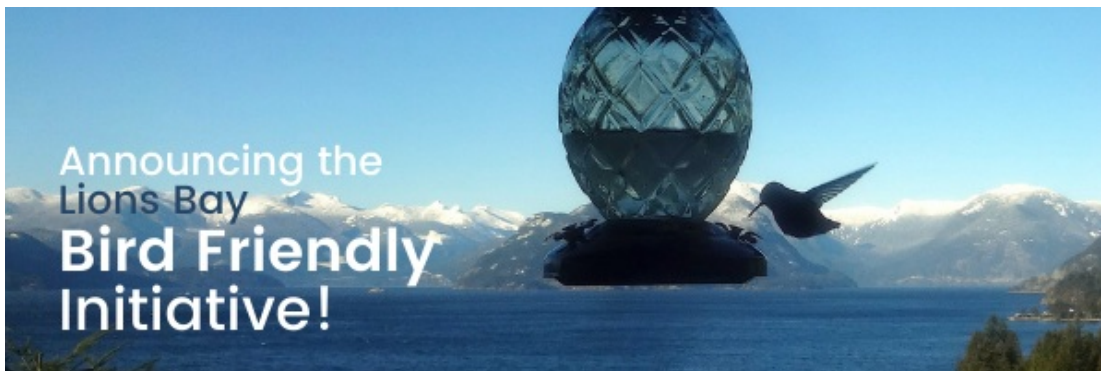




Village Update

February 11, 2022

News from the Municipality



Scientists estimate that bird populations have declined by almost 3 billion since 1970. Here in Lions Bay, we are fortunate enough to see a multitude of bird species and we'd like to ensure our birds continue to thrive. The village is in fact located within the English Bay, Burrard Inlet and Howe Sound [Important Bird Area](#) and of course the [Howe Sound Biosphere Region](#).

For this reason, the [Lions Bay Bird Friendly team](#) is thrilled to announce that Council has unanimously and enthusiastically voted to support an initiative to achieve [Bird Friendly](#) status for our Village. This is similar to the Bear Smart designation which is a great source of pride to us all.

In May last year, we reached out to [Nature Canada](#), which oversees the program. At that time there were no separate criteria for small communities like Lions Bay, so some requirements were not applicable to us. At their request, we helped them define application criteria for small towns with fewer than 15,000 residents, which launched in October 2021.

The Bird Friendly designation is awarded to communities that meet set criteria aimed at:

1. Threat reduction
2. Habitat protection, restoration and climate resiliency
3. Community outreach and education

Lions Bay already meets a number of the required criteria to qualify for Bird Friendly status. If this is achieved, we could be one of the first Bird Friendly Small Towns in Canada! This would be a wonderful achievement for our Village.

The original Bird Friendly team of volunteers has grown to a total of 7 members who assist in various ways. We are inviting you to **save the date... our first Bird Friendly community event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day on Saturday**

morning, May 14th! Look out for all the fun details soon!

Please visit lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca for information on how to be more Bird Friendly. While you're there, check out photos of birds taken by residents we've already received. Share yours with us by emailing them to lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com. If you'd like to join our very enthusiastic team, please contact us.

From your Lions Bay Bird Friendly Team: Penny Nelson, Susan Publicover, Rod Baker (who took the photo above), Taryn and Katrina, Danielle Wills, Charlie Bradbury and Councillor Abbott (our liaison on Council)



Village of Lions Bay NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date of Hearing: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday February 22, 2022

Location of Hearing: Online via Zoom from Council Chambers, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88122775730>

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, a public hearing will be held to consider the following bylaw of the Village of Lions Bay (the "Municipality"):

Village of Lions Bay Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 408, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 612, 2022 (the "Bylaw")

The purpose of the Bylaw is to update the existing Village of Lions Bay Official Community Plan and the Regional Context Statement (RCS) contained within it to reflect the distinct rural character of the Village. This change is required to support a request from the Municipality to the Metro Vancouver Regional District to effect an amendment of Lions Bay's Land Use Designation for all lands within the Village boundaries in Metro's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) from "General Urban" to "Rural".

All persons who consider their interest in property to be affected by the proposed bylaw will be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the bylaw. Written submissions may also be sent in advance of the public hearing and must be received by the Village Office by 4:00 p.m. on February 22, 2022. Please send written submissions to:

Email: office@lionsbay.ca

Mail: Village of Lions Bay
PO Box 141, 400 Centre Road
Lions Bay, BC, V0N 2E0

A copy of the bylaw and all relevant reports, plans and other documents are available online at www.lionsbay.ca, or for inspection at the Village Office address noted above during regular office hours beginning February 9, 2022 and ending February 22, 2022.

The identity of persons who make written or verbal submissions will form part of the public record. The Village of Lions Bay Council will not consider any verbal or written representations or submissions from the public after the close of the public hearing. For additional information please contact: office@lionsbay.ca.

Village of Lions Bay Corporate Officer
February 9, 2022



Recently, Public Works have been receiving complaints of excessive dog poop on the Village's boulevards, many of which have ditches that drain to the nearest creek and then the Ocean. Dog waste that gets washed into waterways carry pathogens that affect living things in the water and can make people sick if they are in contact with it. Also, nutrients released from dog poop can stimulate the growth of algae and other plant life, making the water unsuitable for recreational uses.

Did you know that a single gram of dog poop can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, and that the average dog can produce 274 pounds of waste each year?

- You may think that dog poop is an effective fertilizer – not true! Dog waste is toxic and highly acidic and will burn away plants and grasses.
- You may think that if you don't pick up your dog's poop, it'll wash away and quickly break down – not true! Dog waste can take up to a year to naturally break down, and even when it does, all those bacteria and parasites enter the ground or our waterways.
- You may think that **your** dog's poop can't do that much harm – not true! There are many dogs in the Village and combined, their waste can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay like Kelvin Grove or Brunswick Beach from swimming and shell fishing.

By picking up after your dog, you'll help protect the ecosystem and help keep our

waters free from contamination.

Public Works maintains dog bag dispensers at key locations around the Village to make it easy to clean up after your pet ([Click here for a map](#)).

So please, pick up after your dog! Each. And. Every. Time. It. Poops.



Did you know that causing harm to a migratory bird or destroying its nest or eggs is illegal and contravenes the *BC Wildlife Act*, *Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Migratory Birds Regulations*?

It is an offence under Section 35 of the *Wildlife Act*, to disturb or destroy an active bird nest. This applies to Municipal and private trees and is why Council amended the [Trees, Views, and Landscapes Bylaw](#) to prohibit the cutting of trees on Municipal Property during active bird nesting season between **March 26 and August 16** each year.

If your backyard is home to a bird family, causing them stress by destroying their habitat during the time they are intensely concentrating on the hard work of brooding, feeding, and tending to young can have dire consequences. Just because you don't see a nest in a particular tree, it doesn't mean there isn't one! Birds are very good at camouflaging their nests - different species build their nests at different heights, and those highest up among the branches may be extra hard to spot. Tiny hummingbird nests are the hardest to find. Some bird species will build their nests on or quite low to the ground, something the careful gardener should be mindful of when doing yard work.

If you want to do some tree work and those trees are on Municipal property, you'll need to apply for a tree cutting permit ASAP as the window to obtain Council approval is dwindling. If you act quickly, you may be able to make the March 1st Council meeting. The **March 15th Council meeting is your last opportunity** to get your application approved so that your work can happen before the March 26th deadline. After that, you're going to have to wait until mid-August unless you get Council dispensation to undertake a nesting survey with a registered biologist at your cost to establish there are no bird nests in the vicinity of the trees you wish to cut.

Ensuring a Safe Community



After recent thefts in Lions Bay, the RCMP is reminding us to ensure your doors and windows are locked to prevent a crime of opportunity. While these incidents are rare, it is always a good idea to report any suspicious activities directly to the RCMP.

Emergency 911 and non-emergency phone 604.892.6100 are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Resources:

1. [Preventing Auto Crime](#)
2. [Automobile Safety](#)
3. [Home Security](#)



NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: February 15, 2022

- **Committee of the Whole Meeting: February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. (Budget)**
- **Public Hearing (OCP Amendment): February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

[View the Council/Committee Calendar, Agendas, Videos and Minutes here!](#)

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. Attendees will have two minutes to speak on a matter in the agenda.
- 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.*

What's Happening in Lions Bay



39th Anniversary of the Alberta Creek Debris Torrent

On February 11, 1983, a debris torrent occurred on Alberta Creek changing the lives of the Wade family forever. Learn more by watching the video on the left.



Transport 2050 Adopted

Translink has adopted the region's new 30-year transportation strategy. Watch the video on the left to learn more.

[Read More Here!](#)



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