

June 5, 2020



Village Update

Your weekly news & updates

Updates from the Municipality

From the Mayor's Desk

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Hello Lions Bay

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

Topics covered are:

- Welcome these new Villagers to Mountain Drive - the Darr family
- Rudy and Trudi Leuthy who have made a difference
- Early Utility fees payment and property tax notices
- Beach Park upgrades
- Bylaw Enforcement hours increased

Have a great week end and I hope you, and your loved ones, are safe and healthy.

Ron

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PROPERTY TAX NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED



If you do not receive your Property Tax Notice,
please contact the Village Office:

604-921-9333

or

reception@lionsbay.ca

Please Note: it is the responsibility of residents to ensure the Village Office has your mailing address (PO Box) for purposes of mailing your Utility Notices and Property Tax Notices.

EMERGENCY PROGRAM UPDATE PART 1

by Robert Whitney, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator

Hello. For the last few months I know that we have all had our attention taken up by the COVID-19 situation, both here in BC and across Canada and the world. I know

you've all been doing everything you can to keep yourselves and your neighbours safe, and for that I would like to thank you. But, as devastating as the COVID-19 situation has been, there are other things, other risks, that we as a community need to be aware of and prepare for. With that in mind, the Mayor has asked that I provide you with an update as to what the Emergency Program has been busy doing of late. So, if you will indulge me, I am going to take the next few weeks to talk to you about three particular projects that we've been working on in the background.

The first thing I want to talk to you about is a timely concern for some, because as I am sure you are aware, wildfire season is upon us once more. Though we have been lucky of late, some of our close neighbours in Squamish have already been affected by the early wildfire season, with numerous people and families impacted. I don't have to tell you that we have a great fire department in the Lions Bay Fire Rescue crew, and we have amazing wildfire crews from the BC Wildfire Service that will be here in the event of a wildfire. Together these incredible individuals are a great response to wildfires when they happen; however, there are things we can do as individuals and as a community that can help protect us long before our fire crews are needed to fight the fires.

One of the things that we do to help prepare for the impact of wildfires is to have a current Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This is a plan that not only identifies what the things are that increase our risk of wildfire, but also provides us with some guidance on things we can do to help reduce those risks. Some of these measures are going to be community wide; however, there are going to be some suggestions that can be applied by homeowners around their properties to make things a little safer. These plans are prepared for us by licensed foresters who are intimately familiar with firstly, the forests around us and secondly, the way that fire behaves when it encounters those forests.

This year, through a generous grant from the Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program, we are able to partner with Diamond Head Consulting to carry out the creation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is tailored to the specific and unique needs of Lions Bay. I am very excited to see what the foresters at Diamond Head are going to put together for us, and I can't wait to share it with you. Once the plan is completed the team from Diamond Head will be providing an opportunity for everyone who is interested to attend a session to hear about our Community Wildfire Protection Plan from the people who created it. We will also have a copy of the CWPP available for everyone to find on the Village Website that you can access at your convenience.

While this plan is being created, I would encourage everyone to do the number one thing we can do to protect Lions Bay from wildfire. I would ask you to continue to be smart when it comes to fires, including grills and BBQs. Take some simple steps to keep yourself and others safe: don't leave your fires unattended, make sure they are fully extinguished when putting them out, properly dispose of all burning materials in a safe manner, and perhaps most importantly, do not hesitate to use *5555 or 1-800-663-5555 to [report a wildfire](#) or irresponsible behavior that could start a wildfire. And remember, under Fire Bylaw No. 428, no person shall carry out open burning within the boundaries of the Village of Lions Bay.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting - June 23, 2020 at 7 p.m. [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 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.

MEET YOUR NEW FIRE RESCUE OFFICERS



Top left: Roe Ciolfi

Bottom left:
Mattie Gildenhuis

Bottom right:
Kirby Carlson

Not pictured:
Adrian Cameron



We are pleased to make four members of Lions Bay Fire Rescue department new officers.

Two are homeowners that have been taking additional training at the Justice Institute to get their Officer's training, which requires additional studying over and above Wednesday night and weekend training, which we do as standard within our department.

All four new officers lead their own shifts on weekends. This entails staying in the Village from Friday night to Monday and Tuesday on long weekends a six-member shift crew. You might see them out in front of the hall Friday nights doing truck checks. This takes approx 2 and 1/2 hours and again Saturday morning where they take trucks up to fire training ground and train for 4 hours. This is on top of 3-hour training on Wednesday nights.

There is a big commitment from every volunteer in our department and these four officers have shown leadership in adverse situations keeping a cool head while dealing with life changing events and keeping their crews safe.

Chief Andrew Oliver has been an active member of the fire department for 25 years and could not run this department on his own. There is also an internal six-member board that helps with oversight.

Chief Oliver would like to take this moment to welcome Duncan who is a pre-recruit. The training officer makes sure everyone is trained to the highest standard to keep our Village and highway safe.

Every member in the department has a job, which they are responsible for. We might be a small department with 30 members but we still have to deal with the same issue as a regular fire department and train to the same levels, or higher in some cases.

Next time you see a fire department member please let them know you appreciate what they do, as even with the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are still serving our community with pride and dedication.



Check out a snapshot of their project

Join the Howe Sound Marine Reference Guide to celebrate World's Ocean Day - June 8th!

Celebrate the Sound/ Át'ḵa7tsem event happening on **Monday, June 8th** from **6pm-8pm**. This is a **free and family-friendly** story telling event in celebration of the Sound's water and communities. If you haven't already, you can [register for the event here](#). Details about the event, including the program, can be found on their [Facebook event page](#)

PLANNING NOW FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS a FREE webinar on *Metro 2050*

Join Metro Vancouver's Regional Planning team for a live presentation and Q&A. This is related to updating Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future, the region's collective vision for managing growth in the long-term. [Find out more here.](#)

