



Village Update

News from the Municipality



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please
read me**

Black bears live, play, rest and raise their young in the forests surrounding Lions Bay. At this time of year bears are actively searching for food and you will see them in the community. Expect to see them on trails, crossing roads, in neighbourhoods and even at the beach. You can encounter a black bear anywhere in the Village, at any time of day or night. Public Works will do their best to post signage where sightings have been reported – that said, understand that bears travel great distances and may have moved on by the time we put up signage.

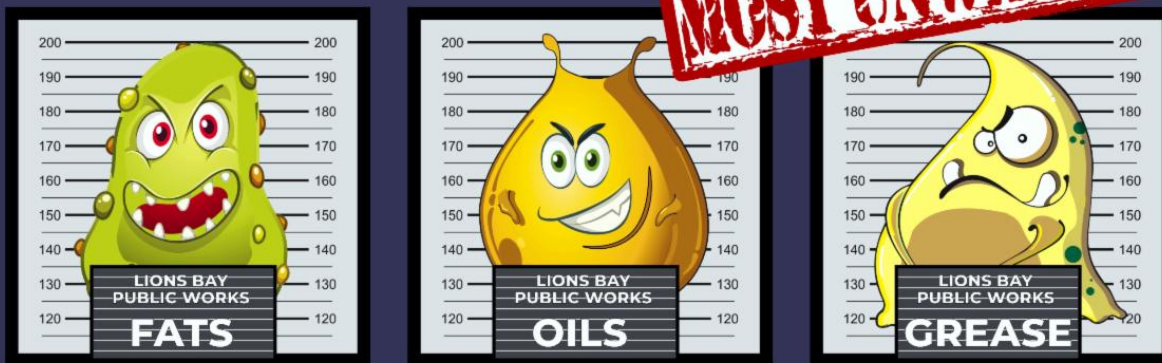
Bears Remember!

Black bears have great recollection – if you had a bear in your unsecured garbage or unpicked fruit tree last year, expect them to pay you another visit if you haven't secured your attractants. Store garbage and food scraps inside a garage or secure and locked enclosure – it's the law. Bears enjoy BBQ's too, so clean BBQ grills and grease traps after each use and keep vehicles secure and free from garbage and food.

By taking steps to secure attractants from bears, you'll reduce their reason for being in the neighbourhood and encourage them to find natural foods in the forests nearby. Tragically, bears that find food from humans are often killed. As a Bear Smart Community, it's up to each and every resident to show respect and do their part to be responsible residents in bear country.

What the FOG!

MOST UNWANTED



Putting fats, oils and grease (or FOG) down the sink can cause a real pain in the drain. As they travel through pipes, these items harden and pick up other materials along the way. The result: a congealed mess that can clog pipes and block sewers resulting in costly and disgusting backups in your home.

In your home and septic system: FOG's can cause blockages in your plumbing and sewer line before making it to the septic system. Once in your septic tank, they can congeal and harden making them near impossible to remove without replacing your tank, if they get into your field, they will harden causing blockages resulting in a failed septic system.

In the Municipal sewers (Kelvin Grove neighbours): FOG's can cause blockages that will result in backups to several homes at a time. Once they reach the Kelvin Grove Treatment Plant, they disrupt the normal bacteriological process and result in untreated sewage being discharged into the ocean at the Kelvin Grove Beach Park. FOG's also go rancid in the treatment plant emitting terrible odors in the Park and surrounding neighbourhood.

What can't go down the drain!

Most of us know bacon grease doesn't go down the drain, but did you know that there are lots of other foods that can clog pipes and foul treatment?

- FATS – dairy products (milk, cream, yogurt, kefir, cheese), butter, margarine, shortening, gravy, peanut butter, ice cream
- OILS – cooking oils (olive, coconut, canola, vegetable, peanut, etc.), salad dressing
- GREASE – animal fats left over from cooking meats (bacon grease, pan drippings, etc.), gravy, mayonnaise

Did you know that FOG's can also enter the drain in the bathroom? Sources include tanning oils, bath oils, cosmetics (makeup, lipstick), and some soaps.

How to dispose of fats, oils, and grease

Scrape small amounts left over on plates, pots and pans into your green bin before washing them. Larger amounts of grease and oil, like deep fryer oil, can be dropped off at a recycling depot that accepts grease and oil.

If you need to dispose of a lot of used cooking oil and can't get to a depot, try putting small amounts in your green bin every day until you have disposed of the

entire amount. Only put in what can be absorbed by the contents of your green bin (fuller green bins can absorb more liquids than emptier ones). Excess liquids in the green bin can cause problems further down the line, as the trucks that collect green bins are not designed to handle liquids.

Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award Winner: Lucy Jeffery



And the winner is...

We are very pleased to announce that the winner of this year's Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award is Lucy Jeffery, who will be pursuing a career in professional theatre. This year's applicants were all very strong contenders and the committee had a tough job deciding on the winner. Congratulations to all, and especially Lucy.

In addition to her strong scholastic achievements, volunteerism and passion for acting, Lucy is also an accomplished musician, and has played at Remembrance Day and other ceremonies in the Village over the years. Take a minute to [watch Lucy singing a song she wrote](#) in the video submitted as part of her application.

The Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund was established to honour the life and public service of the first mayor of the Village, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 to 1981. The annual award is given to the applicant who best exemplifies the following criteria which are, in no particular order:



Lions Bay, BC, Canada or world citizenship, for example leadership, fundraising,

volunteering, organizations, travel, family.

Personal Achievement, for example: arts, athletics, awards and prizes, education, offices held, team participation, and work experience;

Future plans, for example: career, educational aspirations, service and travel.

Councillor Neville Abbott on behalf of the Curly Stewart Award Committee

Councillor.abbott@lionsbay.ca



2020 Annual Report

The 2020 Annual Report is now available for review. It can be viewed on the Village website [here](#), or at the Village Office.

Council will consider the Annual Report at the regular Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the report.



As previously communicated, municipalities will no longer be accepting applications for home owner grants (HOG's). All applications must 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>. You can also search for your property using your civic address - please use the civic address as shown on your property tax notice.



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 by **June 25, 2021**.

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 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, 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



Council & Committee Meetings

- 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, only five people can be in the Council Chambers at one time.

GET THE BC WILDLIFE FOUNDATION APP!

See trash/waste near Tunnel Bluffs? Spot illegal campfires?
[There's an app for that!](#)

The B.C. Wildlife Foundation (BCWF) has an app for Android and iPhone that allows users to quickly report environmental infractions related to natural resource use/abuse with a few clicks. It uploads GPS data into the BCWF map and automatically fills in a R.A.P.P. violation report. Additionally, BCWF pays rewards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to a conviction of persons who have violated laws.

What's Happening in Lions Bay

OLYMPIC SPIRIT SHINES BRIGHTLY!

Village gardeners created this patriotic red and white planting display to shine awareness on the upcoming Olympic Games! This floral tribute “kicks off” the 50th Anniversary Committees’ Olympic initiatives which will soon include an Olympic Rally to be held on the day of the Opening Ceremonies July 23rd, 2021.

Trudi Luethy and Vicky Kirby were consulted about the proposed location at the

Memorial to our fallen Soldiers. Trudi wrote, "Our hero Norman and all the Veterans would be PROUD of our Lions Bay Olympian to be representing Canada...the very essence and fabric they fought for and gave their lives to in WWII."

After the planting was completed in the shape of the letter "V", Trudi and Victoria agreed this symbolized "Victory"...a double entendre referencing our wartime victories for peace, and our upcoming quest for Gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Victoria Rodgers

PS We've left a watering can at the side of the Village Hall. Anyone with a "Green Thumb" is welcome to water and care for our Village Olympic 2020 Tribute!





Transit Service Changes

Starting June 21, 2021 Translink will make service changes. They do so every January, April, June, and September to reflect both seasonal changes in demand and to deliver more service to help customers get around the region.

262 Lions Bay/Caulfeild

On weekdays, the 262 Lions Bay/Caulfeild will come:

Every 30 minutes from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (from every 60 minutes)

Hourly until 11 p.m.

To sign up for alerts and check out more information, visit:

<https://www.translink.ca/schedules-and-maps/service-changes>

Reminder to pick up your Scarecrows

Thank you to everyone for participating in the Scarecrow Competition!

If you have not already done so, please pick up your scarecrow from the trail.

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Saturday July 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. our own team member Joel [@allarms7](#) Payeur will be running non stop for 24 hours to raise money for the Lions Bay Search and Rescue team. Joel is a competitive endurance athlete and has been competing internationally for several years. We've had the pleasure of having him a part of our team for over 5 years. During this time he has also done a lot of work with [@bcadvsmart](#)

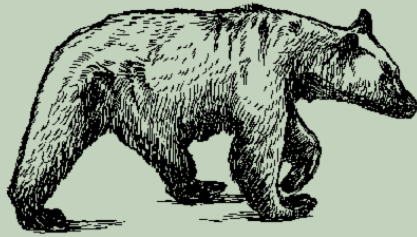
He will be running exclusively throughout our search area from Porteau Cove to St. Marks and all the way down to the trails in the Lion's Bay Village.

If you would like to donate you can go directly to www.LBSAR.com. If you could please leave a note in the optional message box stating that your donation is a part of this fundraiser to reach Joel's goal of raising \$3,000.00!

Be sure to follow our Instagram stories on the day of the run as he will be updating us all on his adventure.



BEAR SEASON IS HERE



KEEP OUR BEARS ALIVE

Avoid Human-Bear Conflicts



Use Bear Resistant Waste Containers

- Keep garbage inside until the morning of garbage collection.
- Odorous garbage can be kept inside a plastic bag and frozen until garbage day.
- Residents should be proactive in encouraging neighbour's to help educate them about bear attractants.
- Garbage should not be left in the back of vehicles or under canopies; they aren't bear proof and will likely get damaged.



Be Vigilant With Composting

- Remove any meat, meat by-products, fish, and cooked fruit and vegetables from compost.
- Sprinkle lime in compost. The lime will aid the composting process and help to reduce the odour.
- Covering the compost with a light cover of dirt or soil or a heavy cover of grass clippings will also assist with odours.
- If the conflict persists the compost bin may have to be removed.



Keep Pet Food Inside and Locked Up

- Pet food should be kept in an airtight, non-odorous container locked inside residences.
- Pet food should not be left unattended outside.
- If pets are fed outdoors, bring in the food dish between feedings.



Fruit Trees are an Easy Target

- Pick fruit as it ripens since ripe fruit has a high caloric value and is a highly sought after food source by bears.
- Fruit can be picked before it ripens and then can be stored indoors while it ripens.
- Let others pick your fruit if you don't use it.
- If you don't want the fruit trees then have them removed.

Remember that bears are wild animals and should be treated with caution.

Reporting a sighting does not mean BC Conservation Officers will automatically kill the bear. If a bear can be scared away from residential areas on its first visit, and attractants such as garbage are removed, the bear will be more likely to return to the mountains to forage for natural food sources.



**Call the BC Conservation Officer Service Hot Line:
1-877-952-RAPP
#7277 on your cellular**



Keep Barbeques Clean

- Barbeques and drip pans should be cleaned after each use since grease and fat are a high calorie food source for bears.
- Barbeques should be kept locked inside a bear-proof shed after they have been cleaned.
- Covering a cleaned barbeque will further help to reduce the transmission of food odour.
- A barbeque stored within a shed that has an uncleaned grill or drip pan will still attract bears and could possibly lead to property damage.



Bird Feeders are Irresistible to Bears

- Birdseed and suet are high protein food source for bears.
- Use bird feeders only in the winter when bears are denning and natural bird food is limited.
- Take bird feeders in at night
- Keep the ground underneath the feeders clean and free of bird seed.
- Fill your feeders regularly with just a small amount of feed, which will decrease the reward a bear would receive if it does get to your feeder.



Bears Love Beehives and Honey

- Beehives are a high calorie and high protein food source for bears.
- Protect hives with electric fencing.
- Placing beehives on platforms with an overhang of two metres or more can be an effective deterrent
- Wiring beehives together with metal strapping can also help prevent damage to beehives
- Don't set up beehives during early springtime when other sources of food for bears are not available or may be scarce



Use Electric Fencing

- To keep bears out of gardens, apiaries, and away from fruit trees, consider installing electric fencing.
- New energizers, chargers and fence designs have recently revolutionized electric fencing in North America
- Many different designs including portable electric fences are available
- Designs incorporate charged and alternately charged wire, with trip wires and ground wires
- The latest designs have every wire charged
- Maintenance to keep electrical fencing functional can be significant. Wire tension must be maintained; vegetation under the fence must be removed to prevent grounding.