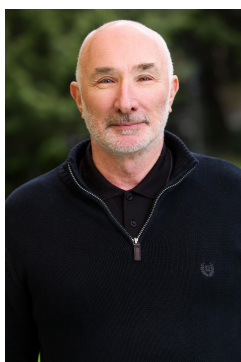


May 15, 2020



Updates from the Municipality



From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay. Happy Victoria Day long weekend.

You can watch the video above by clicking on my picture!

Topics covered are:

- 3 new to Lions Bay families are introduced.
- 6 Villagers who have made a difference.
 - contact particulars for Leslie Nolan [here](#) if you want fresh bread.
 - contact particulars for Stephanie Beatty [here](#) if you want food truck news.
- Higher parking ticket fines and aggressive towing.

Take good care, and may all of you remain safe and in good health.

Ron

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Pictured Top Left:
Steph and children

Bottom Left:
Trailblazer Rob Peebles at Peebles
Passage

Pictured Top Right:
Leslie Nolan and her daughter
Sydney

Bottom Right:
Trailblazers John and Sandy
Reinders



PARKING AND BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Last week, I wrote about the need for all residents to be aware of and abide by our bylaws regarding parking and other matters, including the use of resident, guest and construction parking permits. This week is about our efforts to control everyone else.

Firstly, I want to point out that our parks and parking lots are still closed. If you need to access your kayak at the Lions Bay Beach Park, you can do so but retrieve it and put it in the water swiftly and don't dawdle in the park please. Last month, when Council directed that the park be closed, the penalties for breach of the closure order were reviewed and increased to \$450. Our Bylaw Enforcement Officers have been directed to issue these tickets to anyone who fails to immediately leave the park when requested to do so. At Kelvin Grove, access is completely restricted due to our Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Replacement Project – it is unsafe to attempt to pass our fencing closing access to the construction site and the park. Yes, this effectively cuts off access to the beach during the construction period, but that is presently unavoidable. Access to the ocean is available elsewhere in Lions Bay and beyond.

Secondly, some people fail to distinguish between our “beach *parks*” and the “beach” (ie. the area below the high tide mark). Our beach *parks* are closed. But other than of necessity (eg: our Kelvin Grove WWTP construction project), we cannot *prohibit* people from enjoying the *beach*, but we can *regulate* the use of the beach under all of our bylaws. So we can enforce “no campfires” and “no dogs” and “no sale of goods” etc. under any of our bylaws, and we do this on a regular basis. We also can, and presently are, discouraging use of the beaches through closure of the adjacent parks and parking lots. Of course, this results in street parking issues.

What we cannot do is “enforce” social/physical distancing (whether on the beach or the trails) or even gatherings of 50 or more people. The physical distancing directives

of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) are not regulatory in nature so we cannot write a ticket – we can only seek compliance through education and encouragement. The same goes for gatherings of large numbers of people, notwithstanding that it is an Order of the Public Health Officer under the Health Act. Where members of the public are refusing to comply with either directives or orders of the PHO, we need to contact the Public Health officials to report it and request enforcement by their staff. This is not an ideal situation for us in terms of acting upon issues in a timely way, but this is what every community in the Province is required to do.

Further to our efforts to discourage visitors to Lions Bay, we have been working with the RCMP (see their weekend update below), the CN Police and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI). Last week, the CN Police attended in Lions Bay on May 9th and issued 8 trespass charges and 25 warnings. MoTI or their contractors towed several vehicles from the Brunswick Beach interchange area after enabling us to post “No Parking/Towing” signage to discourage visitation to the community consistent with the requests of the PHO for people to recreate in their own communities close to home. This will become more complicated as the Province moves forward on lifting restrictions as part of their Restart BC program.

On Tuesday night, Council will be reviewing correspondence regarding the ticketing and towing for contraventions of our bylaws in areas that we do have control over. In the interim, our Bylaw Enforcement Officers are attempting to be everywhere at once (and doing a pretty fine job of it) and have been instructed to show no mercy, whether resident or visitor. So please be patient and supportive of the work they are doing and be sure to stay on the right side of our bylaws to keep the resident ticket count at zero. Be kind, be calm and be safe.

Peter DeJong
Chief Administrative Officer



TRANSIT SERVICE TO BE RESTORED

As announced last week, TransLink and the Province of BC have worked together on restoring transit services in Metro Vancouver. We are happy to report that regular service returned to the 262 Lions Bay shuttle this past week and we're hopeful that we can maintain this service through the pandemic in support of all residents who rely upon this essential means of commuting to jobs, appointments and shopping.

Don't hesitate to let your MLA, Jordan Sturdy (Jordan.Sturdy.MLA@leg.bc.ca), and your MP, Patrick Weiler (Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca), know how important it is to ensure that transit services are able to continue to operate during this pandemic and beyond 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 to further support this positive change in direction, you can do so by contacting Fay.Kramer@Translink.ca or 604-218-3278.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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](#).

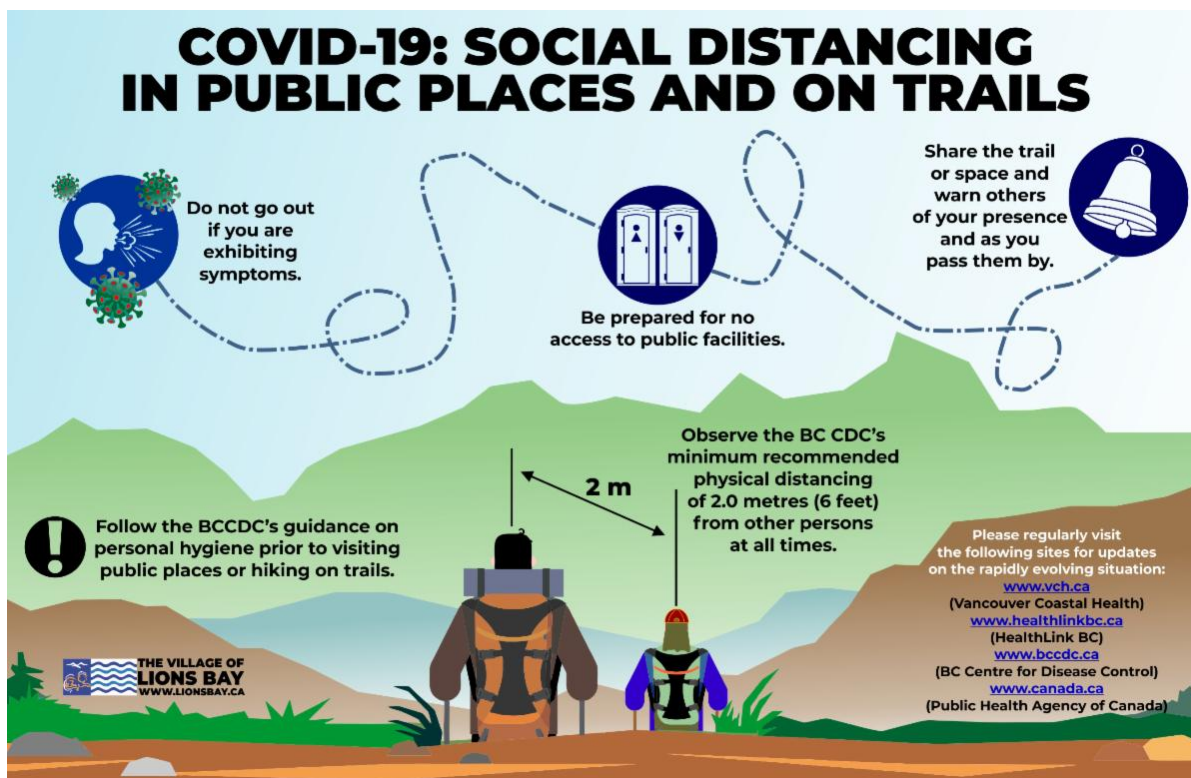
We thank you for your patience as we learn new ways of conducting Council meetings and navigate through new technologies.

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.

COVID-19 UPDATE



COVID-19 TENNIS COURT GUIDELINES

TENNIS ANYONE?

We are pleased to announce that the tennis court is now open! After a thorough review of operations and guidelines provided by Tennis BC, safe tennis play will resume with a new set of protocols and guidelines:

- Keep 2 metres apart at all times;
- Limit play to singles, or doubles play with partners from the same household;
- Queue outside the courts and maintain 2 metres distance when courts are in use;
- Do not share racquets or other equipment or touch net;
- Clearly mark all balls and refrain from picking-up other player's balls;
- Casual game play only -- no lessons or tournament play allowed;
- Remain courteous and limit play time to 30 minutes when others are waiting;
- Leave the courts immediately after play is finished;
- Wash hands and equipment often; and
- Stay home if unwell (particularly if exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms).



Public health and government leaders have made significant decisions impacting every aspect of our lives in recent weeks. They want to hear from you as they plan to ease restrictions while keeping citizens safe, especially those most vulnerable.

BC COVID-19 SPEAK: *Your story, our future* is a population health survey to understand citizen experiences, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. This survey is the first of several activities that will strengthen pandemic response and understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 to date (social, economic, mental wellness and community wellness).

Visit this page to take the survey: www.bccdc.ca/covid19survey

About the survey

- The survey is open to all British Columbians 18 years of age and older.
- The survey **takes 10-15 minutes** and can be done online on any tablet, computer or mobile device.
- The survey will be **open until May 31**
- The online survey is available in English and Chinese, as well as a Punjabi survey translation guide

At the end of the survey, you will be asked about participating in two important initiatives:

- **A serology survey** (blood testing) to help determine immunity across the population
- **Planning for future waves** in which identifying, containing and tracing are substantially strengthened through technology tools to enable integrated and coordinated information sharing

Help the people in your life to participate

If you know someone who may have difficulty accessing or using a computer, open the survey via the link above, give them a call, and go through all the questions, inputting their answers into the online survey on their behalf. Every voice counts.

Participants without online access or needing language assistance can call 1-833-707-1900, seven days a week between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

What's Happening in Lions Bay



From The Lions Bay Native Plant Garden

Are you looking for a great spot to have your morning coffee with a friend during this time of social distancing? [Click here](#) for a perfect two meter meeting area!



Register now for September 2020

Lions Bay Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Limited spots are available.

Please visit the [West Vancouver Schools website](#) to register.

A Natural Environment to Nurture Confident Leaders

Nestled in the coastal forest above Howe Sound, [Lions Bay School](#) provides a learning environment like no other. Students are given the unique opportunity to become globally conscious and locally active citizens through inquiry, environmental education, and place-based learning. Our multi-age classrooms foster leadership and social-emotional learning. Students thrive in a setting that encourages them to become independent learners who build their education on a foundation of compassion, collaboration, and critical thinking. Don't hesitate to contact Vice Principal Natalie Mendes (nmendes@wvschools.ca) to find out more about this special place.

CLICK HERE: A MESSAGE FROM LIONS BAY SCHOOL



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Royal Canadian Mounted Police



Sea to Sky RCMP operations for May long weekend

As per previous holiday weekends and long weekends mixed with COVID-19 physical distancing recommendations the Sea to Sky RCMP and partnership agencies have been working on a cohesive operational strategy for this weekend.

[Click here to read more!](#)



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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