



Village Update

June 9, 2023

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

PROPERTY
TAX NOTICES
HAVE BEEN
MAILED



If you do not receive your Property Tax Notice by early next week, please come by the Village Office or contact us at:

604-921-9333 or reception@lionsbay.ca

Please Note: It is the responsibility of the resident to ensure the Village Office has your current mailing address (including PO Box) for purposes of mailing your Utility and Property Tax Notices.



The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) 2023 program has begun and residents are likely to see SSISC staff attending to invasive plants in Lions Bay. Targets for this year's program include herbicide control of giant hogweed and tansy ragwort, as well as mechanical control of yellow-flag Iris in Lions Bay. To learn more about the program click [here](#).

Emergency Program Coordinator Update

It has been a busy week for emergency responders in Lions Bay. On June 4th, 21 Lions Bay firefighters responded to a wildfire in the cliff jump area south of the village that had the potential to threaten several homes on Tidewater Way. Thanks to their quick response with help from the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 1 and the BC Wildfire Service, the fire was contained before it became a real problem.

Yesterday, June 8th, Lions Bay Search and Rescue were activated to search for a missing hiker in the mountains above the village. They received the call around 2 AM and started formulating the search plan. By the end of the day a mutual aid call went out for more help and I witnessed searchers from the Sunshine Coast, Squamish, North Shore Rescue and many more. The man was found but unfortunately he had succumbed to injuries. The family expressed their thanks for all of these people coming to find and recover their love one.

BC Wildfire Service announced a campfire fire ban effective yesterday (Thursday, June 8) until October 31 for the whole Coastal Fire Center jurisdiction. In conjunction with this ban they have indicated tickets may be issued in the amount of \$1,150 for those who fail to comply or if convicted in court could be fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the fire causes a wildfire, the \$100,000 fine may be imposed and the offender may be ordered to pay for all firefighting costs. You can find more information by following this [link](#).

As a result of both of these emergencies, it became very clear that our village communications needed to be enhanced. Last year, I conducted a review of the notification system that had been implemented several years ago and presented my conclusions to council. The former system did not conform to Canada's laws to keep personal information secure. There were several other issues with the system, but that was the biggest reason to search for a more compliant system. During the search, Metro Vancouver representatives and Emergency Program Coordinators for other lower mainland communities indicated to me that they were all moving to the same notification system. The advantages of a unified system across all communities in the lower mainland are significant.

Based on these recommendations, The Village of Lions Bay has obtained an account on the Alertable application. This service will be used to communicate to residents during emergencies. A great advantage of this service is that once you are signed up you can receive notifications via email, text message, cell call and even through land lines.

To sign up please click on the link below to take you to the village sign up page. If you are already signed up on Alertable go to settings - locations and type in Lions Bay to add it to the notifications you already receive. We will have several sign up campaigns this year to try and get as many residents on the system as possible.

Forward any questions you have to EPC@lionsbay.ca (Phil's email) or ESS@lionsbay.ca (Mary Brown's email) and we will do our best to address them.

Lastly, if you would like to volunteer for Emergency Support Services please reach out to Mary at the email above.

Yours in Service,

Phil Folkersen
Emergency Program Coordinator
Village of Lions Bay

ALERTABLE LINK

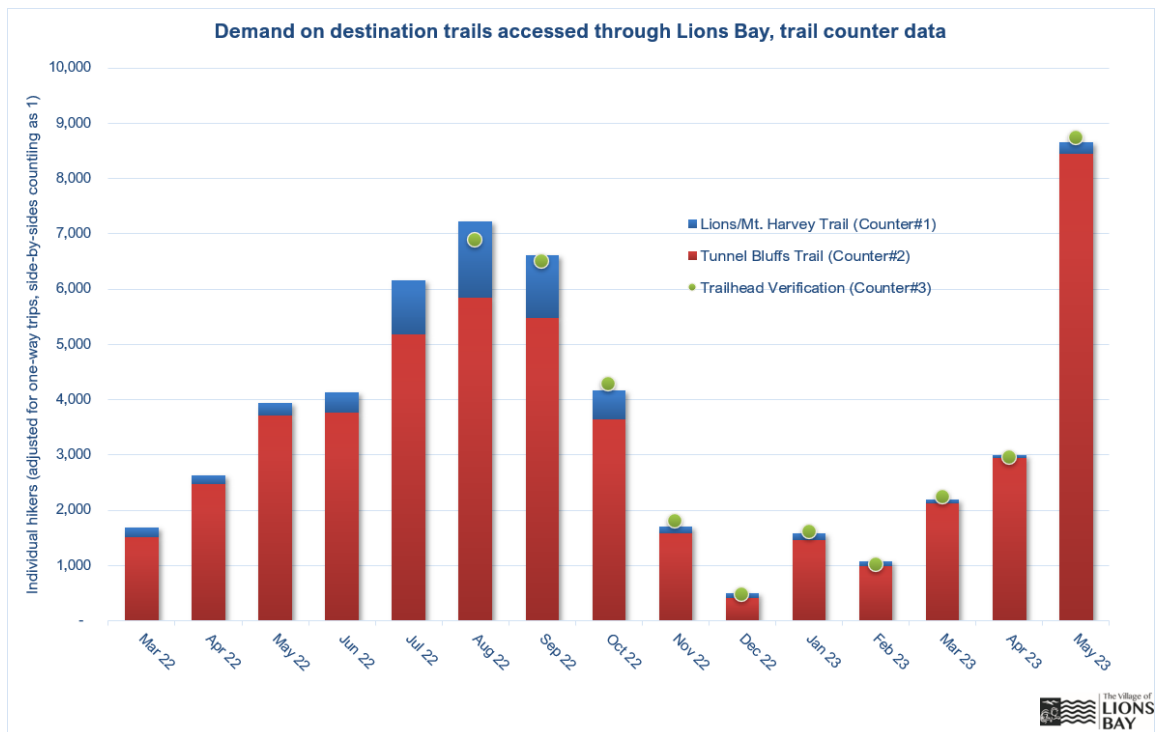
From the Yard



Public Works has collected a variety of kayaks, windsurfers and SUPs washed up on our beaches over the past year. Before we offer them for sale in support of Firefighter Day, please describe your missing craft to works@lionsbay.ca: because we may have it.



We downloaded trail counter data last week. March and April saw similar hiker numbers to last year. But as many already know anecdotally, May 2023 hiker numbers have exploded. Trail counter data are not exact—we make educated guesses to adjust for hikers coming past side-by-side and one way to and from the backcountry. Counter locations eliminate residents on most daily constitutional routes, so last month over 8500 individual hikers passed through the Sunset gate to hike Tunnel Bluffs and The Lions/Mt. Harvey Trail. Since last summer we’ve double-checked the total of the two trails with a third counter lower down--the green dot in the graph--and agreement is good. May had an average of almost 280 individual hikers a day, and almost all to Tunnel Bluffs. The Lions-Mt. Harvey Trail is just getting going as snow higher up clears. The word is unconditionally out, and we should only expect hiker numbers to continue climbing. Not only do all those people strain parking throughout the Village, then abluting in our watershed is a threat to our drinking water. Public Works is working on both issues, with the help of Vancouver Coastal Health, our MLA and the ministries for highways and forest, Metro Vancouver (whose jurisdiction both trails are in), and Council. Watch the VU for a Trail Ranger program coming later this summer: we want to compare a human count with device counts to produce better adjustment factors, we want to know hiking party sizes, and we want to delicately ask trail users whether and where they might use backcountry toilet facilities.



COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
June 20, 2023 at 6:00pm*

***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

View the Council and Committee Schedule, Agendas, & 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 any matter at the beginning of the meeting*
- *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*

THANK YOU NOTE



SUCCULENT SUNDAY EVENT MAY 28TH

Thanks to Lion's Bay Arts who sponsored the workshops, Tim and Trish Baker who were the generous hosts and of course the talented Barb San Severino who continues to support the arts in our community and offer her skills in assisting others to discover their talents.

The participants created paintings of a succulent or planted up gorgeous boxes (Thanks to my husband Andrew for the stylish boxes) The weather was cooperative and a good time was had by all.

- Ingrid Wray

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY



Gardening for Beauty and Habitat Vitality

Please join us at the Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden on **June 17th from 10:30 am to noon** for a fun and informative event highlighting how to support native biodiversity by planting for pollinators. We are part of the David Suzuki Foundation's **Butterflyway Project** and we are excited to let you know about this upcoming event.

The aim of the event is to encourage the planting of native wildflowers that support local bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Insects are in decline and every patch of wildflowers, big and small, can help bring them back! Our goal is to help establish at least a dozen pollinator-friendly gardens in Lions Bay for the village to be officially recognized as a Butterflyway.

To kick off the event, Master Gardener Jane Sherrott, who gardens at the Ambleside Pollinator Garden with a group of volunteers, will give a short presentation about how to plant for four seasons of bloom. Jane will discuss current research identifying plants that support the highest number and widest range of pollinators. Following Jane's presentation, you will learn some cool facts about some of our native bees, an important part of the 'pollinator crew'. Free native plants will be available for you to take home to grow your own Butterflyway patch. And you can snack on delicious baked treats!

You can find more details about the Butterflyway Project and a map of other Butterflyways at www.davidsuzuki.org/butterflyway.

We hope to see you at the event on **June 17th!**
Val Morton and Hana Boye, Butterflyway Rangers

This project is thanks in part to grants from the Village of Lions Bay and the Neighbourhood Small Grant program at the West Vancouver Foundation.



SATURDAY JULY 1ST



LIONS BAY BEACH PARK

MUSIC - KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD TRUCKS - FIREWORKS

SAVE THE DATE

Planning is underway for our Canada Day Party!
Saturday July 1st (starting in the afternoon)
More details coming soon.

Save the date!

July 15th
Saturday

Come make our
Beach
better for birds!



**BIRD FRIENDLY
CITY**
LIONS BAY, BC
CERTIFIED BY NATURE CANADA

LIONS BAY BEACH
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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