



Village Update

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Hello Lions Bay.

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

Topic covered is parking issues & solutions:

- How we got here and why.
- What we are doing about it.
- The way forward.

Parking facts:

- **Capacity** - Sunset and the CN lots have 16 and 24 maximum one day metered spots respectively. The Municipal complex has 12 parking spots available all weekend. The Park'N'Ride area has 7 parking spots (currently permit only and under review.) During the summer and after classes return on the weekends there are 10 spots at the school drop off area. The school gravel lot should hold at least 25 cars. Mountain Drive should accommodate an estimated 25 non permit required parking spots with Oceanview Road adding another 15. Total parking spots available - 110. (The CN lot is not open yet and Kelvin Grove is closed for the summer due to construction of the new WWTP.)

- **Competition for parking** - In addition to hikers and beach users, there are 220



boats at the marina and they have 105 parking spots (maximum one per boat.) Their private lot is often full. Boaters frequently have out of Village guests who come by separate car(s) for day or extended trips.

- **Cost choices** - Municipal complex, school drop off area and gravel lot, and designated Mountain Drive and Oceanview parking subject to availability - free. Translink - \$2.95 one way. All day metered parking at Sunset Trailhead - \$24. Parking fine - \$195.

Have a great week end and enjoy Canada Day next Wednesday. I hope you, and your loved ones, are safe and healthy.

Ron

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At the June 23rd Council meeting the following parking adjustments were settled on:

- Opened the Sunset Trailhead Parking Lot (the meter will be installed mid-July and the port-a-potty will be installed next week).
- Asked the school to open the gravel lot, which they have agreed to do effective today.
- Reduced parking restrictions on selected areas of Mountain Drive on the non-residential side of the street.
- Reduced parking restrictions on selected areas of Upper Oceanview Road.

The Brunswick Interchange parking area remains closed at this time and neighbourhood residents will be surveyed directly on a few select questions.



The Village Office will be re-opening to the public on Monday, June 29. Office hours will be Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including Wednesdays, until July 17. In order to help keep everyone safe, here are a few rules to help us help you!

1. Please do not come to the Office if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or may

- have been exposed to someone who does.
2. One person at a time will be allowed in the Office. An audio-visual intercom doorbell has been installed outside the Office so please ring prior to entry to ensure the reception area is clear.
 3. Signage and sidewalk markings will indicate where you can wait and procedures for entering and exiting the office; we are practicing Physical Distancing.
 4. A Plexiglass barrier has been installed at the front counter. Hand sanitizer will be available both outside and inside the office.
 5. To limit the flow of people, please consider calling or emailing the Office for assistance, or check the website for information and payment methods.

Thank you for your patience, as we navigate through these COVID times!



LIONS BAY BEACH PARK REOPENING

The Lions Bay Beach Park will be re-opening on July 1st, Canada Day. Signage will be posted at the entrance to the park and in various strategic locations advising about: restricted occupancy (you may need to wait for others to leave if the park exceeds physical distancing capacity); playground equipment, picnic tables and benches (not cleaned or sanitized); and the washroom facilities (to be cleaned and sanitized twice per day with maximum occupancy of one person at a time).

Please be sure to be mindful of your personal space and/or family bubble and keep your physical distance of at least 2 metres from others, especially in line-ups or narrow passages such as at the washrooms and the staircases. Thank you for doing your part to help keep yourself, your loved ones, friends and neighbours safe as we strive to re-open our community facilities.

If you are attending the Canada Day Food Truck Event in the parking lot, please be patient, follow the directions of volunteers and the designated flow of foot traffic, and keep your physical distance from folks around you. There will be no vehicles permitted in the parking lot other than the Food Trucks so plan your transportation and parking ahead of time or walk down if you can. Happy Canada Day!



Notice of Filming

An application for filming in Lions Bay has been approved by Council for Charming

Man Productions Inc. for a 3-day shoot at the Lions Bay Beach Park.

The filming is scheduled to take place, on June 26th, 29th and 30th between 7am and 10pm.

Vehicles for the production will be parked in the Lions Bay Beach Park Parking lot with overflow for crew vehicles along Lions Bay Avenue.

More details can be found in the [notification letter](#) that was mailed to affected residents.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BEACH, PARKS AND TRAILS AMBASSADORS

The Village of Lions Bay is looking for energetic, friendly and diplomatic ambassadors to provide residents and visitors with gentle reminders and education about the ongoing risks of COVID-19 and the need to protect each other from the virus by practicing physical distancing and respecting one another in our public places as we re-open some facilities under Phase 3 of the BC Restart Plan.



As you will have seen elsewhere in this edition of the Village Update, the Lions Bay Beach Park will be re-opened on July 1st and we will need to monitor use and occupancy limits to maintain safe and healthy enjoyment of the park and its amenities. This may require manning entry points, just like you experience at the grocery store and other locations, as well as carrying tools to help demonstrate 2 metres of distancing, such as a kayak or canoe paddle of that length.

Beaches and trails within Lions Bay and at trailheads to points beyond could also use the friendly help and guidance of volunteer ambassadors to provide reminders, parking directions, and general information to the public visiting our nature areas.

Volunteers will report to Municipal staff, receive training on their roles and responsibilities, be provided with non-medical masks and safety vests to readily identify them to the public, and will provide brief information reports to staff. Volunteers are covered against liability for transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus under Ministerial Order 120 and for general 3rd party liability by the Municipality's insurers, along with receiving basic medical coverage for any defined injuries (excluding sickness and disease).

Applicants should be fit and in good health and aware of the risks of COVID-19, especially in a role that requires interaction with the public. All applicants will be required to sign an acknowledgement of risk in relation to their roles and responsibilities and COVID-19.

If you are interested in joining our team, please email cao@lionsbay.ca as soon as possible with your name, physical and mailing address, email

address and phone number(s), and answer the following:

(1) Please describe why you are interested in becoming a Village of Lions Bay Volunteer Beach, Trails and Parks Ambassador.

(2) Please provide a brief summary of your relevant experience and how it fits with the roles and responsibilities outlined above.

***Please note that participation is in a volunteer capacity – there is no remuneration for serving as a Beach, Trails and Parks Ambassador. If appointed, your name may appear on the Village of Lions Bay website and your contact information will be provided to staff and other appointed Ambassadors.*



REMEMBER TO CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT (HOG)

All taxpayers must claim their HOG (if eligible) by the tax due date of July 14, 2020. You can claim your HOG by dropping off the application (found at the bottom of your tax notice) at the Village Office or online on the [Village website](#). If you are deferring your taxes, you should claim your HOG before, or as soon as possible after, submitting your online application to the Ministry.



Welcome to part three of my Emergency Program update series. Today I want to talk about an aspect of emergency planning that is very rarely discussed, and that is the fact that all the plans we make need to be continually reassessed and revised to stay current. You may not be aware, but emergency plans can go stale; maybe the situation has changed, maybe new hazards are found, or old hazards become more of a threat.

Whatever the reason for the situation change, emergency plans need to be continually examined to make sure that they are still viable, and when required, that they are revised or rewritten. Which brings us to our topic for today: an example of this process that we are carrying out involves the evacuation plans that have been written for the Village in the past.

When these evacuation plans were written, they used the information that was available at the time. Current hazard assessments, traffic planning, community

composition and size all go into the creation of the document. However, as these things change, the document needs to change to reflect the new situation. And this is what we are currently endeavoring to do with the evacuation plans for Lions Bay.

One thing that I should note here is that when I refer to evacuation plans, I am not referring to a step-by-step guideline of how to get from a particular house in the Village out of the Village. Those very detailed instructions are developed and communicated at the time of the emergency, as they are based on the situation and how it has impacted the Village at that time (something we are unable to predict ahead of time without a crystal ball). The way you would evacuate the Village during a wildfire is more than likely going to be very different than how you would evacuate the Village during a chemical spill, and it may be different than the way you would normally leave the Village.

So, what does the evacuation plan we are creating look like? This document is what is referred to as a pre-plan document. When the time comes to designate what routes of the Village people need to take, this document will have all the information that is needed to make those decisions. You could look at this plan as the playbook that will be used to decide the actual evacuation processes during an emergency; it will contain the information needed to decide the best and safest way to move people out of the Village.


Some of the information it will contain includes outlining all the different routes out of the Village, looking at all available modes of travel. Meet up, or rally, points may be designated in the plan so that people can be directed to proceed to a known location if they need assistance getting out of the Village. The plan will contain information about how we are going to go about notifying people that they need to evacuate, and what steps we need to take for a partial or full evacuation. The plan will also contain information about the population of the Village, not just overall, but it will break down population based on time of day, and season so that planners will know approximately how many people need to be notified and evacuated.

Please keep in mind that an actual evacuation is nothing like the movies; mass chaos does not work and is not nearly as spectacular as they make it look on the big screen. If you are ever instructed to evacuate the Village, please follow the directions you are given without deviation. If everyone works together and follows the instructions and directions that they are given it goes a long way to ensuring that everyone can evacuate the Village in an orderly and calm fashion.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind with evacuations:

- Always keep your vehicle in good repair and keep the fuel tank at least half full. Vehicles that run out of gas or break down as soon as they leave the Village will only cause frustration for you and your neighbours and slow down the rest of the evacuation.
- Get to know your neighbours and find out who might need help evacuating. If you have an extra seat in your car think about offering to help those that need it. Talk to your neighbour about the situation before hand so everyone knows what to expect.
- Don't expect traffic to function normally in an evacuation situation; there may be roadblocks, or you may be directed to detour based on what is happening. Just remember that you do not have all the information that the authorities are using to execute the evacuation plan.

- Stay calm behind the wheel. It's easier to follow directions and keep those around us calm if we remain calm ourselves. Just like everyday driving, those who get aggressive can cause accidents, and an accident during an evacuation can lead to trouble for everyone.
- Keep a small bag in the car with some bottled water and non-perishable snacks. It may be a long slow car ride depending on the situation.



Deferring your 2020 Property Taxes

Tax deferral is a low interest loan program that helps qualified B.C. homeowners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence. Eligible home owners may apply to have the Provincial Government pay the current year's residential property taxes for their principal residence. If a home owner chooses to defer their taxes, the Municipality is paid by the Province, rather than by the homeowner. To find out more information about the Provincial Property Tax Deferment program, including eligibility requirements, [visit the Defer Your Property Taxes page on the Province's website](#).

Please note that effective this year, deferral applications and renewals must be submitted online through the Province of BC website.



Pet waste is an Issue of Health

An average dog eliminates an estimated 340 grams of waste per day. Studies show that a single gram of dog waste can contain an estimated 23 million bacteria such as campylobacter, E. coli, salmonella, cryptosporidium, giardia, and parasitic worms to name a few. By leaving your dog's waste on the ground, you increase the likelihood of contamination of the environment. While pet waste will degrade over time, it's not fertilizer and the health issues still remain. As the waste disintegrates, bacteria typically enter our local watersheds. Research shows that 20 to 30 percent of bacteria in water samples from urban watersheds can be linked to dog waste.

While [Metro Vancouver](#) prohibits pet waste from the region's garbage, **small amounts** are accepted in household garbage or public garbage cans (in parks or on

the street). However, the ultimate goal is to eliminate pet waste from going to the landfill.

Do NOT put your pet waste into your organics bin. This will contaminate the organics and typically results in the entire load collected by organics trucks being diverted to the landfill along with hefty fines that ultimately get transferred back to the residents of the Municipality.

Instead, you can dispose of dog waste in the following ways:

- **Flush dog waste in the toilet**, so it can be treated at a wastewater treatment plant with other sewage. Do not put it into a storm sewer, as these carry rain to natural creeks.

*Don't flush any bags. They will clog your plumbing and the City sewer.

- **Call a collection service to** pick up dog waste from private spaces. This is a good option for townhouses or apartments where numerous dog owners can cost-share.
- **Build a dog waste composter.** Dog waste will decompose cleanly and without odour in a composter specifically allocated for dog waste only. The compost can then be used on shrubs and plants only, **NOT** on or near your vegetable garden. [Find out more here.](#)

*If you live near a stream, place your composter away from the stream, as the runoff can contain a lot of nutrients (phosphorous and nitrogen) which are not good for streams. Do not dig below groundwater.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting - July 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. 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 five (5) 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



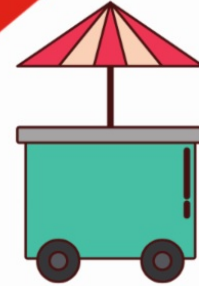
Canada Post Office Pick-Up Window Hours Changed!

Due to popular demand, Canada Post has shifted the pickup window hours to 1:45 PM to 5:45 PM to allow their customers to get their items. General Store employees will now be able to assist customers, should the items be stored in the mail room.



1 JULY

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Celebrate with social distancing FOOD TRUCKS & POPSICLES 4 - 8 pm

Join us at the **LB beach parking lot**
to buy a delicious food-truck dinner
- Thai, Japanese & Caribbean -

And enjoy a **FREE** organic Rico n' Lalo **popsicle**
generously provided by Thyra McKilligan



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LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "LOOKING BACK"

Harvey Creek Bridges & Historic Bridge Sign



Pictures of the old & new Harvey Creek Bridges. The Historic Harvey Creek Sign of 1958. (That was ever so close of going to the landfill.)



Parts of this article appeared in the "Looking Back" 2002 March Issue of The Seagull.



Harvey Creek Bridges & Historic Bridge Sign. by Trudi Luethy

One sunny afternoon Ray Kamazenuk was out for a walk, he headed down to the old Harvey Creek Highway Bridge which was being dismantled. He noticed a construction worker removing the old Harvey Creek Sign. Ray wasted no time and asked; "what are you going to do with that sign?" "As you can see, I am getting rid of it!" said the man. The large container dumpster was close by and ready for the toss of the sign. When Ray asked if he could have the sign, the worker looked puzzled and said, "sure, here, it's yours!" That was in 1986 when Ray brought it back to their home at 45, Creekview Place. Ray and his wife Margrit decided on a new location for this new Village treasure. They placed the SIGN in their garden, overlooking a small pond. That is where it stayed for the next 15 years.

Before they moved out of the village Ray got in touch with the Historical Society. They wanted to ensure the "Bridge Sign" and the piece of history would stay in Lions Bay where it belonged. The couple moved to Caulfeild in July of 2001. The LBHS had the sign restored and mounted on a piece of wood. The inspiration and idea came from then Mayor Douglas Miller.

Next time you are in the Village "Multi-Purpose Room" look up at the door frame.

You will recognize the "Iconic Sign."

Another amazingly incredible Historical note!

Local resident Mrs. Berenice LeBoutillier was present at the opening of the Squamish Highway in 1958. Berenice still lives in Lions Bay.