

May 8, 2020



Special Tribute to Norman Kirby: Part 2



LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "LOOKING BACK"

A Historic Tribute to our WWII Hero Sir Norman Kirby.



As the date for the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands was approaching the seeds had been planted for a different style tribute. All through the Village people have been getting together for their nightly "Pot Banging" rituals. Personally, I was reluctant to follow my instinct and organize anything under the new social and physical distancing rules which we have implemented into our daily lives from

Dr. Bonnie Henry. The LBHS's plan was to place a flower arrangement at the Memorial Cairn for Tuesday May 5th. Another vase filled with extra tulips donated by Mrs. Isobel Chester were placed. Hugo and his son Luc hand delivered just enough tiny Dutch flags that are a nice addition. When the phone rang on Monday May 4th with the familiar voice of Sally Pollock a longtime friend and resident, I was not quite prepared but pleasantly surprised what she was asking me. Her question; "Trudi, do you think we could have a 7.00 o' clock "Pot Banging" session by Norman's House?" Once those words crossed our connections, we knew we were on to something. With numerous e-mails, phone calls, and word of mouth communications we ignited the spirited Lions Bay residents into action.

We decided it would be best to at least call Norman and Vicky and let them know of our plan. It had to be just the right timing not too early and not too late. At 5.00 PM I made the call and left a phone message, letting them know that a big wave of enthusiasm for a tribute was coming over Lions Bay which was unstoppable. By 6.45 people started to arrive with their children, flags, pots, noise makers, Tony's hunting horn, Tanya's drum, bells and clapping hands. I spotted Mike Leger banging a pair of white and orange soccer shoes together. Whatever was needed we found a way to make noise.

Lucy and Sally took charge of the ever important yellow 6' swim noodle for our physical distancing.

Michael Broughton had us on the timely count down to the beginning of 7.00PM. When the banging started the Dutch group slowly moved down the driveway, holding their flags of Red White and Blue.

They became a cluster with a great view of the house and front door. Someone had spotted the curtains moving. This was a very good sign; we were hopeful we might get to see Norman. The rest of the people moved along. The banging continued. Suddenly, the front door opened and there was

Sir Norman Kirby stepping out waving to us. A loud cheer erupted. Once the crowd settled the Dutch voices started the National Anthem of the Netherlands. When they had finished Bernadette surrounded by her family and compatriots made a quick dash to present Norman with a beautiful bouquet of Spring flowers and a picture of his V-E Poster. We followed with O' Canada. Some of us witnessed Norman wiping a tear from his right eye. That very moment and movement is so iconic and unforgettable.

After the many voices went silent, Norman saluted.

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Updates from the Municipality



TRANSIT SERVICE TO BE RESTORED

Translink and the Province of BC have announced joint efforts to prevent the cuts to transit service in order to support BC's Restart Plan. This also means that suspended routes, like the 262 Lions Bay shuttle, will re-start between now and May 18, although frequency may not be the same. These details are to come next week, but for now we can certainly say that cancelled routes are coming back so that all municipalities in Metro Vancouver will have some transit service. For the media release, click [here](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE

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

- Do not go out if you are exhibiting symptoms.
- Be prepared for no access to public facilities.
- Share the trail or space and warn others of your presence and as you pass them by.
- Observe the BC CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 2.0 metres (6 feet) from other persons at all times.
- Follow the BCCDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting public places or hiking on trails.

Please regularly visit the following sites for updates on the rapidly evolving situation:

- www.vch.ca (Vancouver Coastal Health)
- www.healthlinkbc.ca (HealthLink BC)
- www.bccdc.ca (BC Centre for Disease Control)
- www.canada.ca (Public Health Agency of Canada)

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As the weather warms, we expect to see more residents and visitors out and about, hiking on trails and laying on beaches. Parking lots in Lions Bay remain closed and street parking is still, for the most part, "Permit Only". Our two new bylaw officers, Chris and Jennifer, will be out all weekend and strictly enforcing parking rules. Be sure to have your Lions Bay parking permit in your vehicle window at the front left to avoid getting a ticket.

Be sure not to park in “No Parking” zones in cul-de-sacs or narrow streets where parking on both sides of the street does not provide sufficient room for public works and emergency vehicles to pass easily. These regulations are in accordance with standard Transport Canada guidelines and are necessary and important. *Past practice* is not necessarily *best practice* so please respect all of our parking signage.

As we move outside and begin to address those spring projects we’ve been patiently waiting to get at, we need to keep in mind that sounds travel far in the open air, so ensure you’re complying with the [Noise Bylaw](#) when you fire up your yard maintenance equipment and power tools.

If you have contractors attending your property for miscellaneous work, please be sure they have room to park in your driveway – if not, be sure to give them a Guest Parking Permit valid for one day at a time. You will have received a sheet of 6 of these in last year’s tax notice and will be getting another 6 with this year’s tax notice. If you need more now, please contact the Office (reception@lionsbay.ca or 604-921-9333). If you have a substantive ongoing project, ensure your contractors have purchased Contractor Parking Permits for the duration.

It is understandable that many of you are anxious to see the re-opening of our beach parks, tennis courts and community hall facilities. As you’re no doubt aware, the Province has provided some guidance in announcing their Restart BC Plan. There are many moving pieces to this plan and many guidelines being developed by sector stakeholders behind the scenes.

We are working with our municipal partners in the Metro area to work through the issues associated with each sector and to aim for some coordination on how and when our respective facilities are re-opened. Please bear with us as we work through these steps toward the “New Normal”. In the interim, be calm, be kind and stay safe. Thank you.

Peter DeJong
Chief Administrative Officer



After a long search to fill the void left by the departure of Donna Newsom, we are excited to welcome our newest Public Works member.

Say hello to Kelsey Wight, Lions Bay's new horticulture technician. Kelsey grew up in the Okanagan, Vernon to be exact, and moved to the Lower Mainland four years ago.

She is a graduate of the Horticulture Sciences program at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and specialized in sustainable landscape systems. Her previous job was with the City of Vancouver Parks Department working in their parks including at Queen Elizabeth Park.

Kelsey loves the outdoors and hopes to encourage ecosystem stability within our parks and open spaces while learning the ropes on all the rest of the tasks covered by our Public Works crew. If you see her out and about please stop and introduce yourself!

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting - May 19, 2020 at 7 pm via [zoom](#)

Meeting Calendar

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 and publicly participate in 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

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Please read the instructions*
- *Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired). Please do not interrupt Council discussion*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).*
- *If interruptions are 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 for the general public in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

What's Happening in Lions Bay



CN is conducting its annual vegetation control activities between May and October 2020. A regularly updated schedule and FAQ will be available at

www.cn.ca/vegetation.

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