



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

**EMERGENCY PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Councillor Neville Abbott (via video conference)
Councillor Fred Bain (via video conference)
Mayor Ron McLaughlin
Emergency Program Coordinator Peter DeJong
Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator Robert Whitney
Public Works Manager Nai Jaffer (via video conference)
Fire Chief Andrew Oliver (via video conference)

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

2. Appointment of Recorder

P. DeJong was appointed as the Recorder

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved, as circulated.

4. Public Questions & Comments

A. M. Sredzki commented on vegetation encroachment hampering firefighting within the Village and that we should create a cleared belt around the Village.

- Fire Chief Andrew Oliver responded that it's not possible to do that on the side of a mountain. Further Committee discussion ensued including:
 - Question was asked whether Rec Sites and Trails BC could be convinced to implement a reservation system for Lions Trails similar to BC Parks reservation system for some parks, which may be pushing more people to Lions Bay.
 - P.DeJong noted lack of resources at RSTBC.
 - It was noted that there are online groups promoting hiking after dark to Tunnel Bluffs, which is concerning.
 - Fire Danger signage – suggestion to add at Crystal Falls and School Lot.

5. Unfinished Business

- A. EOC grant update (verbal) – DEPC Whitney provided an update on the purchase of new computers and other equipment under this UBCM grant.
- B. ESS grant update (verbal) - DEPC Whitney provided an update on the purchase of new computers and other equipment under this UBCM grant.
- C. Review CWPP re-ordered and re-prioritized recommendations (attached).
P.DeJong to address additional report wording changes with Consultant.

6. New Business

- A. Discuss Draft Evacuation Annex and Proposed Evacuation Planning Methodology from March 23, 2021 Council report.

Committee discussed the numbered paragraphs from the March 23rd Council meeting Information Report from DEPC Whitney. Discussion included the following:

- check older maps previously done for a brochure – Clr. Bain to distribute.
- may be difficult to get the data from people.
- prior survey on Panorama produced arguably too much data.
- Block Watch may be a key resource – check BC Society re. allowable parameters
- language challenges re. communication of emergency info
- transport considerations need to include landing/pick-up zones for heli and rail
- options for communication including townhall with all agencies to provide complete perspective
- NSEM materials can give us leg up
- SAR can/should review pre-planning for transport
- ESS online applications will need to come from Municipality and registration will need to be promoted at time of evacuation (Q: how?)

Comments re. Draft Evacuation Annex

- P.10 should say “both” directions blocked
- Soundview route should only be used by 4 wheel drive vehicles with competent driver
- P.11 – Brunswick Beach could include use of hovercraft
- P.12 – Community Transit Shuttle does not go to the underpass (current stop is at corner of LB Ave and off-ramp with future move to Park & Ride)
- Given fire season starting, might be an idea to try and streamline the Annex for use ASAP and then go back to fill in the details as time permits.

7. Public Questions & Comments

None

8. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Emergency Program Committee Meeting be adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

9. Next Meeting: TBD

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