

May 1, 2020



Village Update

Special Tribute: click [here](#) to read more on Norman Kirby



LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "LOOKING BACK"

LIBERATION **75** LIBÉRATION
OF THE NETHERLANDS 1945-2020
DES PAYS-BAS
Le jour de la Victoire en Europe



Tuesday, May 5th 2020 marks the

75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland.

During this time of physical and social distancing we can do our part by visiting the Memorial Cairn to pay our respect and honour the heroic actions that were made by Sir Norman Kirby and all that were part of the Liberation of The Netherlands and Europe. Sir Norman Kirby was to be part of that special Celebration in Holland (he was there 75 years ago.)

LBHS has been an integral part of so much that involves our Veterans. With the new Memorial Cairn in place we would like to mark this date with the 75 Canadian Liberator Tulips which were planted in front of the Memorial Cairn last November and a flower arrangement by the platform next to the Cairn.

It will be with great respect and honour that we mark this once in a lifetime date in our Village.

Pieter Dorsman has written an article for the V-E date, giving us a glimpse of what was done by the Canadian Forces 75 years ago and how May 5th is celebrated in The Netherlands, with Lions Bay resident Norman Kirby playing a major role during the country's liberation in 1945.

Please click here to read...



"75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands...by Pieter Dorsman"



Second World War Veteran Norm Kirby poses with LCol Ed Haverstock, Commanding Officer of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. They hold a plaque of the official Veterans Affairs Canada poster featuring Mr. Kirby that commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and V-E Day. March 5, 2020. Vancouver, British Columbia.



Canadian Liberator Tulips



Kirby and his comrades moments after liberating the city of Groningen. They are joined by Dutch children, gleaming with excitement.

Updates from the Municipality

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

[Meeting Calendar](#)

- Regular Council Meeting - May 5, 2020 at 7 pm via [zoom](#)

Topics at the May 5th Council meeting include adoption of the budget and consideration of cell tower application. [Check out the agenda here.](#)

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 limited to four (4) seats maximum in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



TRANSIT SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please be advised that the transit service provided by the 262 Lions Bay Shuttlebus is suspended until further notice, effective as of May 1st. We know this is going to have significant impacts on Lions Bay residents, whether it is to travel to work or to get groceries or attend a doctor's appointment. The service cuts Translink is having to implement are painful for everyone and efforts were made to point out the lack of alternative options for Village residents. No doubt you have heard or read about the

83% drop in ridership and unsustainable losses Translink is suffering in the neighbourhood of \$75 million per month.

Translink did share a bit of background on the difficult process they undertook for identifying routes that would have to be suspended:

- TransLink has prioritized service to routes serving hospitals and other health facilities.
- Routes selected for suspension either duplicate other routes or are in low ridership areas. Routes with fewer than about 150 boardings per day were identified for suspension.
- For context, in early-April, the 262's ridership dropped to an average of 30 boardings per weekday, which is 1 boarding per trip every hour. These boardings are on the entire route, not just within Lions Bay.
- Previous to this, in early-March 2020, there were on average 100 weekday boardings on the 262, which is 4 boardings per trip every hour.

Translink is lobbying both the Provincial and Federal Governments to ensure that funding is available to allow them to return to near-regular operations in time for back-to-school in September.

Don't hesitate to let your MLA, Jordan Sturdy, and your MP, Patrick Weiler, know how important it is to ensure that transit services are able to recover quickly in order to serve the key transportation needs of the general public in an ever-increasingly congested metropolitan region.

If you would like to provide feedback directly to Translink regarding this matter, you can do so by contacting Fay.Kramer@Translink.ca or 604-218-3278.

If you need help with transportation options, please contact lionsbayneighbours@gmail.com to see if our local volunteers can assist with your needs.



West Vancouver & Lions Bay Temporary Bus Reductions

Starting Saturday, May 2, 2020

Due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**, transit service is being temporarily reduced in your community.

The following routes will be suspended starting **Saturday, May 2: 251, 252, 262**

The following routes will run on a reduced schedule:

Starting **Saturday, May 2: 256**

Starting **Saturday, May 16: 250, 253, 254, 255**

Routes **253** and **254** will no longer cross the Lions Gate Bridge. Take the **250** from **Park Royal** to go Downtown.

Please only travel on transit if necessary, so space remains available for essential service workers. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Need more information?

Visit translink.ca/servicechanges or call 604-953-2222





Is your home easy to find in an emergency? Make a number!

Getting bored staying home? Here's a fun – but very important – project for your family to tackle while self-isolating during COVID-19.

If first responders are called to your home in an emergency, it's essential that the number of your house be clearly and immediately visible. Given the long driveways, greenery and parked vehicles we often see in our streets, the best place to display a number is at the bottom of the driveway in a slightly elevated position, facing traffic coming from the direction of the fire hall.

Of course, with the steep increase in home deliveries recently, having a house number is a must, too!

So, if you don't have a number, now's the time to get crafty, artisanal or just plain practical and put one in place. Get the kids involved and design a number that is uniquely "you".

Send photos of your creative endeavours to me, Councillor Fred Bain, at councillor.bain@lionsbay.ca for possible inclusion in a future Village Update. Or, if you spot a neighbour's sign that is eye-catching, humorous or otherwise notable (old or new), send it my way, too.

Councillor Fred Bain
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[CLICK HERE FOR STANDARD GUIDELINES!](#)

What's Happening in Lions Bay



Andrew Wray & Hugh Crosstwait .
Two of our Trailblazers dealing with
a wet patch on Trudi's Trail



Rob Peebles has done a wonderful
job of opening up a new
connecting trail between Periwinkle
& Sweetwater

LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DEADLINE MAY 5, 2020

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**](#)



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.



TRESPASSING ON RAILWAY TRACKS IS DANGEROUS

Always keep a safe distance from trains.
Occupying railway property and tracks is illegal.
Everyone's safety depends on it!

===== DID YOU KNOW? =====



The average train needs at least 2 km to stop



Trains can often appear slower and farther away than they actually are



Today's trains are remarkably quiet and you may not hear them coming

**See something unsafe?
Say something!**

Call CN Police at 1-800-465-9239

[CHECK OUT THE BROCHURE!](#)