



Village Update

SPECIAL EDITION



Lions Bay Bear Smart

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Bear Smart at Canada Day Event, Bear Activity Report and Waste Collection Times Reminder for Friday (no change)

The Lions Bay Bear Smart Team will be at the Canada Day event at the beach from 3:30 – 4:30 pm along with Meg Toom of Serratus Wildlife Services.

Amidst unparalleled bear activity in Lions Bay and across the province, we thought we'd provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and get answers from the team and subject matter experts. Stop by at our table on Canada Day and bring us your thoughts and suggestions.

We have also extended an invitation to the COS to attend. They are hoping to send a representative but unable to commit as they are *"experiencing a very high call volume of human-bear conflicts throughout the Sea-to-Sky and North Shore"*.

A little more about Meg

Meg has more than 16 years' experience advising and educating communities on how to reduce human-wildlife conflict and in 2010, facilitated the District of Squamish's Bear Smart accreditation (Lions Bay became a Bear Smart community around the same time).

She was previously Bear Aware and WildSafeBC Program Coordinator for the District of Squamish at the British Columbia Conservation Foundation. Meg is also an experienced Bear Aware Community Trainer providing services to various communities including Maple Ridge, Anmore, and Esquimalt CFB Military Police, and Kitimat.

Please continue to report bear sightings to Bear Smart

Thank you for the ongoing reporting on our website (www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca) . We have received almost 200 reports to date. From these we can see we have 8 or so bears that are hanging around the Village. The vast majority of reports confirm they

are easily scared away but the big guy, and occasionally others, will sometimes move on in their own time. While some residents are becoming concerned and impatient, the best advice from the experts is to keep doing what we know is best: remove all attractants and continue to shoo the bears along.

In our last update we mentioned team member Amber Brown had held a training session for school staff, however the session was with Saplings staff. We apologise for the confusion. We are planning more of these sessions in the fall for both the pre-school and kids in the regular program.

It is clear most residents are doing their very best to keep our bears and neighbours safe and we thank you!

Waste collection pick-up schedule (3 time slots)

No change from last week.

7:30 am - 9 am:

Bayview Place-Upper Bayview, Mountain-Timbertop-Sunset, and all streets leading off these (central Lions Bay above the highway).

9 am - 10 am:

Highview-Oceanview, Panorama, Kelvin Grove Way, and all streets leading off these.

10 am - 1 pm:

All other neighbourhoods (lower Kelvin Grove, Brunswick, central Lions Bay below the highway, etc.).

Please put your waste out as close to 7:30am, 9am or 10am as possible. We've seen the best success when waste is curbside for as short a time as possible. Please note that pick up times are approximate and any uncollected waste containers may be left curbside until collected. Residents should immediately report any missed collections to Waste Control Services at 604-986-9777. Thank you again for doing your part!

Works Yard drop-off times for garbage and food waste only

6 am - 8 am every Friday

8 am - 11 am every Saturday

Clean recyclables should be placed outside your home in the Friday morning time slots (above) or as close as possible to those times or, if you have to head out, as you leave home.

Works Yard drop offs are working out for many residents. However, if you are still unable to comply with the above requirements, please email lionsbaybearsmart@gmail.com so the team can try to find a solution.

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