

Village Update



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Strategic Planning

Council will be having open sessions of the **Council Strategy Committee (CSC) on December 1st and 2nd (4-7:30 pm each evening)** for the purpose of updating the current Council Strategic Goals and Priorities.

Strategic planning and priority setting is a process that takes place each year in virtually every local government. It is a process wherein Council and staff review all ongoing, previously identified, and potential new projects, over and above the core work involved with operating a municipality and, within the framework of Council's overarching goals and objectives, determine which matters are going to be prioritized in terms of the financial and staff resources required to advance them.

This helps shape the budget process, which swings into high gear in the New Year, ultimately leading to adoption of the budget for the year, along with the five-year financial plan, in late April or early May.

The Third Quarter Review was presented to Council in the October 20 Regular Council Meeting. This report includes the **2020 Capital Expense Summary**. Council approved a resolution to suspend all uninitiated capital spending until after the Strategic Planning Session. This is your opportunity as a taxpayer to see where your tax dollars are being spent, and to have your say about which projects you believe should have priority and comment on expenditure in general.

The public is invited to provide comments or suggestions, by contacting Council at council@lionsbay.ca and feedback@lionsbay.ca, by Nov. 26th for inclusion in the Committee Agenda. You can view the meeting schedule and 2020 Council Strategic Planning and Priorities document (with identified draft updates for 2021) [here](#).

Community members may also attend the sessions and speak at the beginning and end of the meetings during the 2 minute Public Participation and Public Comment opportunities. This is best done via the online digital platform, Zoom, as public capacity for Council Chambers is limited to 5 persons at a time due to COVID-19 restrictions. Links to participate online will be posted with the CSC Agenda on November 27th.



Update on the proposed Metro Vancouver Wood Burning Bylaw

FROM THE DESK OF COUNCILLOR ABBOTT:

It's that time of year when many of us fire up our wood stoves and fireplaces for winter heat. Some of you may be wondering what is happening to the proposed Metro Vancouver Wood Smoke Restrictions.

In line with the results of that [Village-wide public consultation](#) early last year, we formally requested that Lions Bay be exempt from complying with the future bylaw. This request was presented to Metro's Climate Action Committee as an information item in its June 2019 meeting agenda.

Metro staff presented the proposed bylaw to the Climate Action Committee on 15 November 2019. I attended and [presented a delegation](#) motivating for Lions Bay to be excluded. Mayor McLaughlin, who is a committee member, put forward a motion that Lions Bay be excluded from the impending bylaw, but the 50/50 vote meant the motion was defeated.

In subsequent discussions lead by the Mayor and CAO earlier this year, it was conceded that Lions Bay would comply, but we have been given an additional 7-year grace period before implementation of the prohibition stage.

The [new bylaw](#) was adopted by the Metro Vancouver Board on March 27th, 2020. As it now stands, all residents of Lions Bay must comply with the bylaw on the following timeline:

- **Effective immediately:** every person who discharges, or causes, permits or allows the discharge of an air contaminant into the environment from a residential indoor wood burning appliance must comply with best burning practices.
- **Effective May 15, 2021:** seasonal ban begins – no residential wood burning will be allowed between May 15th and September 15th each year.
- **Effective September 15, 2022:** all residential wood burning appliances must be registered and residents using wood burning for heat must complete a declaration of good burning practice.
- **Effective September 15, 2032:** enforcement of prohibition on residential wood burning within the Urban Containment Boundary of Metro Vancouver (UCB), other than registered, compliant appliances (other Metro Vancouver areas within the

Who does not need to comply with the new bylaw?

- Communities outside of the UCB (e.g. Bowen Island, Belcarra and parts of Anmore). Lions Bay is currently within the UCB.
- Low income individuals or families who meet the criteria set out in the [Demand-Side Measures Regulation, B.C. Reg. 326/2008](#) pursuant to the Utilities Commissions Act. By way of example, in Lions Bay, a two-person household earning less than \$20,000 a year would be exempt.

Wood burning appliances that are eligible for registration (that is, may continue to be used from September 16th to May 14th after 2032)

- Appliances that meet the emissions standards prescribed in [Schedule A of the bylaw](#).
- Appliances that do not meet the emissions standards prescribed in Schedule A, but the appliance is the sole source of heat in the home.
- Appliances within a residence operated exclusively with manufactured fire logs and that produce no visible emissions.

It should be noted that most, if not all, open fireplaces will not comply with the required emission standards and will no longer be allowed to be used unless there is a power outage and no other heat source is available. There have been many questions about how one proves eligibility or emissions of less than 4.5 grams per hour for appliances that do not have a current certification. This is still not clear, but I expect detailed information will become available when the registration period begins.

What must one do to be in compliance with the best burning practices declaration?

[Schedule B of the bylaw](#) outlines good burning practices, similar to those available on the [Village website](#) except that it includes the requirement that no visible emissions are produced by a fire other than during startup. It would seem this criterium will be the main means of enforcement.

Please note that the existing [Lions Bay Fire Bylaw](#) already has similar restrictions on what may be burned inside a residence:

“41. No person shall burn material included in Schedule “A” (Section 2 (b) of the Waste Management Act, Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, B.C. Reg 145/93), as it may be amended, including but not limited to domestic waste, demolition waste, plastics or rubber, within the boundaries of the Village of Lions Bay, whether inside or outside a dwelling, in any apparatus designed for combustion, including but not limited to stoves, fireplaces, barbecues, hibachis, incinerators, fire pits and fire rings.”

While this is not necessarily the result the majority of the Village hoped for, as a community that falls inside Metro Vancouver’s Urban Containment Boundary, the bylaw will apply to us in Lions Bay.

As always, we welcome your opinions and input about this or other matters and you can email us at council@lionsbay.ca.

Councillor Neville Abbott



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Public Engagement of Wildfire Smoke Exposure

In the aftermath of another summer which has been impacted by wildfire smoke from outside of our region, Metro Vancouver is supporting a study by researchers at UBC, to hear about residents' experience with wildfire smoke advisories and public health messages. Our hope is that this research can help lead to further improvements in outreach and messaging, so that people who live in BC can be protected from the harmful effects of wildfire smoke.

If you are interested in taking the online survey, please go to the link below. It should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

The survey will remain open until **November 30, 2020**.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



Lions Bay Fire Rescue



Due to new COVID precautions, LBFR think it best not to canvas the village door to door to sell raffle tickets. You can still purchase them in one of two ways:

- 1) There are some at the Village Office, payable by cash or check
- 2) You can call Mattie at 250-266-7873 and pay with credit card over the phone and she can drop them off

The prizes will be drawn Wednesday, November 25th, and are as follows:

- 1) 2 x Rounds of Golf at Northlands Golf Course
- 2) \$100 Cactus Club Gift Card
- 3) 2 x \$100 Gift Cards at Hachi Hana Sushi (North Van)
- 4) 1 x Fire Alarm



SPONSORING THE LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

A message from the Lions Bay Store:

We've long supported local initiatives but have been looking for something everyone can get behind.

The Fire Department is an institution that the Village is proud of and grateful for.

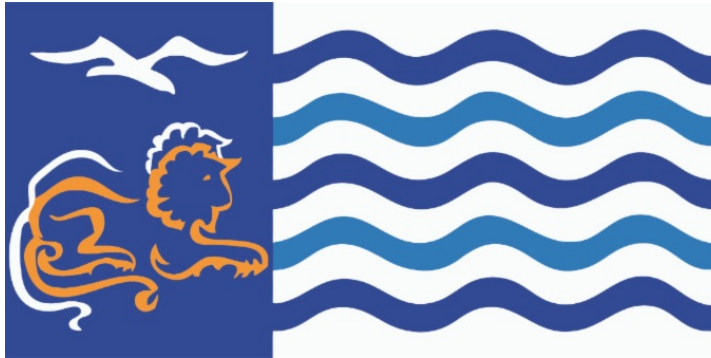
After the cancellation of Fire Fighters Day and reading the Fire Chief's recent Village Update, we have moved to set up an on-going sponsorship of the #LBVFD.

We are excited to announce our long-term charity sponsorship with the Lions Bay Volunteer Fire Department. They keep us all safe so we owe them our gratitude.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020 A PORTION OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT AT THE LIONS BAY LIQUOR STORE WILL BE DONATED TO THE LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT. YOU'VE SUPPORTED US AND WE'LL SUPPORT THEM!!



Lieutenant Cameron and fire-fighter Leclair braved the rain this past Wednesday to educate our lions bay preschoolers on fire safety and dazzle them with a show and tell of the engine.



Village of Lions Bay **NOTICE**

Call for Expressions of Interest

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The Village of Lions Bay is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the select committee for the community's 50th Anniversary Celebrations, through 2021.

The Committee will be largely made up of representatives of established community groups, Council and members at large, one of whom will be a youth representative.

The Committee will meet regularly as required, to manage, implement and provide advice to Council and staff in the creation, development and delivery of community-wide celebrations.

If you are interested in volunteering on the committee that plans and coordinates the activities for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, please apply for consideration of appointment by Council.

All appointments are on a volunteer basis and members serve without remuneration.

In order to be considered, please submit a letter with a brief resume, including why you are interested in serving and any experience you have that will add value to the work of the Committee, no later than 4:30 pm, Wednesday, December 9th to:

Municipal Coordinator
Village of Lions Bay
PO BOX 141, 400 Centre Road
Lions Bay, BC V0N 2E0
Office@lionsbay.ca

If appointed, your name may appear on the Village of Lions Bay website and your contact information will be provided to staff and other Committee members.

Council & Committee Meetings

Council Strategy Session - December 1 & 2, 2020 at 4:00pm via Zoom

Regular Council Meeting - December 15, 2020 at 7pm 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](#).

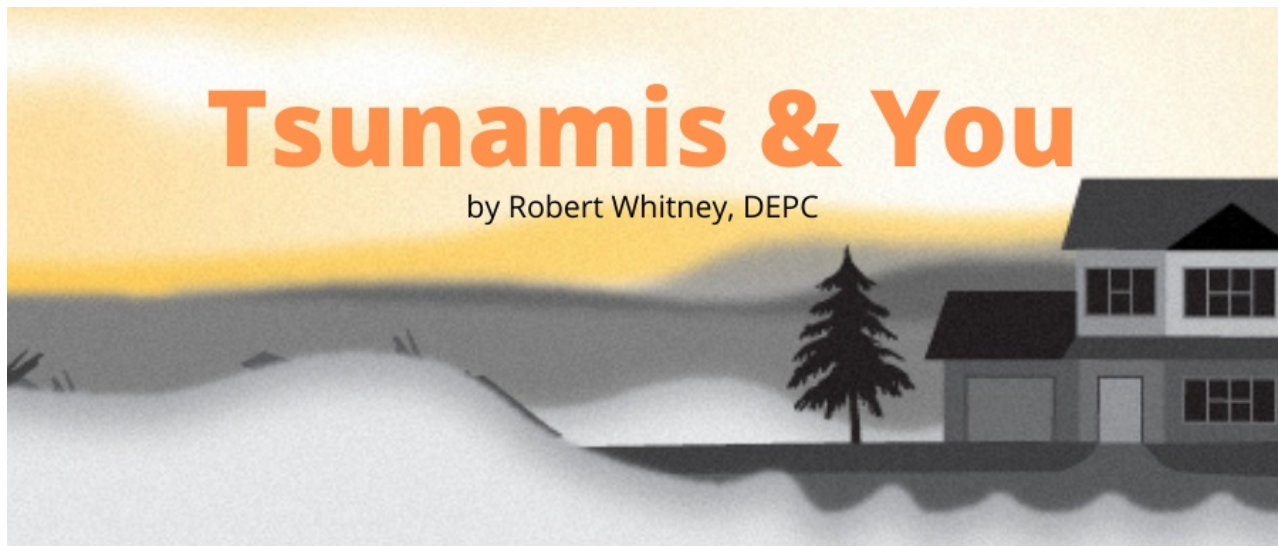
Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).

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. Local governments are now required to collect the first and last names and telephone number, or email address of every person who attends a local government meeting or public hearing in-person.



Hello again. Today I want to talk to you about something that some of us may think about occasionally, usually when an underwater earthquake may possibly cause a tsunami-but usually doesn't, at least not here. That's right. The dreaded T word; tsunami. And I know, you're asking yourself why I'm talking about tsunamis right now in

November when Tsunami Preparedness Week is in April. Well, to be honest there are a couple reasons:

1) To quote the comedic yet strangely wise Monty Python: “Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!” (or in this case tsunamis) and

2) PreparedBC has announced the first ever “do it yourself” [High Ground Hike](#) on Monday November 23. This event is usually part of the Tsunami Preparedness Week activities, but once more we can thank COVID for encouraging us to get out and spend some time alone in nature. And not only that, but from November 23 to December 7 residents of coastal communities can enter the [#HighGroundSelfie contest](#). The prize from this contest will really help with step 1 outlined below.

So, what do we do during a tsunami? That’s the easy part; during the earthquake that is likely to cause the tsunami, do what you would normally do...drop, cover and hold. Once the earthquake passes get to high ground (perhaps the place you selected to go to as part of the High Ground Hike?) and then stay there until you are notified that it is safe to return to lower ground. Do not assume because the water is going back out that it is over, wait until officials give the all clear to return.

Just like any other emergency, minutes and even seconds can be the difference between getting to safety and getting trapped; and if you’re prepared *before* the emergency you have bought yourself a few precious minutes. With that in mind, let me ask you this; what can you do *before* a tsunami to get ready?

1. Be prepared to be on your own. Have a personal emergency plan and a “grab and go” kit with the necessary supplies for everyone in your household for 72 hours to 1 week. This includes medications, food, water, clothing, maps, pet supplies (if you’re taking Fluffy or Spike with you) and can include things like an emergency radio, cell phone chargers/battery backups. It does not include anything you can do without; the point is for it to be easy to transport. Consider connecting with your neighbours to coordinate your efforts to enhance your level of preparedness.
2. Be aware of where the high ground is, and how to get there. Practice getting to high ground by hiking, walking, biking or running there. Remember that tsunami influenced sea levels can be much higher than expected (anywhere from a few inches up to, in some rare instances, 100 feet or more), so when picking your high ground make sure you are far from the potential high water and not just “this *should* be safe”. When choosing your high ground, bear in mind that the earthquake that triggered the tsunami may have created additional hazards to consider, like debris flows, landslides and rock falls.
3. Make sure you know how to get information before and during a tsunami. You may receive information from several sources, from LBAalert to emergency radio broadcasts to the news on your TV or phone to social media. Once you have moved to high ground information may be relayed in person by responders.
4. Do you know your [Tsunami Notification Zone](#)? When information about tsunamis is communicated it will tell you what notification zone it applies to. There are five in BC, and Lions Bay is in Zone E.

Should we panic about tsunamis? Panic won’t help anyone. Should we be prepared for emergencies in general and know how to act for different situations? I think you will find that much more productive and useful – you could even win a prize!

Until next time, stay safe, and keep the wisdom of Monty Python in mind.

Robert

What's Happening in Lions Bay



Light up our Village / Light up our Hearts

With this year's holiday season around the corner, we typically start to think about Christmas Fairs, concerts and get-togethers with friends and families.

With COVID-19 concerns and safety recommendations in place Lions Bay Arts is suggesting that we all put a little extra effort into decorating our property. This could be as simple as an extra length of lights on our house or window - or as elaborate as a decorated tree or sculpture on our front yard.

This is a great way for us to express our creativity, festivity, and share the light in a safe, outdoor - socially distanced way.



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