



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Type	Request for Decision		
Title	Day of Mourning for Life of Queen Elizabeth II		
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Recommendation:

- (1) THAT the Village of Lions Bay recognizes September 19, 2022 as a National Day of Mourning in Canada in recognition of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II; and
- (2) THAT the day be treated as a holiday in 2022 with the Village Office closed and all staff provided with the day off with pay and with notice to the Union.

Attachments: None

Key Information:

With Queen Elizabeth's funeral set to take place on Monday, September 19, 2022, the Canadian federal government announced on September 13, 2022, that September 19, 2022 will be a National Day of Mourning in Canada, to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It will be designated a holiday for the public service of Canada.

On September 13, 2022, the BC Government confirmed it will follow the lead of the federal government in observing the National Day of Mourning to mark the Queen's funeral and issued a statement advising provincial public sector employers (e.g. provincial government ministries, K to 12 schools, public post-secondary institutions, and crown corporations) to honour this day as a holiday, while private sector employers are being encouraged to mark the day in a way that is appropriate for their employees.

It is important to note that the federal Order in Council setting the day as a National Day of Mourning, brings the day within the definition of "holiday" under s. 29 of the *BC Interpretation Act*. Consequently, this could trigger treatment of the day as a paid holiday under the various wordings of collective agreements throughout the Province. Most, if not



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all of the municipalities in Metro are falling line with the provincial government position. Accordingly, it is recommended that Lions Bay Council follow suit per the recommendations above.

Options:

- (1) Approve the recommendations at the beginning of this report;
- (2) Amend and then approve the recommendations;
- (3) Direct staff in an alternative manner.

Preferred Option: Due to the strong admiration and respect in BC, Canada and throughout the Commonwealth for the late Queen Elizabeth II for her long and enduring service to her subjects throughout the realm, it was undoubtedly difficult for senior levels of government to respond other than as they have. Similarly, it is difficult for the Village of Lions Bay to break ranks with other local governments within Metro, particularly those with the same union and local. Therefore, it is recommended that the Municipality approve Option 1.

Follow Up Action and Communication Plan: Assuming approval, proceed with operational adjustments and bring forward minutes to next Council meeting for approval.