

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Trail closures
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:03:15 PM

From: Barbara San Severino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Council
Subject: Trail closures

I am a resident Lions Bayer who uses the trails daily to exercise myself and my dog. It has been my saviour during this very unsettling and scary time.

I only occasionally see others on our trails, giving one another plenty of room to distance ourselves. Everything changed after the first announcement of trails closing in North Van. Immediately I saw families and groups I didn't recognize, parked on the streets, and moving about the trails. Many asking for directions and many not respecting the quiet peacefulness we covet. I knew immediately there would be problems with the increased traffic.

I am devastated to see the councils solution was to simply close the trails- instead of discouraging non locals by TEMPORARILY STOPPING ANY NON RESIDENT PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

I think you may 'thrown the baby out with the bath water'. It will dampen all of our spirits, lessen our outdoor fitness and cause all the locals (especially our dogs!)great unhappiness during an already stressful time.

Please reconsider

Sincerely

Barbara San Severino & Lee Thorley

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Trail Closures
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:11:21 PM

From: G L [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Trail Closures

Hello,

I am aware of the recent announcement that the trails are being closed to the public and I find this greatly distressing. As a resident, I count on these trails to walk my dogs every single day. I usually take Trudy's trail and never see anyone. If I were to see someone, I would make sure to maintain the proper social distancing.

While I definitely agree with the council decision to close the trails to the public at this time, I do not agree that it is necessary to do so for the residents. Eliminating parking to those who do not have a permit should be sufficient to deter visitors from clogging our trails.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

Greg
[REDACTED]

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Lions Bay Trail Closures
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:29:31 PM

From: Meighan Jury <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Lions Bay Trail Closures

Dear Council,

I'm writing to express my disappointment at Council's decision to close Lions Bay trails.

While I understand that a handful of residents had strong reactions to non-residents convening at the beach on the weekend during a period of required physical distancing, I can assure you that this is not the case on our lions bay trails that I hike on regularly.

Everyone I have passed on a trail in the past 10 days has gone to extreme lengths to respect social distancing. Albeit disappointing, I can understand the necessity of closing beach parks however I do not feel that it was necessary to close our Lions Bay.

I ask that council reconsider their decision.

Thank you,
Meighan Jury

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Hiking trails
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:30:15 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-xjbx0jjb.png](#)

From: Spencer, Janice <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Hiking trails

March 26, 2020

To Mayor and Council

Please reconsider the motion to close the beaches and trails in Lions Bay. Please look at these two community resources separately when making your decision.

By closing the parking lots and requiring cars to display the resident parking pass, you will eliminate people coming into the Village.

The hiking trails with the exception of the Lions Trail using the logging road, are single file and it is easy to keep your distance while hiking. In all my years of hiking Trudy's trail and others, I have only met a few people on the trail. During these weeks, being outdoors has been a mental health lifesaver and I have only met one family during this time. It was very easy for us to keep 2M apart while passing.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Spencer

[REDACTED]

Janice Spencer, M.Ed

[REDACTED]



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From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Lions Bay Trails
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:30:48 PM

From: Carolyn Ashcroft <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Council
Cc: Lions Bay Office
Subject: Lions Bay Trails

Dear Council,

I am requesting that you reconsider closing our trails for use by local residents. I understand there was a problem at the beach last weekend. We have to remember that things have changed drastically since then. Less than a week ago restaurants and businesses were still open and social distancing was still not fully accepted.

Doctors are saying that even though we are sheltering at home, we still need to exercise. Over the last two weeks on the trails we have only seen one family and a lone hiker. Other communities are closing down public parking to look after their residents so they can still get exercise but not encounter outsiders on their trails. If everyone has to have a parking pass there will be no outsiders on our trails. If you close our trails everyone will be forced to walk on our streets which is counterproductive.

Please reconsider this bylaw and help us keep our residents healthy, mentally and physically, while we are doing the right thing and self isolating.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Ashcroft
[REDACTED]
Lions Bay

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Trail Closures
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:48:25 PM

From: Christine Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Trail Closures

Hi there,

I received the notification about the trails being closed to the public and I have concerns about how this is pushing all residents onto the streets instead, potentially making them a congested, unsafe place to walk.

I walk my dogs on the trails twice a day and rarely encounter more than 1 or 2 other people. When I do meet others, we have no problems maintaining a safe distance.

It seems to make much more sense to make all parking in the village Permit Only. Most people from outside the village seem to drive here, so wouldn't eliminating the access to parking effectively close the trails for non-locals while leaving them available for us to use? Most people on my street are dog owners and are in the same boat.

Thank you for your consideration, and for working to keep us safe,
Christine Little

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Closing the trails
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:50:18 PM

From: Liz Carson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Council
Subject: Closing the trails

Dear Council

I am writing to ask you to reconsider closing our local trails. I think that with the parking lots closed and requiring people to have parking passes, that will be enough to limit the number of hikers using our trails. As a local resident, I hike on our trails every day, always keeping the required physical distance. It is very rare to see anyone else on the trails. It is such a good release for our physical and mental health to still be able to go hiking. Also looking at the weather report we are heading into some rainy weather and that will limit those going outside.

Please let Lions Bay Villagers continue to use our beautiful forests during this stressful time.

Sincerely,

Liz Carson

[REDACTED]

Lions Bay

Sent from my iPad

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Village Update
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:51:19 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Village Update

Dear Mayor Ron, and Lions Bay Council.

Firstly, thank you for your service and long hours on behalf of our community.

I am writing to register my great disappointment at your decision to close ALL trails in and around Lions Bay.

I am aware of the distress caused to many by the congestion on our beaches this past weekend. I imagine you received many calls, and I applaud your prompt attention. I think closing beaches and parks and gathering areas is the right decision.

What I have issue with is the inclusion of our trails in this decision.

I may not be right on this, but I have the impression that those supporting trail closures don't actually walk on the trails. Could this be? Regardless, please know that many of your village residents view the trails as sanity-saving. I have walked several trails at different times each day for the past 2 weeks. I consider myself careful verging on 'paranoid' in the current C-19 crisis, but have not once encountered a breach of social distancing. Rather, people are courteous and kind. We take turns to pass each other at safe distances.

You may have experienced otherwise on your walks on our village trails, and if so, I accept that your experience has informed your decision.

But if not, I am writing to urge you to reconsider the extent of your decision. Please consider revising it. And perhaps asking a few of us trail walkers to serve as "sense-checkers" on behalf of the village.

With thanks,

Michelle Osry

From: The Village of Lions Bay <epost@lionsbay.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2020 2:22 PM
[REDACTED]
Subject: Village Update

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Opinion regarding closure of trail network
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:51:46 PM

From: Adrian Aldous [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Cc: Lions Bay Office <office@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Opinion regarding closure of trail network

Dear Council

I am writing in concern to your village update notifying of the closure of all village trails due to the covid-19 outbreak.

Whilst I fully understand that these are exceptional times and specific locations within the village such as the beaches can become a hotspot for congregation on a sunny afternoon, I feel that closure of the entire village trail system is a vast overstep reaction.

I walk the trails everyday with my dog - a varied route typically including some combination of Centennial, Trudis, Sunset, both Harrisons and the Southview trails and I rarely see more than one or two other groups for the entire hike, even in the last week or so with more villagers at home during the day. On the odd occasion that we do meet someone else, there is more than enough room to respectfully give ample social distance between ourselves when passing and everybody I have encountered recently has been exemplary in practicing this.

We may be in this situation for some weeks and it is most unreasonable to remove the one ability villagers have to get out and enjoy some fresh air, exercise and Spring sunshine without risking the health of themselves or their neighbours on the trail system.

You would be much better to post signage at the trailheads to remind users to practice social distancing whilst using the trail network. Your decision is limiting the ability for villagers who want to get out to spread themselves out on the extensive trail network and will only force them to be closer together walking the limited road space we have available.

I do support the closure of the beaches if these have become difficult to manage and have been misused on recent occasions.

I request that you review this sudden and extraordinary decision and take time to consider if a more sensible moderate compromise can be found to resolve the immediate issue of congregation on the beaches whilst enabling villagers to continue to use the trail system at this time.

Best regards

Adrian Aldous

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Pride path connector
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:06:30 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:52 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>; Ron McLaughlin <ronmclaughlin@telus.net>
Subject: Pride path connector

Dear Council - Living above the LB parking lot I have been witness this week of how people are using the lot and the connecting trail to Kelvin Grove. I am not sure who else has such a view all day long of the LB parking lot. Last Saturday was an exception and that is dealt with by the beach closure and will be more so with parking lot closed. I see ppl. physical distancing and I believe closing the shorter connecting trails especially during the week is overkill (oops bad pun). This is going to put more people on the roads which is dangerous with cars coming and going. I would like to see the short connecting trails, Pride Path, open. Locals should have trail access, we know to keep distance. Thank you.

Ruth Simons,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my handheld device.

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: trail closures
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:06:53 PM

From: Norma Rodgers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>; Lions Bay Office <office@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: trail closures

Dear Council,

I listened to Richard Stewart, Coquitlam Mayor, on CBC this morning telling viewers they were keeping trails open so that residents could stay healthy by getting fresh air.

I walk or hike on our forest trails every day with my dogs. Some days I will see a couple of people, usually with dogs, some days I see no one else. Mostly on weekends we are inundated with visitors in groups who have driven to Lions Bay and parked in the parking lots or on the street. Last Saturday there were dozens of non-resident cars parked on Mountain. So many cars that it was difficult to safely walk on Mountain with my dogs on leash, especially since visitors tend to speed on our roads. Some visitors also park at the store since I often get asked how to get back there.

Since my dogs are accustomed to running free on the trails at least once a day I will have to drive elsewhere to find an off leash place for them to exercise. Any place I find will be more populated and difficult to safe distance. This concerns me since I am 65 with lung issues and therefore more at risk. If I flout the rules for my own safety and use our trails, will the bylaw officer be wearing protective gear since he will be closer than 6 feet to hand me a ticket?

Please consider temporarily restricting parking in the village to residents only rather than closing the trails. This would be much easier to enforce, especially if we towed rather than just issuing tickets. The roads would be much safer and with just residents on the trails we could easily self distance for safety, as we are doing now.

Most residents live here because they enjoy nature and the forest in our backyards. Since we are staying home due to virus advisories we need the forest trails to recreate and stay healthy.

regards,
Norma Rodgers
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: Trail Closures
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:00:06 AM

Hi there,

I understand the need to shut down access to various parts of Lions Bay but is there anyway to keep the trails open at least during the week. This was the one thing I looked forward to doing with my dog for some sanity and to get away from my kids for just an hour. I've been on the trails during the week and I barely see anyone and those I do see are maintaining the recommended distancing.

Is there anyway you would reconsider opening of the trails during the week?

Thanks for your time.
Nicole

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: Fwd: Shutdown and Brunswick parking
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:25:54 AM

Sorry made an error on the office address.

Thanks
Andrea Wortmann

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: A Wortmann [REDACTED]
Date: March 26, 2020 at 6:21:14 AM PDT
To: council@lionsbay.ca
Cc: office@lionsbay.com
Subject: **Shutdown and Brunswick parking**

Good Morning,

Thanks for all the updates and keeping us informed.

I just have a question around the parking and the Brunswick exit. As in the past we have been told this belongs to MOTI and that we have not control of it. So I am wondering how you can shut this parking down. Sadly it was crazy last weekend and someone even came to my door to ask if they could park.

This is really just an information request so I am clear.

Once again thank you
Andrea Wortmann

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ePost](#)
Subject: Re: Village Update
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:26:10 PM

Hello:

Regarding the closure of trails, I trust we at Brunswick Beach will still be able to access the village post office by the Centennial(?) Trail along the highway. It does not seem reasonable to require us to walk on the highway to reach the village. Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Lawton



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On Wed Mar 25 16:21:55 CDT 2020, The Village of Lions Bay <epost@lionsbay.ca> wrote:

> COVID-19 Closures March 25, 2020 Your Weekly News & Updates
> Updates from the Municipality A Message to the Community From
> Mayor and Council Dear Neighbours, At a special meeting last
> night, Council made some very difficult decisions following the
> crowded conditions on our parks, beaches and trails over the past
> weekend. We regret to inform you that, until further notice, all
> Village parks, beaches, trails and other facilities such as
> parking lots are now closed. There was considerable discussion on
> this topic, because we believe most of us are adhering to the
> instructions of health officials and maintaining the necessary
> distancing. Unfortunately, those who are not complying are cause
> for concern. Legally, we cannot differentiate between residents
> and non-residents and so these measures had to be put in place to
> protect the well-being of our community. Our Bylaw Enforcement
> Officers will be commencing duties soon to help with enforcement
> of these measures and discussions are taking place with the RCMP
> to provide support. Amendments to our Parks Bylaw and our Fining
> Bylaw, along with the streamlining of our Procedure Bylaw for
> electronic meetings will be up for adoption at the Special
> Meeting tomorrow evening, as well as adoption of the Ride Hailing
> Bylaws. A small contingent of social distancing Council and staff
> will be running the open meeting from Council Chambers with the
> rest of Council and staff calling in to the meeting. There is
> limited room for the public to attend and practice social
> distancing and Council members would be happy to receive your
> questions or comments in advance to raise at the meeting if you
> wish. We have issued a Media Release today informing Lower
> Mainland residents of these closures, in the hope that it will

> discourage groups of visitors. In addition, we have closed the
> parking lots and all seasonal parking will now become permit only
> parking until further notice. Be sure your parking sticker is
> properly displayed at all times and if you are new to the
> Village, contact the Office to arrange for delivery of your
> parking sticker. A few other notes: Some neighbourhoods have
> already joined in the 7 pm ?applause for healthcare workers?
> movement. We encourage you to step onto your deck each evening at
> 7 pm and join in to thank those on the frontline of this
> pandemic. The store has received confirmation from Canada Post
> that they are a designated essential service, and that deliveries
> will continue. They also advise that the café is now closed to
> walk-in traffic and all food, including coffee, has been moved
> out of reach of customers and is only available from store staff.
> Payment by card only is taken in the store. They will continue to
> serve customers until just after lunch (approximately 2 pm) and
> then will remove the sandwiches, baked goods, etc , to their deli
> cabinet in the Store appropriately saran-wrapped. They will now
> accept pre-ordering, phone payments, drive-by collection out of
> the store windows (for those that are particularly sensitive to
> coming within any distance of their counter and other patrons)
> and home delivery by Craig and a large collection of volunteers.
> As a reminder, if you are able to help collect supplies for those
> who are self-isolating or offer other forms of help, or are in
> need of assistance yourself, please join a Facebook group called
> Lions Bay Neighbours by clicking here or email them at
> lionsbayneighbours@gmail.com. This is not a Council initiative ?
> it was started by Helen Waterson to support the efforts of the
> store and others, and we fully support this initiative. Thanks to
> all for your emails and calls at this difficult time. If you wish
> to contact us, you can do so by emailing council@lionsbay.ca with
> a copy to office@lionsbay.ca. Mayor and Council Living in a
> COVID-19 World COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool Due to the outbreak
> of the Covid-19 virus and concern for everyone's safety, the
> Municipal Offices and Broughton Hall will be closed to public
> access until further notice. The offices are still operational
> but ask that you either email us at reception@lionsbay.ca, phone
> 604-921-9333. If you have documents to deliver or payments that
> you would like to make, please drop them off at the office
> through the mail slot. Thank you for your understanding during
> these difficult times. Stay safe, practice social distancing - we
> are in this together. COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS Note: All
> meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.
> The Village Office is open until 6:30 pm on Regular Council
> Meeting nights. Please check the Meeting Calendar for changes or
> cancellations. Meeting Calendar Special Council Meeting - March
> 26 at 7 pm The Village of Lions Bay | 400 Centre Road, P.O. Box
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [ePost](#)
Subject: Re: Village Update
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:26:44 PM

Sir,
Maybe there could be an exception for people walking their dogs on our trails. Only one person Allowed to accompany their dog on the trails. As there is very little pavement along most of the roads in Lions Bay making it much more dangerous for drives and dog walking pedestrians alike.
Thanks for considering this.

Ian Grant

[REDACTED]

On Mar 25, 2020, at 2:21 PM, The Village of Lions Bay <epost@lionsbay.ca> wrote:

March 25, 2020

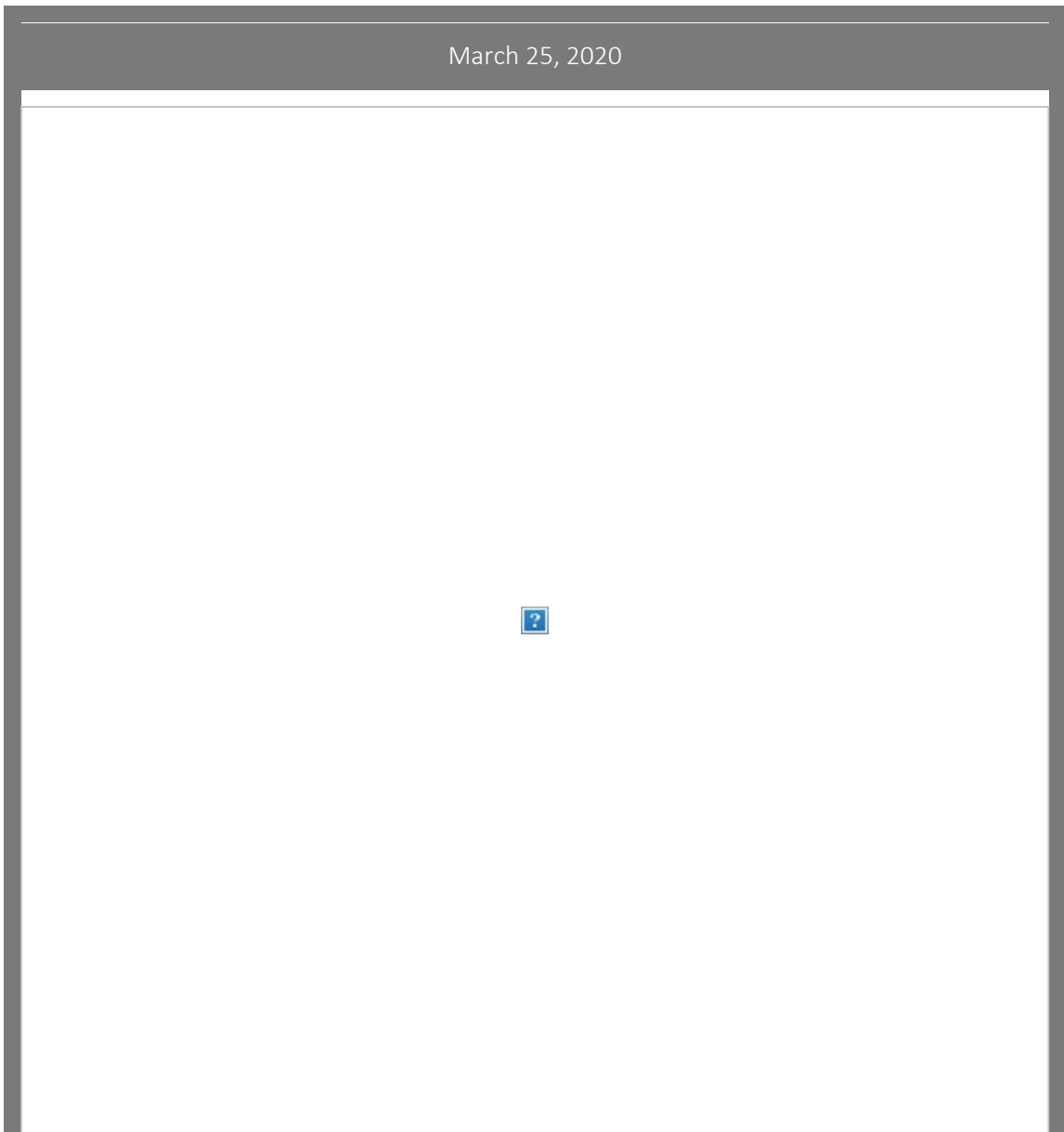
From: [REDACTED]
To: [ePost](#)
Subject: Re: Village Update
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:22:01 PM

Hello
Can you please ensure that the train between KG and Lions bay is open.
Don't want to walk on the highway.
Thanks

Clara George
[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 2:21 PM, The Village of Lions Bay <epost@lionsbay.ca> wrote:



From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Village Update
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:54:09 AM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Council <council@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: RE: Village Update

Hello Council,

Do I read this right? You are closing the trails, despite the BC government's endorsement of appropriate-distance walking outdoors? My concern is where to now walk one's dog in Lions Bay, for example a 70 lb. standard poodle that requires 2 hours of vigorous off-leash exercise a day without fail? Even Italy excepts people walking dogs, and I trust you considered whether your actions are over-reaching by assuming that people would not follow guidelines, rather than they will. In my family's hikes within the Village this past busy weekend, it was pretty easy to keep 6 feet from others, and even on the Lions Trail, but not so much at Tunnel Bluffs. Can I suggest that at tomorrow's Special Meeting that you consider revising the trail closure to *allow dog walking on in-Village* trails, at least? BTW, should tomorrow's agenda not have been on the website since at latest 7 pm yesterday?.

Cheers,
Karl

From: The Village of Lions Bay <epost@lionsbay.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Village Update



March 25, 2020

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: Closing of the trails
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:54:42 PM

Good afternoon,

As a resident and dog owner, the closing of the trails to locals is very distressing, and I hope will be reconsidered!

I would happily carry id to show that I am a local (much like my car has it's sticker)!

I think you'll unfortunately find that pushing all the locals to walk their dogs on the roads will push us into closer proximity, which is the opposite of what we all want, during this crisis!

Sincerely,

Andrea Bradshaw

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Council; Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: trails
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:41:24 PM

It is an interesting decision to close Lions Bay trails for residents as well. It would have made much more sense to close parking for non-residents to reduce crowding on the trails. Now the dogs will all be walked on the streets and since we have no sidewalks and must compete for space with traffic, the dog walkers will not be able to stay the 6 feet apart required. I wonder if Council realizes how many dogs there are in Lions Bay that need to be walked 2 or 3 times a day. Talk about congestion!

Norma Rodgers

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:53:11 AM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Ron McLaughlin <mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Tonight's meeting

Ron, publication of the agenda for tonight's meeting leaves little time for comment and participation. Pursuant to the request for the public to stay away despite no alternative audio or video feed, can you please represent the following to the meeting on my behalf?

1. The new Parks bylaw shows a concerning impulse to govern by impulse and bylaw rather than by consultation and representation. Even the City of Vancouver manages to do that, using social distancing reminder signage instead of closing its amenities. Repeating my note of yesterday, please consider amending at least the trail closure to allow dog walking, perhaps between certain hours, perhaps with positive, encouraging, community-building signage.
2. What is the "Fining Bylaw" in yesterday's notice?
3. I hope that as Mayor you'd be concerned if the budget in tonight's Agenda with parking meter revenue removed (because parks would be closed) was prepared before that decision was made, but is Council already certain the parks will still be closed in August and September?

Regards,
Karl