



# Village Update

July 28, 2021

## LIONS BAY OLYMPIC RALLY TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY!



### CROWD CHEERS WILDLY FOR TEAM CANADA'S WOMENS EIGHT Live streamed from Tokyo to Lions Bay School Field

Watch the video of the Rally highlights below!



*Canada takes Second Place in a close battle between New Zealand, China and Great Britain...and achieves second fastest heat time of the seven international crews.*

On Friday, the sudden change in schedule of the Women's Eight Heat at the Tokyo Olympics was serendipitous! With over 300 excited Villagers and guests gathered for the Lions Bay Olympic Rally, organizers quickly pivoted their

focus. Turning from the Main Stage, and recent speeches which had ignited the crowd, the Event's Media and Logistics Leaders Jan Erik Schneider and Leslie Nolin successfully connected live streaming action on the Sea Forest WaterWay in Tokyo, Japan.

Crowds took in the best of Women's Eight international racing! For the first 1500m, our Canadian crew battled to take first place position from Team China, and then headed to the finish line "neck and neck" with Team New Zealand. Lions Bay fans jumped to their feet. Cheers of "Go Madison Go" and "CA-NA-DA" were heard throughout the Village. NZ, with a final powerful stroke, inched ahead beating Canada at the finish line by a mere 0.3 seconds.

**What Happened at Tuesday's Repechage, and when is the FINAL?** Team Canada was calm, cool and smooth in Tuesday's race...despite the heavy winds, and rough waters. They easily qualified for the Finals in second place behind Romania with both boats beating the previous Olympic Record of 5:56.55. Canada's time of 5:53.73 has got our Women's Eight believing! The Final is currently scheduled for Thursday, July 29th at 6pm PT.

[Video #1 MP4 of Supporters Cheering Madison On - Start!](#)

[Video #2 MP4 of Supporters Cheering Madison On - Mid Race!](#)

[Video #3 MP4 of Supporters Watching the Race - The Finish!](#)



*Photo credit to Shakil Kassam*



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## HIGHLIGHTS of the OLYMPIC RALLY EVENT PROGRAMME

From the Olympic Rally Main Stage, emcee Brenda Broughton's positive energy shone! While on the school field many friends and neighbours joyfully reunited...reunions made sweeter after the many months of pandemic isolation measures. "Magic," was what one attendee said he felt.

Every speaker delivered outstanding, passionate messages, and rallied the crowd of Olympic Supporters for Team Canada. The Village will be forever grateful to our Dignitaries, Olympians and Entertainers who contributed to making this event so meaningful.

Photos of Olympic Rally Delegates below





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[Read July 24th North Shore News: "It Takes a Village," opinion by John Weston.](#)

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*Watch the January 23rd Opening of Olympic Rally Speech, "Raising an Olympian", by Victoria Rogers and Kim Mailey.*

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### FINAL WORDS from the Editor...

This concludes our 4 part Village Update "Special Olympic Edition," published weekly in July 2021. Many thanks to Noelene Searle and Karla Duarte for their amazing support in this production. We feel honoured to have brought these Olympic highlights to your homes.

I applaud so many of our Villagers who helped to make this publication and Olympic Rally a reality: Major McLaughlin, Council, and the 50th Anniversary Committee who believed in our vision; Brenda Broughton and Leslie Nolin who "made vision a reality"; our team of over 50 volunteers whose contributions will be forever appreciated, and our Village Olympians, whose stories have evoked our sense of patriotism, and deeply inspired us.

I believe Lions Bay's Olympic Spirit has raised the bar! We have set an example

to all communities across B.C. and Canada. Let's keep cheering for the rest of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games!

## GO TEAM CANADA!

*Victoria Rogers*  
Lions Bay Olympic Lead/50th Committee  
Tokyo 2020

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GO TEAM CANADA: From the Olympic Rings at Whistler, B.C.



Lions Bay Hiking Club Having "Sleepless Nights" over Thursdays W8+ Final!



Vancouver Island Locals from Elk Lake Cheer on Team Canada!

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**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...  
CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW:**

JULY 7, 2021 – [Featuring Olympian John Smart](#)

JULY 14, 2021 – [Featuring Olympian Margaret Langford](#)

JULY 21, 2021 - [Featuring resident Olympians and video update from Tokyo!](#)

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