



## THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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**EMERGENCY PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY  
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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### **AGENDA**

In Attendance:

Committee: Phil Folkersen, Emergency Program Coordinator (via zoom video conference)  
Councillor Neville Abbott (via zoom video conference)  
Councillor Fred Bain (via zoom video conference)  
Mary Brown, LB ESS Co-Director (via zoom video conference)  
Leslie Nolin, LB ESS Co-Director (via zoom video conference)  
Ed Langford for LB SAR (via zoom video conference)  
CAO Peter DeJong (via zoom video conference)  
Public Works Manager Nai Jaffer (via zoom video conference)

Public: 4 members of the public

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Phil Folkersen, sitting as Chair.

**2. Appointment of Recorder**

CAO DeJong was appointed recorder

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the following Items be added to the Agenda:

- a. Item 7E: Emergency Program Coordinator Priorities; and
- b. Item 7F: Regional Emergency Program Opportunities;

AND THAT the Emergency Program Committee agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Public Questions & Comments**

None

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Minutes from January 25, 2022

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Emergency Program Committee approves the minutes from January 25, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

- It was requested that the draft minutes be distributed to all Committee members as soon as possible after a meeting for review while fresh in everyone's minds.
- Page 5, frequency of meetings – discussion ensued on when the next meetings would take place given the quickly approaching summer and upcoming election cycle; it was determined that Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm would be an appropriate date for the next meeting (noted for Agenda Item 10).

**7. New Business**

- A. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), as approved by the Province
- CAO DeJong presented the report and touched on a few highlights such as the danger rating for the community and the list of recommendations
  - Discussion ensued on the topic:
    - SLRD gets grants and pays residents of Black Tusk to Firesmart their properties in consultation with trained Firesmart reps
    - Lions Bay resident Greg Weary is a certified Firesmart rep
    - Instead of approving CWPP, need to have some time to go through recommendations more thoroughly
    - Firesmart conference on this week – may be some emergency funding?
    - Need to act more urgently
    - Discussion re. strategic sprinkler program initiative being tested and reviewed by LBFR and Public Works – Councillor Abbott has purchased the components for his house and volunteered to test them.
    - Nothing in CWPP re. sprinklers – do they work? success in other communities
    - Immediate steps can be taken by residents to deal with the fire load around their own homes – cedar trees and hedges very combustible
    - Could maybe do open burning in fall/winter? Or pay for bins to be rotated throughout the community
    - No silver bullet – need to do a variety of things each year and keep working at it annually; set up a calendar to list the tasks and when they should be done
    - Should not be doing in the Spring during songbird nesting season
    - Need to look at how Firesmart messaging is conveyed instead of trying to implement verbatim – needs a Lions Bay lens
    - Could promote non-combustible building materials (beware combustible deck furniture!)
    - Need to educate hikers too – maybe use more graphic images to convey urgency of situation (concerns re. discarded cigarette butts along train tracks)

*Action Item: Nai working on some signage ideas from other communities*

B. Firesmart Grant – Educational Component

- CAO DeJong noted that there was some grant money tied to the Firesmart grant we got for clearing debris around our critical infrastructure that is earmarked for educational/community event purposes (about \$1650 available – must be completed by June 15th); discussion ensued on the matter:
  - Consideration for doing an online event the first half of June
  - How can we make it stimulating enough to interest more than the usual 30-40 residents
  - Concerns re. promoting actions that may be contrary to bird habitats at this time of year
  - Concerns re. putting an appropriate Lions Bay lens on Firesmarting properties

*Action Item: CAO DeJong to talk with CWPP consultant about doing an appropriate online presentation for Lions Bay introducing the CWPP and suggesting ways that Lions Bay residents might want to approach mitigating fire risks around their homes in a manner appropriate for their neighbourhoods – objective to get draft presentation ahead of time to circulate to Committee*

C. Evacuation Planning Update

EPC Folkersen indicated a desire to set up a subcommittee for this item consisting of himself, Fire Chief Oliver, SAR rep Ed Langford and asked for any other volunteers; Councillors Abbott and Bain volunteered; EPC Folkersen will send out meeting invite for next week (suggestion to review Sea to Sky/Whistler-Squamish Multi-Modal Evacuation Plan)

D. ESS Update

EPC Folkersen announced that the ESS grant had been approved and that the ESS Co-Directors are working on more detailed budgets for the funding allocations; Co-Directors Mary Brown and Leslie Nolin provided an update on their ESS activities to date:

- In re-building phase and trying to find ways to rebrand what ESS is all about (new logo designed by Director Nolin, shirts and caps, etc.)
- New tagline: “Informed-Engaged-Prepared”
- Difficult recruiting volunteers – Mayor pitching in with efforts to find people willing to make the commitment
- Working on structure and tailoring to Lions Bay
- Vetting old materials and getting educated on all the courses (Director Brown has taken 12 including the Director course)
- Eager to pull together a plan that everyone can be proud of

- Use of Lions Bay website to provide more information about ESS, including online learning opportunities like what NSEM offers; also looking at possible Facebook page
- Interest in Alertable App (NSEM) and Voyent (SLRD)

E. Emergency Program Coordinator Priorities

To date EPC Folkersen has been concentrating on helping get ESS up and running; will be turning attention to Evacuation Planning and Communications next

F. Regional Emergency Program Opportunities

- EOC training with former NSEM Assistant Director Mike Andrews June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM) coming June 16<sup>th</sup> to talk to us and advise of resources they can contribute

**8. Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.*

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Chair

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Recorder

Date Approved by Committee	August 3, 2022
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**9. Next Meeting: June 14, 2022 at 7 pm**