

May 28, 2021



# Village Update

## News from the Municipality

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## Message from the Mayor

Hello Lions Bay,

The 2020 Village of Lions Bay Annual Report, which covers all financial, departmental, operational, and Community matters that occurred last year will be released for the public's review next Tuesday. Please take a moment to read the Annual Report if you want to know everything about the Village.

On Tuesday the PHO released the [four-point BC Restart Program](#), which revealed staggered dates to increasingly open up the Province. The aim being to return to "normal" by Labor Day. While truly good news in our fight against the pandemic, when I put my Lions Bay focused glasses on, I fear that the large number of visitors we already receive will increase. With finite parking we have a capacity management problem. With no authority or desire to turn people away, the sheer volume of visitors can create chaos, and make the lives of those affected miserable. Most have heard of visitors going onto private property or doing minor vandalism. We will continue to do better to facilitate our visitors by educating and channelling them in the right direction for parking and rest stations to minimize poor choices and behaviour. Residents have also come forward and identified parts of the Community where children play on their street, dogs are about, and parents monitor their kids. Please take a minute to view and listen to last Tuesday's Council meeting when these items were addressed ([Council meeting video, parking plan update at 1 hour and 15 minutes](#)).

Speeding in the Village (40 KPH throughout except for near the Community School which is 30 KPH and on Brunswick Road, which is 20 KPH) continually comes forward as a concern. You will be interested to know the data near the

school from a recent camera emplacement – substantially no speeding. Details from the three-week report are [here](#). If you think the PRV road disrepair issues from May 7-17<sup>th</sup> skewed these stats, look at them after the road was paved ([here](#)). Also unbelievable, speeds drop on the week ends. Guess what this means? The camera is now on Mountain Drive near the tennis courts. Results to be advised when I next write. Two more cameras should be deployed in about two weeks.

Each neighbourhood has its own characteristics and concerns. One that I am greatly disturbed with is the reported incidents of intimidation and bullying conducted by one or two residents within the Lower Kelvin Grove area. To those who do this, be forewarned that any future incidents will be reported immediately to the RCMP by the BEOs, me, and/or through us supporting the visitors and/or residents affected. Such incidents will be catalogued and addressed directly by the RCMP. These individuals who intimidate our visitors and even our fellow residents shame the Village with their actions. We will not put up with this!

With respect to the Kelvin Grove area residents, going to a CN property via transit along their rail line is illegal. The issue and the remedy entirely rest with CN and you should be contacting them directly ([here](#)) to report incidents at the telephone numbers provided. We support CN and our residents by limiting parking, enforcing against violations, and making you aware of the right body to call.

My contact information is at your fingertips if you wish to speak to me on a matter that concerns you.

Stay well and let's keep standing strong together,

Ron  
604 921 7138  
[Mayor.McLaughlin@LionsBay.ca](mailto:Mayor.McLaughlin@LionsBay.ca)



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ON COMMUNICATIONS

### Can we have 10 minutes of your time?

The Village of Lions Bay is looking to improve communications to foster greater engagement and feedback from residents.

The 2021 Communications Survey will examine resident's satisfaction with current communication practices and will seek to understand current communication engagement with the Municipality.

This questionnaire has 25 questions and should take approximately 10 minutes

to complete. A paper copy has also been mailed to you along with the Property Tax Notices. Please complete only one per person - either online or the paper copy.

Your responses will remain anonymous and will never be linked to you personally. Your participation is entirely voluntary. If there are items you do not feel comfortable answering, please skip them.

The results of this survey will provide information that will allow the Municipality to better manage the way it communicates with the public and all answers will be kept confidential.

A summary of the results will be presented to Council. For any questions regarding the survey, please contact the Municipal Coordinator, Karla Duarte at [office@lionsbay.ca](mailto:office@lionsbay.ca) or at 604-921-9333.

If you choose to complete the paper copy, you can submit it in person at the Village Office (400 Centre Road) Monday to Friday (excluding Wednesdays) from 10a.m. to 4p.m., drop it off through the front door slot or in the mailbox at the office, email it to [office@lionsbay.ca](mailto:office@lionsbay.ca), fax it at 604-921-6643 or mail it to PO BOX 141, Lions Bay, BC, V0N 2E0.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey. We appreciate the feedback.

**BEGIN SURVEY  
NOW**



**PLANNED**  
**POWER  
OUTAGE**



**Friday, June 4th**  
**12:15 PM - 12:45 PM**

BC Hydro has issued an outage notification as they will be working in Lions Bay.

Planned power outage will take place on Friday, June 4th from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm (estimated). [Check the Village-wide locations here:](https://www.bchydro.com/power-outages/app/outage-list.html#planned-521980323)  
<https://www.bchydro.com/power-outages/app/outage-list.html#planned-521980323>

To find ways to prepare and get the latest status, visit:  
<https://www.bchydro.com/safety-outages.html>



## Kelvin Grove and Pride Trails Closed from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>

BC Hydro needs to perform some urgent upgrades near their substation on Tidewater Way. The ageing disconnects are failing and cannot simply be repaired but must be replaced. These disconnects are required on both sides of the Lion's Bay substation to provide a mechanism to sectionalize the transmission line should there be a forced outage in either direction towards Horseshoe Bay or Squamish. These enable us to feed Lion's Bay from either direction in an event where a tree or slide impacts the power lines. Replacement of the disconnects requires a new pole to be installed along the Kelvin Grove Trail. Access to the site will be through the Public Works Yard compound and will also impact the Pride Trail. For the duration of this work, both the Pride Trail and the Kelvin Grove Trail will be closed until June 12, 2021.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [works@lionsbay.ca](mailto:works@lionsbay.ca).

## 2021 PROPERTY TAX NOTICES



The 2021 Property Tax Notices will be mailed out on Monday. The due date is **Wednesday, July 14 by 4:00 p.m.** If you do not receive your Property Tax Notice, please contact the Village Office at 604-921-9333 or [reception@lionsbay.ca](mailto:reception@lionsbay.ca).

Home owners can pay by cheque, cash or debit at the Village Office, online through most financial institutions, by credit card through the on-line service portal on the Municipal website, or by dropping off a cheque after hours through the mail slot at the Village Office.

As previously communicated, municipalities will no longer be accepting applications for homeowner grants (HOG's). All applications will now be made through the Province. In order to claim your HOG on-line with the Province, you will need the Village's jurisdiction number (537) and your roll number in the BC Assessment format which can be found on the BC Assessment website. <https://www.bcassessment.ca/Property/AssessmentSearch>



## A message from Fire Chief Andrew Oliver

LBFR has entered the Wildfire/Infrastructure protection section of our training. In this portion, we study how to fight small wildfires, and manage resources to fight bigger ones; we also learn how to use our tools and resources to protect Lions Bay, its homes and environment. See below for photos from our last weekend course for Proper and Safe Use of Chainsaw, as well as its maintenance.

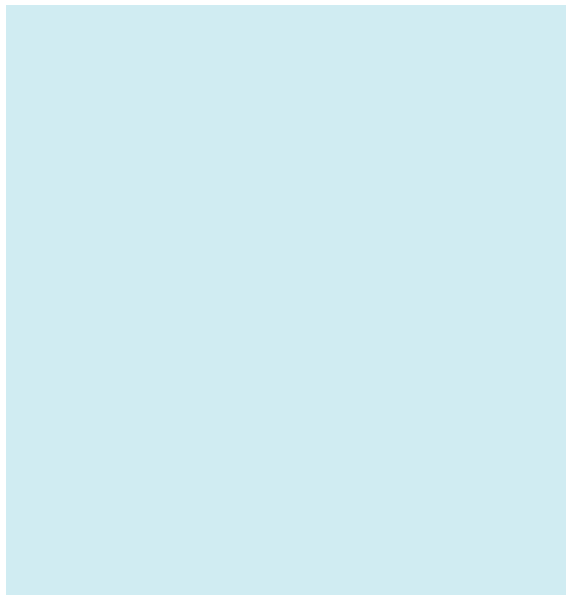
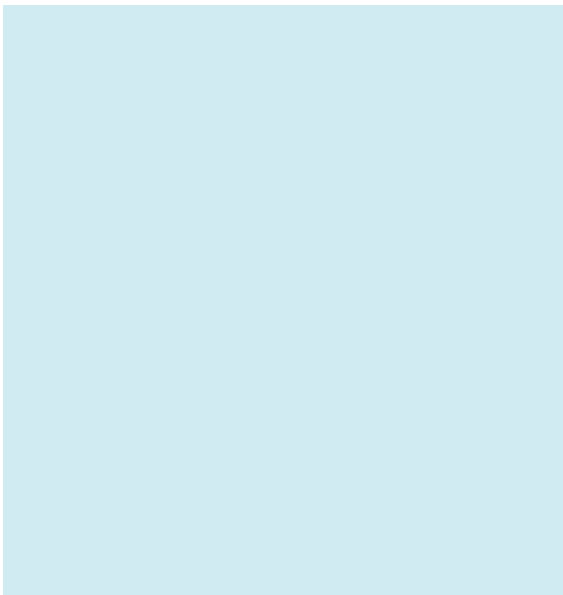


We have already had two calls for Wildland fires in the past few weeks, one where our crews worked tirelessly along BC Forestry for many hours over the weekend. Fortunately we were prepared both in our equipment and training, and the fire was contained.

As the summer season is approaching, LBFR would like to remind you of there are many steps you can take to keep our homes safe from possible wildfire threats.

1. Keep your BBQ away from the walls of your house, roofs or soffits. Make sure to always clean the grease off and turn it off.
2. No campfires allowed anywhere at this time of the year.
3. Clear all brush, grass, tress, and branches at least 4 feet away from your home.

See photos attached of chainsaw course and training.





## INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL STARTING NEXT WEEK



*What:*

The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) and the Village of Lions Bay (VOLB) have partnered together to carry out herbicide control of Giant Hogweed and Tansy Ragwort, as well as mechanical control of Yellow-Flag Iris in Lions Bay. The SSISC aims to control the spread of these species via early detection and treatment. We wish to contain the species to the southern area of the Sea to Sky Corridor and

reduce its spread into more northern regions.

**When:**

The treatments are planned between May 31st and July 1st 2021.

**Methods:**

**Mechanical and Herbicidal Control by SSISC staff. SSISC Staff:**

- are highly trained, certified pesticide applicators
- follow standard protocols that dictate the wind and temperature conditions within which we can spray
- observe Pesticide-free zones around bodies of water
- abide by the herbicide label, the Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulations and all other relevant federal, provincial and local regulations and bylaws
- record accurate survey, treatment and monitoring records

For more information [click here](#).

# CLEAN AIR DAY IS JUNE 2ND



Did you know the Village of Lions Bay is an idle-free community -- every day. We love our clean air as much as the view! Not idling gas or diesel-powered vehicles is a simple way to help keep our air quality clean and reduce GHG emissions. Check [here for Myths and Facts about Idling](#) and here for the [Village of Lions Bay Anti-idling bylaw](#).

Here are some fun facts:

- According to Natural Resources Canada, idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it.
- One vehicle idling for five minutes burns just over one-tenth of a litre, which at \$1.50 a litre, saves you about 15 cents for not idling about.
- Idling burns your fuel and money, but it doesn't get you anywhere!

Please support [Clean Air Day](#) and your future, stay idle-free every day.



# GREEN WASTE

Unlimited *Residential\** Green Waste?

Yes! Council has decided not to place a limit on residential green waste collection. To accommodate this decision staff have negotiated an increase to the waste collection contract for the balance of 2021. A new request for proposal will be issued later this summer that will include this provision as a requirement for our future waste hauler.

*\*Commercial gardeners and landscape companies must dispose of their own contracted yard waste.*

If you have questions or concerns please email [works@lionsbay.ca](mailto:works@lionsbay.ca).



- Board of Variance Meeting, June 1 @ 6:30pm
- 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting, June 1 @ 7:30pm
- Climate Action Committee Meeting, June 2 @ 7pm
- Regular Council Meeting, June 15 @ 7pm

Note: We have changed 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](#).

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.

As per the current Provincial Health Order, no public can attend any Council or Committee meetings in person until the Order is rescinded or changed.

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## SCARECROWS TIME TO GO HOME

After a nice couple of days soak in the forest its time to take your treasures home please. If all the Scarecrows could be removed in the first week of June it would be appreciated and perhaps redeploy them in your garden to scare away the bears !!!

- Thanks again to all the participants for your most excellent efforts
- Thanks to the judges
- Thanks to Lions Bay Arts for the prizes and lastly
- Thanks to 50th anniversary committee



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What's Happening in Lions Bay

# Trailblazer Raffle



Win this ORIGINAL  
Painting by local artist  
Barbara San  
Severino

June 1-Sept 31/21

On display @  
Lions Bay General  
Store and Cafe

Tickets \$10  
3 for \$20  
Entry box in the store

\*Call or message me  
If you are unable to  
make it to the store  
604 779-2953  
[barbarasanseverino@  
gmail.com](mailto:barbarasanseverino@gmail.com)  
I will arrange tickets

Support the amazing team of local  
volunteers who build and maintain our  
spectacular local trails. Buying a ticket  
to win this piece of art (on display at LB  
store) will help them with tools and  
supplies necessary for this endless and  
exhausting work.

We all benefit from these glorious and  
vast, world class trails. Please help out  
by buying tickets.

100% of ticket sales goes to the  
Trailblazer team

This is a original, one of a kind, signed,  
acrylic on canvas (36" x48")painting.  
Delivery and installation to your home  
included.



# TRESPASSING ON RAILWAY TRACKS IS DANGEROUS

Always keep a safe distance from trains.  
Occupying railway property and tracks is illegal.  
Everyone's safety depends on it!

## ===== DID YOU KNOW? =====



The average train needs at least 2 km to stop



Trains can often appear slower and farther away than they actually are



Today's trains are remarkably quiet and you may not hear them coming

**See something unsafe?  
Say something!**

Call CN Police at 1-800-465-9239