

April 3, 2020



# Village Update

Your Weekly News & Updates

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Updates from the Municipality

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

I hope everyone is keeping well. This virus knows no boundaries and adhering to precautionary protocols is serious and vital. My street has a trampoline on the front lawn of one of the homes. In better times kids and parents gathered to play and socialize. I recently witnessed the home owner and their young child on the trampoline. Directly across the street an 8-year old stood on his driveway and watched. This is the type of discipline we all must undertake. If you have been abroad, stay in your home for at least 14 days to ensure you have no virus symptoms. All of us need to be an appropriate distance from other people. Families need to keep to themselves and not allow non-family children to mingle with their children.

While their new, Brunswick home is under construction, soon to be returning residents, Russ and Dorothy Meiklejohn sent this [anti COVID – 19 instructional video](#) to me.

The Village Update is not a private sector marketing vehicle. These are, however, extraordinary times and to assist you to reduce your circulation in public we are seeking to bring businesses and service providers together with residents through our community volunteers. If you have a product or service you would like to share with Lions Bay residents, contact [Helen Waterson](#) and she will ensure that your product or service is featured on the [Lions Bay Neighbours facebook page](#). Several are now featured so check it out! Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this one-stop shopping experience geared to the needs of our community, with additional grocery delivery and other services offered by an outstanding group of Lions Bay Neighbours volunteers.

Last week, the Lions Bay General Store was featured, with a link through the [Lions Bay Neighbours](#) page and they are now taking virtual grocery orders. Here are two more examples of community members getting the word out to product and service providers.



Paula & Bruce McLachlan's daughter Courtney was interested in helping her friend Melanie, who is the small business owner of Bowen Island Pizza Company. With the help of Paula & Bruce this past week, through word of mouth, Melanie delivered 127 pizza's ready for the oven on Wednesday. She's incredibly grateful for the support at this time, and will be doing another delivery to our community next Thursday, April 9th! The menu and contact information can be found on her website, with a link through the [Lions Bay Neighbours](#) page.

Dennis and Sheree Mah will be moving to Lions Bay shortly to live with their daughter Danielle and her husband Adam on upper Bayview. They are also small business owners and are the owners of All Natural & Exotic Meats in North Vancouver. Their products and contact information are on their [website](#), with a link through the [Lions Bay Neighbours](#) page. They have offered to take orders and deliver them to you.

Our physical health and spirit are important too. The single highest attended weekly event before Broughton Hall was closed was Tai Chi & Qigong. Sifu (Master) Jose Loerich has gone virtual as of last Tuesday. She is conducting classes for her students and in so doing improving their serenity and well being. Details on how you can participate online are detailed below.

## **Council, Staff, Bylaw, Finance, Infrastructure and Services News**

**Council** – The Council Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be conducted using the [Zoom video conferencing platform](#). Council and staff will be participating via this method and the public are also invited to attend the meeting digitally through Zoom. For instructions on how to do that, click [here](#).

**Bylaw Officers** – At our last meeting Council increased the budget for our two Bylaw Officers to return early. With our lots closed, their primary duty will be parking enforcement to discourage casual visitors who do not park appropriately. Be sure your parking permits are properly affixed to your vehicle.

**Public Works Staff** – Our dedicated crew continues to keep our core infrastructure running in difficult circumstances – thanks guys!

**Administrative Staff** – CFO Pamela Rooke, who has been with the Village for 5 years enjoyed a significant birthday this week. Happy Birthday Pam from all of us!

## **Mayor's Activities of note**

**Conference calls** – I am continually on Zoom video or telephone conference calls with senior government, MP and MLA, senior health executives, Translink, Metro Vancouver, and the

region's Mayors. While the primary topic is grim, communication between everyone has never been better. We are so lucky we are somewhat remote, are able to communicate with most of our residents quickly, and that our small Community has a culture of effectively taking care of each other.

**Beach Park Renovation Grant** – I have been pushing for a significant renovation for three years, and am unhappy to advise that we were not awarded the grant. We will now be building new kayak racks and the playscape in the late Fall. Washroom renovation remains a topic of discussion at Council.

**Wood Burning Apparatuses** – Last week Metro Vancouver voted on the proposed new Bylaw. Background and details of the Bylaw are [here](#) (pages 79-96.) Our negotiations with Metro staff, over many months, concluded with them recommending that Lions Bay being exempted from full compliance for 12 years. A spirited discussion ensued at the Board on the Bylaw and you can see the recording [here](#) (start at 35 minutes.) Many questions you may have will be answered in the recording. The outcome was a weighted vote of 84 to 50 in favor, which reflects the unhappiness of several communities that are affected much sooner than Lions Bay.

**CN Police** – The Constable responsible for Lions Bay came to the Village this week. Our intention is to use their presence to discourage casual visitors who gather and use the CN track to go cliff jumping when the weather gets warmer.

**Highway Noise Volume** – I wrote a blunt email to the Province that I probably shouldn't have sent. This was right about the time COVID-19 was fully recognized for what it is. Resources were being shifted and my primary contact had been seconded elsewhere. The good news is that my request was handed to an individual who understands the issue and wants to help us. We hope to be reviewing options together soon.

**BC Hydro** – Recall the planned power outage in January? Some of you were unhappy with this and wrote to me. I asked BC Hydro to respond and you can find their reply [here](#).

It is not clear what tomorrow and the day after tomorrow is going to be like. I know each one of you is worried. We can all play a part in overcoming COVID-19 if our Community remains safe and healthy. Take care of yourselves and each other.  
Stay safe, stay home, stay healthy,

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# BEAR SEASON IS HERE



Do your part to avoid human-bear conflicts



The Village of Lions Bay is a Bear Smart Community and has bylaws in place to help mitigate human-bear conflicts. One of the key measures enacted requires residents to place their waste at the street on collection days between 5:00 am and 7:30 am. This limits the time waste is left out before being collected. For full details on other measures, please see the [Village of Lions Bay Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013](#).

**Bear Season Has Begun.** Typically, bears tend to den between late November and February – during this time they generally don't need to drink, eat, or even go to the bathroom. Their activity ramps up in early March as they emerge from their dens in search of food. Managing bear attractants is key to reducing human-bear conflicts and each resident of the Village of Lions Bay has a responsibility to manage attractants on their property. Improperly managed garbage, bird seed, unpicked fruit on trees, beehives, and other attractants are the primary cause of human-bear conflict. To help mitigate some of the risks see the helpful tips in the ["Bear Season is Here"](#) infographic.



## COVID-19 and PHYSICAL DISTANCING

You've heard this phrase over and over again and it will continue because it's the only way we can get on top of this nasty virus: Physical Distancing. Each individual has an opportunity to break the cycle of transmission of this disease. So even though others around you may be in less than ideal physical distancing scenarios, there's an important individual obligation to do what you can.

By following the Physical Distancing guidelines, together we can slow the spread of COVID-19. Physical Distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of this illness. The actions you take will affect not only you, but your loved ones and the most vulnerable people in our community. By acting now, you may be saving lives – the life of

a family member, a neighbour, a friend, or a co-worker. With patience and cooperation, it will work. Follow these five tips to help limit the spread:

- [Wash your hands often](#)
- Avoid physical gatherings
- Stay 2 meters away from others
- Stay home unless absolutely necessary
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

For more details and examples, check out this infographic on [Physical Distancing](#).

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**Due Date for Early Payment Discount  
for Utility Fees Extended to  
June 1, 2020**

Please note that the utility due date is December 31, 2020.  
No interest will be charged on your account if you pay by the December 31 due date.

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## COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

[Meeting Calendar](#)

- Regular Council Meeting - April 7 at 7 pm 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 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**

- *Silent viewing only, please do not interrupt Council discussion.*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off*

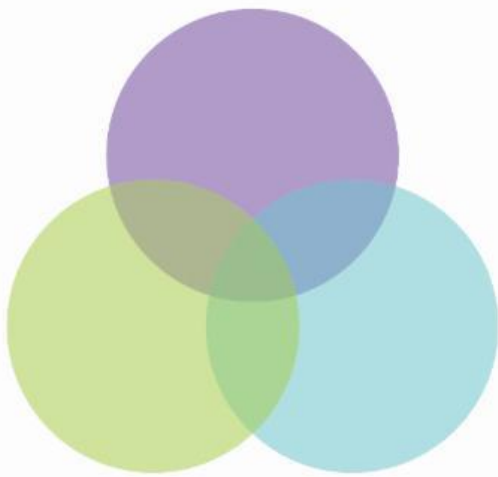
- *If interruption is repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting*

*It is still possible to attend meetings in-person but please be advised that seating is **very** limited in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.*

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## What's Happening in the Community?

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# SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

Dear residents of Lions Bay,

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LBSSC, in collaboration with instructor Sifu (Master) Josie Loehrich, is offering free Qigong virtual classes to residents (and their friends if space permits) online on April 7, 14, 21, and 28 (Tuesdays), at 11AM.

Josie will demonstrate the sequence of exercises for you to follow on your screen at home.

These 40-minute Qigong simple exercise classes are intended: (a) for those wishing to maintain their level of fitness, and (b) for newcomers interested in trying something new during a time of social and physical distancing, or of quarantine.

To register, please submit your name, email and home address to [lpeterso@sfu.ca](mailto:lpeterso@sfu.ca)

Registrants will be provided with the link giving access to the class, with details provided by Josie. Priority will be given first to residents of Lions Bay, followed by friends if space permits. The electronic access is being done by "Zoom".

Stay fit and keep healthy!

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## Are you a grade 12 student?

The Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund was established to honour the life and public service of the first mayor of the Village of Lions Bay, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 to 1981. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually from the trust fund, to the applicant who best exemplifies the criteria described in the official terms of reference for the award. Please see the application form below for more details.

Applications must be received by the Village Office no later than 4:00 pm on April 30, 2020. Click for: [Information and Application Form](#)

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## LIONS BAY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### CALLING ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents Scholarships to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution. Applications are due by 4 pm on May 5, 2020.



We invite you to DONATE to the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, "*Helping Our Students Grow*".

[Application Form](#)

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# LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "LOOKING BACK"



LBHS wishes all our residents strength and resilience through this difficult times. Show compassion and kindness to one another - these times of fear, isolation (both physical and social) and uncertainty are when it is most important that we strengthen our sense of community by connecting with and supporting each other. Remind ourselves that we can manage this much better together.

Now, more than ever, we need to find smart ways to reach out and stay connected.

We are thinking of you and wish you and your loved the best.

Lions Bay Historical Society



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