at the Brunswick exchange is now signed as No Parking – Towing, but the Municipality does not have the jurisdiction to write tickets or tow from this area. That must be done by the RCMP or MOTI contractors and we continue to be engaged with both MOTI and the RCMP regarding this area. It should be noted that while the lot has been full many times over the past few weeks, there has rarely been many people on the beach, indicating that users of the lot are using it as an access point for the hiking trails, which remain open carrying signage promoting social/physical distancing.

- Sunset Drive Parking Area – the parking lot remains closed with wood barriers blocking access. The wood barriers were used instead of concrete abutments because our Public Works staff need to access the Magnesia Creek Water Treatment Plant on a daily basis. The barriers should not be moved by anyone other than Public Works staff and no vehicles should be parked behind these barriers as it sends an inconsistent message to non-resident visitors coming to hike the open Lions Trail. Additional Permit Required signage has been added on Mountain Drive so be aware if you are parking where your resident permit is required to be displayed.
- Oceanview Road Trailhead – signage at the top of Oceanview Road indicates Permit Only so be sure to display your resident permit if you park on Oceanview to go for a hike. As well, all vehicles must be sufficiently off the travelled portion of the roadway so that they are not obstructing the flow of traffic. If your vehicle is in this position, it won't matter that you have a permit – you may be ticketed.

Some residents have expressed concerns about the number of visitors from outside the community driving around their neighbourhoods, looking for parking or otherwise. If you wish to put out sandwich boards indicating Children at Play or other similar words or signage, that's fine but please ensure it's kept to the sides of the roadway and not in the middle of the street where it may have unintended consequences.

If you see suspicious looking vehicles in your neighbourhood, be sure to snap a photo of the plate and contact your local Blockwatch captain or, if urgent, the RCMP (not staff).

As noted elsewhere in these pages, the South Coastal Fire Centre issued a [ban on open burning this week](#), and that includes fireworks. To the resident who has been setting off fireworks as part of their 7 pm salute to the health care workers, please stop – this is not permitted and is unacceptable. Our ground is dryer than normal at this time of year and the large wildfire up the Squamish Valley is proof that conditions are ripe for quick escalation of any fires or sparks. Please remember that there are no campfires permitted within the boundaries of the Village of Lions Bay at any time. For the latest from the Wildfire Service of BC, check their page [here](#).

And finally, we are happy to introduce our newest Bylaw Enforcement Officer, "Chris", who is starting today. If you see him, please welcome him with a friendly wave from at least 2 meters away. Have a safe and pleasant weekend!

Peter DeJong, CAO

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting Calendar

- Regular Council Meeting - April 21 at 7 pm via [zoom](#)

Note: We are changing the way we do Council meetings to meet physical distancing requirements. Video conferencing is available for public participation via [Zoom](#). Instructions on how to attend a meeting can be found [here](#).

We thank you for your patience as we learn new ways of conducting Council meetings and navigate through new technologies.

Public Viewing Etiquette

- Silent viewing only, please do not interrupt Council discussion.
- Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off
- If interruption is repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting

It is still possible to attend meetings in-person but please be advised that seating is **very** limited in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



COVID-19 and PHYSICAL DISTANCING

You've heard this phrase over and over again and it will continue because it's the only way we can get on top of this nasty virus: Physical Distancing. Each individual has an opportunity to break the cycle of transmission of this disease. So even though others around you may be in less than ideal physical distancing scenarios, there's an important individual obligation to do what you can.

By following the Physical Distancing guidelines, together we can slow the spread of COVID-19. Physical Distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of this illness. The actions you take will affect not only you, but your loved ones and the most vulnerable people in our community. By acting now, you may be saving lives – the life of a family member, a neighbour, a friend, or a co-worker. With patience and cooperation, it will work. Follow these five tips to help limit the spread:

- [Wash your hands often](#)
- Avoid physical gatherings
- Stay 2 meters away from others
- Stay home unless absolutely necessary
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

For more details and examples, check out this infographic on [Physical Distancing](#).

What's Happening in the Community?



The following activities will be prohibited, and these restrictions will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified:

- Category 2 open fires;
- Category 3 open fires;
- Resource Management open fires;
- the use of fireworks;
- the use of sky lanterns; and
- the use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description

Typically, human-caused fires are more common in the spring due to field and debris burning. By considering an earlier provincewide burning prohibition, the BC Wildfire Service anticipates a reduction in human-caused wildfires. This will minimize the need to deploy staff, which help to reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

To report a wildfire or backyard burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>. Read the latest status report [here](#).

Follow the latest wildfire news:

- on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
- on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

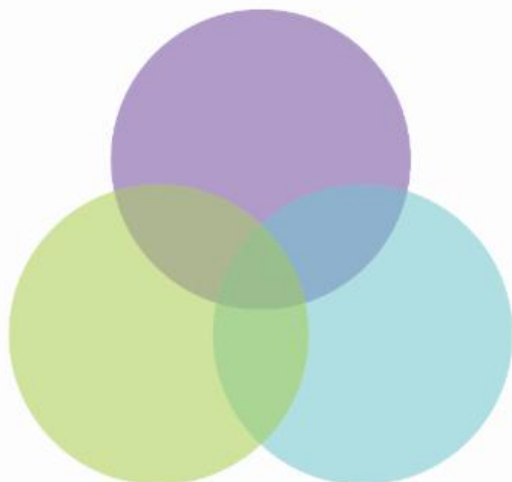




Have an upcoming birthday for your child?

The Squamish RCMP and the Lions Bay Fire Rescue would like to help brighten your child's special day! Contact them and they will send a police car or fire truck past your home, with lights and sirens. They can also play a favorite song over the loud speaker.

Email Cst. Robinson at christine.robinson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca with your child's birthday, age, address and favourite song!



SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

Dear residents of Lions Bay, an update,

As a response to the COVID-19 crisis situation, the LBSSC, in collaboration with instructor Sifu (Master) Josie Loerich, is offering two more free Qigong virtual classes to residents (and their friends if space permits) online on April 21, and 28 (Tuesdays), at 11:00-12:00am. Josie will demonstrate the sequence of exercises for you to follow on your screen at home.

These 40-minute Qigong simple exercise classes are intended: (a) for those wishing to maintain their level of fitness, and (b) for newcomers interested in trying something new during a time of social and physical distancing, or of quarantine.

To register, please submit your name, email and home address to lpeterso@sfu.ca
Details will be provided to you from Josie.

Registrants will be provided with the link giving access to the class, with details provided by Josie. Priority will be given first to residents of Lions Bay, followed by friends if space permits. The electronic access is being done by "Zoom".
Stay fit and keep healthy



WORLD TALES
- SHORT STORY COMPETITION -

Calling all Lions Bay residents age 12-18!

Looking for an interesting quarantine project? Here's a chance to write about what matters most to you, have your voice heard by an international audience, win one of three local cash prizes, and maybe even win a trip to France.

You're invited to participate 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." They're looking for short stories that speculate about what tomorrow might look like for big picture topics like human rights, gender equality, racism, peace and violence, climate change, sustainable cities, or any issue with global reach that makes you passionate enough to write your heart out.

The contest itself is offering some amazing prizes that include a trip to France for seven winners in the world. Locally, Lions Bay ArtSpark will offer a cash prize of \$150 for the top Lions Bay entry, plus \$50 each for 2 honorable mentions if applicable.

ArtSpark is also offering online mentoring. For everyone who writes a draft of a story, you're welcome to submit it to Robin Spano robinspano@gmail.com, who will read it and offer specific writing tips to help make your story, and your writing, stronger. If you have questions before you even get started, here's [Google Doc](#) with some tips:

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.

DEADLINE: Your entry must be received by UNESCO by May 31, 2020. Full details about where to submit and how are [here](#).

To enter the local contest for the Art Spark prizes, send your submission to robinspano@gmail.com by the same deadline, May 31, 2020.

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](#)
