



Village Update

Mayor's Message



Hello Lions Bay,

Here are some decisions from Tuesday's Council meeting. For more details, read the agenda or watch the meeting's video [here](#).

1. The Green and Inclusive Community Building Program – Council asked staff to investigate whether we are eligible and if so, begin the application process which would see a “green lens” upgrade/retrofit to Broughton Hall.
2. Several Climate Action Committee initiatives were approved.
3. A secondary suite initiative which would favor landlords who rent to individuals key to the Village (eg. emergency and other services) was discussed. This will come back for more discussion before the year end.

There still seems to be some confusion on wood burning. Brief facts are:

- Lions Bay is part of the 23-member federation of Communities that is known as Metro Vancouver Regional District (Metro). As a tangible initiative towards public health and combatting further Climate deterioration, Metro's Communities designated Urban have agreed to:
 - request that all wood burning devices, to make them as efficient as possible, conform to current standards by September 15, 2025, or about 4 years from now. For both Urban and Rural Communities there is no burning from the period of May 15-September 15 of each year, unless it is the sole source of heating.
- Lions Bay Fire Chief Oliver is supportive of the no burning period.
- We negotiated a special exemption for Lions Bay in 2020 so our burning devices need not be upgraded until September 15, 2032, or about 11 years from now.
- Some of us only use our fireplaces occasionally. They do not need to be upgraded if manufactured wood with less particulate release is burned.
- Lions Bay has been designated Urban in one form or another since incorporation. We have a concentrated population within our 2.51 square kilometer boundary. By comparison, our neighbor, Bowen Island has a Rural designation. They have

2.75 times our population, but are 20 times geographically larger. They are also part of the Islands Trust along with over 450 other islands in the Salish Sea.

- More details of the legislation and best practices are [here](#).

As the picture shows, Mary and I enjoy our wood stove which was installed in 1990. We will be swapping it out for the current generation of the one we have. It looks identical with the same external specs so a change should be easy. Cost of the unit is about \$2,200 before we get an anticipated \$750 incentive rebate from Metro. Whether urban or rural, the insurance companies require WETT certification for fire/life safety reasons so be sure to tick that box if you're planning an upgrade.

This March we decommissioned our 31-year-old electric fired hot water furnace and replaced it with an extremely efficient heat pump. Cost was \$7K before we received a \$2K rebate from BC Hydro. Our energy consumption has dropped meaningfully since the pump was installed. Rarely is our 3rd heating source, electric baseboards which are located in parts of our home, used.

This Community is passionate about nature, protecting our wildlife and sponge reefs, and being good global minded citizens. Being included in the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve is a new matter of pride for us. On October 17th, please come and celebrate Lions Bay's 50th and commemorate the designation of Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve (see invitation below).

Reducing our footprint is evidenced by how seriously we take recycling. Per available data, Lions Bay has the lowest garbage output per household in Metro. It is important to Mary and I to walk the talk. Without thinking of how efficiency will see pay back over time, the cost to implement our upgrades is the right thing for us to do since we will be warmer, use less power, and do our part to improve public health and reduce climate deterioration.

I would like to acknowledge CN's partnership. The Brunswick Beach and Tidewater Way crossings were due for replacement per the new Transport Canada Grade Crossing Regulations. With support from CN, staff secured a \$52,000 contribution from Transport Canada and negotiated a seamless execution of the work with CN, providing significant savings and efficiencies for the Village.

When I called on them, they took ownership of the problem with summer visitors in lower Kelvin Grove accessing the cliff jumping area via their tracks. I thanked Constables McRae and Brisard for what they have done for us last week. We look forward to seeing their return next year.

Our Bylaw Officers Chris, Kevin, and Mike are also finished for the year as of October 31st. They have a tough job at the best of times. I want to thank them for their diligence, professionalism, and sensitivity while they patrolled the Village this year.

Stay well and enjoy the holiday, we have so much to give thanks for.

Ron

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**The Village Office
will be closed**

Monday, October 11th

for Thanksgiving

(will reopen Tuesday, October 12th at 9AM)





Celebrate Lions Bay's 50th Anniversary and Commemorate Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound designation as a UNESCO Biosphere Region

October 17th - Beach Park

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- ★ **Let's gather together safely to celebrate two amazing events happening in our 50th year as a Village.**
- ★ **Learn more about what it means to be a UNESCO Biosphere.**
 - **How did we qualify for this designation?**
 - **What it means to be a part of a UNESCO Biosphere.**
 - **How can you be involved in making a difference?**

A celebratory cake will be served. Please bring your own hot beverages. See you there!



BE A PART OF THE CLIMATE ACTION TALK WITH COUNCIL!

The Village of Lions Bay is currently seeking one (1) volunteer to serve on the Climate

Action Committee until the end of the current Council's term (October 15, 2022).

The Committee is comprised of two (2) members of Council and members-at-large being residents or property owners of the Village. Members will have demonstrated leadership and/or commitment within the environmental community and be committed to working in a collaborative manner for the betterment of the environment of the Village.

The Village of Lions Bay Climate Action Committee was established to provide a local perspective and advice to Council to mitigate the Village's corporate and community Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) and pursue reduction targets, policies, and actions related to Climate Action, as identified in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The Terms of Reference can be viewed online [here](#).

If you are interested in volunteering on the Committee, 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, Thursday, October 21, 2021 to:

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



Paving is tentatively scheduled to begin on Wednesday October 20, 2021

Crews will be working extended days between 7:30am and 9:30pm from Wednesday to Friday evening as they strive to accomplish the work within the three days. Please note that these dates are interim and tentative and ultimately driven by the weather.

No Roadside Parking will be allowed along Isleview Place for the three days required for this work; temporary no parking signage will be installed as a reminder. To enable

the work to proceed as efficiently as possible we ask that you **park your vehicle(s) wholly on your driveway or outside the paving areas** in locations such as the Park and Ride or Lions Bay Beach Park parking lot. Residents can make use of the Lions Bay Beach Parking lot for free during this paving project as long as your Resident Permit is visible in your windshield.

Accessing your driveway will be problematic, at best **there will be significant delays accessing your driveways during construction** activities – please plan ahead. If you need to leave your home while work is under way, please ensure your vehicle is out of the area before 7:00 am. Please note that access to driveways cannot be guaranteed once the paving operation has begun.

For those of you who have landscaping protruding out onto the blacktop, you have a little over a week to rectify the situation. If you need assistance determining what is required, please contact Public Works at works@lionsbay.ca.

With the change in date to the 20th, work will coincide with waste collection day (Friday) – **please note that waste collection will not be negatively impacted**. BA Blacktop will work with Waste Control Services to ensure every property is serviced.

We understand that the above restrictions will cause inconveniences and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this work.

What to do if you meet a bear

As many of us head out on the trails this Thanksgiving weekend, the Bear Smart team would like to remind you what to do if you encounter a bear. They'll be out and about fattening up for their winter hibernation. Please keep enticing food scraps and pumpkins out of reach so our bears don't get themselves in trouble. If you do see a bear, please remember to report the sighting at www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR

IT IS NORMAL TO BE FRIGHTENED WHEN YOU SEE A BEAR. HOWEVER, IT IS RARE THAT BEAR ENCOUNTERS BECOME AGGRESSIVE OR DANGEROUS. BELOW IS A QUICK LIST OF INFORMED BEHAVIOURS TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH BEARS.



AT A DISTANCE

back away and take an alternative route

UP CLOSE

Stay calm, talk to the bear calmly and slowly back away
(do not run)
Show that you are not a threat, ensure the bear has an exit route

AT YOUR HOME



If a bear is hanging around your home, from a safe place (a deck or window) use a firm tone tell the bear to leave (be persistent).

If the bear is attracted to a food source at your property, in a firm loud voice encourage the bear to move on. Remove the food source before the bear can get to it only if it is safe to do so (such as closing a door or window). Never put yourself in close proximity to the bear.



SURPRISE ENCOUNTERS

If you surprise a bear it may feel threatened and act defensively. If a black bear bluff charges you and stops, give it plenty of space and slowly back away facing the bear. Talk calmly and get your bear spray ready. If attacked, play dead by laying on the ground on your stomach with your hands over your neck. Let the bear know you are not a threat. Stay down until you are sure the bear has left.

AGGRESSIVE BEARS

If a bear stalks you, advances directly towards you or circles you, react aggressively by making loud noises and making yourself look big. If necessary, throw rocks at the bear or use bear spray. If the bear attacks, fight back.

DID YOU KNOW?

If the bear stands on its hind legs it is curious and trying to get a better look and sniff out a safe exit.
If you live in bear country, the odds of being attacked are extremely rare. The vast majority of human-bear interactions do not result in human injury.



Don't Blast Unless you Ask!

With Halloween just around the corner, we would like to remind you of the Fireworks Policy.

The Fire Bylaw bans the use of High Hazard Fireworks within the Village. It does allow the use of Consumer Fireworks, with at least one week's notice and approval from the Fire Chief, with the following conditions:

Policy: Residents may use Consumer Fireworks on October 31 and New Year's Eve of any year, but not Canada Day because of the high risk at that time. They must give the Village Office notice one week in advance. The notice given to the Village Office must include the time, place and type of fireworks to be involved, who is to handle them and set them off and contact information for that person. This will allow time for the Fire Chief to conduct an inspection and provide information of where and how the fireworks are to be let off if he deems necessary.

The fireworks may then only be used if the Fire Chief is satisfied that they:

- a. May be discharged without creating a risk of fire or injury;
- b. May be discharged without being propelled at any building, structure, hedge or vegetation;
- c. Will not be discharged within 30 metres of any location where flammable materials are stored;
- d. Are not High Hazard fireworks;
- e. Are not Movie Pyrotechnics, which are addressed under the Village of Lions Bay Filming Policy.

For more information, please contact the Village at feedback@lionsbay.ca.



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 26th

- Special Council Meeting - October 12th at 4:00 pm
- Climate Action Committee - October 12th at 7:00 pm - RESCHEDULED TBD
- Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award Committee - October 18th at 5:00 pm

What's Happening in Lions Bay



Introducing ArtSpark After School. We're launching this month with classes for 2 age groups:

Ages 8-11 Mondays from 3:30-4:30 at the village hall. (With allowances for late buses from Gleneagles!) Starts Monday, October 18, runs through Monday, November 22. Member pricing is \$75/6 classes. (\$110 for non-members includes a lifetime family

membership to Lions Bay Arts.) The instructor is Barb San Severino.

Grades K-3 Tuesdays, doubles as after school care, 2:45-3:45 at Lions Bay Elementary School. Starts Tuesday, October 19, runs through Tuesday, November 22. Member pricing is \$115/6 classes. (\$150 for non-members includes a lifetime family membership to Lions Bay Arts.) Maximum 8 kids. The instructor is Lorena Fierro.

Contact me if you have questions, or to sign up: robinspano@gmail.com



2021 Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation Customer Survey - Sea to Sky Highway Improvement Project

Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation, the contractors responsible for maintenance along the Sea to Sky Highway in Lions Bay, are conducting a customer survey. Your input can lead to improvements in operations and road infrastructure for the highway and the interchanges in Lions Bay. Please take the time (5 – 10 min) to complete the survey and let your voice be heard.

[Click here for the survey!](#)



Discover Lions Bay *Walking Tour*

What is the largest creek running through Lions Bay?

The 50th Anniversary committee has created the 'Discover Lions Bay' self-guided walking tour that guides walkers to 10 points-of-interest throughout Lions Bay.

Follow the map on a journey to learn more about what makes up our amazing community. Each stop will be marked with a small sign and a QR code where you can learn more about that point of interest. It is a great way to get outdoors and discover your community. Pick up your "Discover Lions Bay" map at the Village Office, at the store, or download it from www.lionsbay.ca/DiscoverLB.