



Village Update

August 25, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL: MEASURES TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK

At a special meeting on Tuesday, in line with other BC communities, Council voted unanimously to take immediate measures to limit access to trails in and around Lions Bay due to the risk of wildfires. Visitor parking and access to trails from within the village is now closed until there has been meaningful rainfall.

We must unfortunately take this temporary measure due to the unprecedented conditions and number of hikers in our backcountry areas. Reducing the high number of visitors will decrease the risk of a human-caused wildfire.

Wildfire on Crown land will also be fought with provincial resources, but low creek supply means that our tanks will not refill fast enough to fight wildfire spreading into the Village for any prolonged period. And a fire-contaminated watershed will impact that supply year-round, for years.

A further danger is that hikers at the popular Tunnel Bluffs viewpoint could potentially be stranded, putting additional strain on rescue efforts, endangering visitors and residents alike. Should an evacuation be required, the increased number of vehicles on our roads could put lives at risk.

Some of the measures being put into effect include:

- The Lions Bay Beach Park, Kelvin Grove Beach Park and school parking lots will be physically closed and signage posted.
- The Mt. Harvey/Lions/Tunnel Bluffs trailhead pay parking on Sunset will be barriered, pay parking signage removed and the meter covered.
- The Mountain Drive parking meter will be covered and pay zones on Mountain and Bayview will be changed to No Parking.
- Trails within the village have not been closed.
- Bylaw Officers will enforce Permit parking where applicable, as always. Resident Parking Permit decals in former Pay zones currently signed No Parking will be honoured.
- A message will be displayed on weekends on the electronic sign at Westmount on the Upper Levels Highway and large signage will be erected at each of our six highway exits.

These measures will be reviewed regularly and removed when the wildfire risk has passed.

The closures have been communicated to the media in the hope that hikers will not drive to Lions Bay only to discover they can't go hiking. [Read the press release here.](#)

Residents are reminded to please be ultra cautious in these dry conditions and to download the [Alertable app](#), which is now being used for emergency notices.

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

The Village office is sad to say goodbye to Elyse Ando who heads back to Toronto this week to continue her studies at university.

Elyse has made an enormous contribution to the office, and we are so grateful for her hard work this summer, assisting Shawna at front reception and lending her skills to the Finance department. We will miss Elyse's diligence but wish her loads of success in her coming school year!

Stepping in to fill the gap, we are pleased to welcome Amy Starkey who brings over ten years of administrative experience working at independent schools in the Lower Mainland. She is excited to join the Village of Lions Bay as our newest employee!



RBC GranFondo Whistler 2023 - LIONS BAY TRAFFIC IMPACT

The RBC GranFondo Whistler Cycling Event is back and better than ever! Please be aware that there are some traffic impacts through Lions Bay on the morning of Saturday, September 9th, 2023.

Please visit the [WEBSITE](#) for full details.



We hope you saw our Wednesday appeal on water use, to keep us at Level 2 conservation. The Lions Bay Beach shower may not use a huge amount of water, but we have shut it off as an awareness measure, so that beachgoers have the satisfaction of playing a part in keeping us out of Level 3. We also found a significant leak in the 100 block of Lions Bay Ave on Wednesday—that will help.



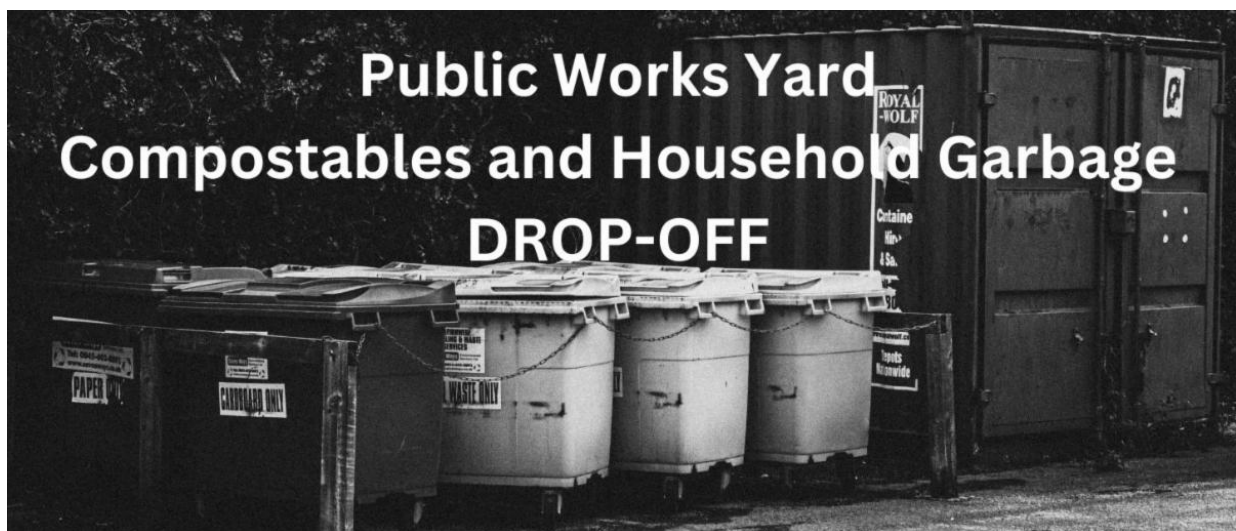
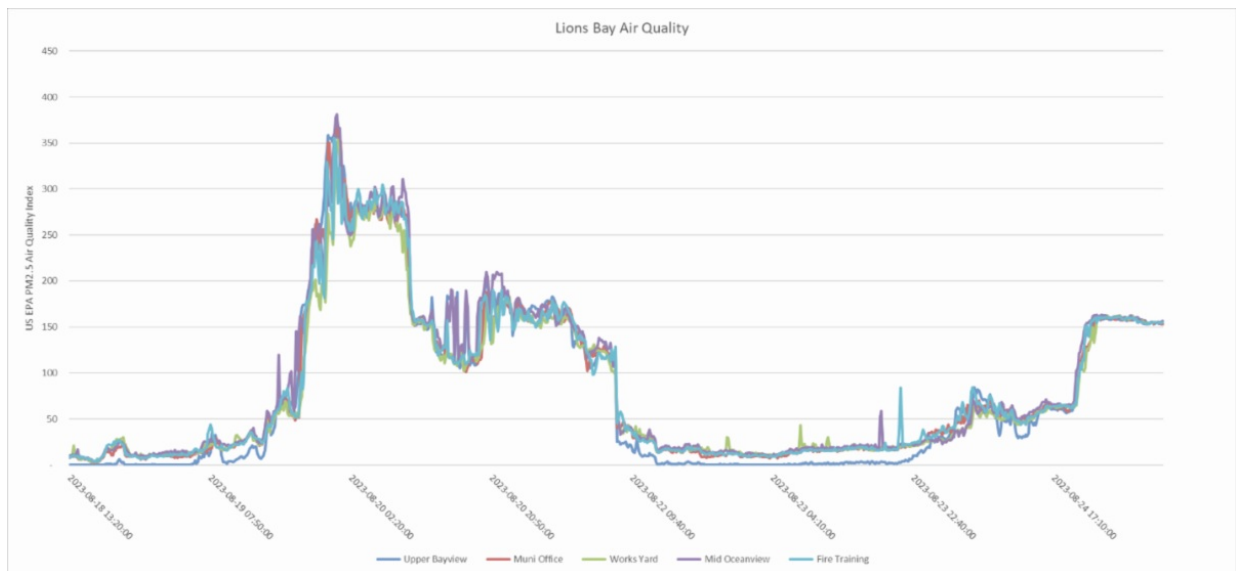
The three in-Village road repaving projects have a final trim and touch up phase, but we're waiting for some rain so that we finesse drainage scuppers and verge cambers. We also have a punch list called in by residents. Line painting is high demand in the Lower Mainland, so it may be next Spring for lines, especially so-called fog lines to mark the edge of the driving lane where we have paved right up to the culverts on mid-Bayview.



Miller-Capilano's OGFC resurfacing of the highway will not be completed this year. Quoting their message from the field at 10 pm Tuesday night, "At this point it looks like we will only be able to grind and pave the NB lanes. The SB will have to wait till the following year." Well, half is better than nothing, and after years of asking we're confident they will do it next year.



Our PM2.5 air quality meters spiked last weekend due to wildfire smoke outflows, settled down to acceptable levels (that is, under 50) mid-week, and are climbing again today Friday. See for yourself at [Lions Bay AQ stations](#):



To reduce bear attractants on private property, the Public Works Yard takes compostables and household garbage on Friday and Saturday mornings—we're here anyway on Friday and do garbage at the parks on Saturday, so it doesn't impact budget. But we are not a transfer station for other waste, which residents need to take care of personally. That includes but is not limited to styrofoam, e-waste/electronics, construction debris, furniture, paint and solvents, fluorescents, batteries and mattresses, which all need to be taken to the North

Shore Recycling & Waste Facility at 30 Riverside Drive in North Vancouver ([all the details here](#)). Regrettably, persons unknown have been abusing the off-schedule drop off and dumping all manner of whatnot at the Yard. Rather than stand over the bins, or terminate an important aspect of the Bear Smart program, we are immediately placing the public gate and municipal Yard under video surveillance. To repeat, the Yard only takes compostables and household garbage, on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Regards,
Your Public Works Team (works@lionsbay.ca)



COUNCIL IS ON SUMMER BREAK

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

September 5, 2023 at 6:00pm*

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY

LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE FIREFIGHTER'S DAY

SEP 9 | 2 - 9 PM
LIONS BAY BEACH

JOIN US

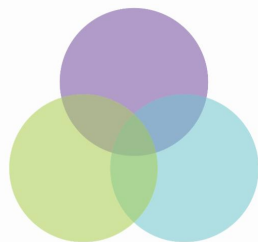
For a day of fun for kids and adults alike. We will have a BBQ, beer garden, great music, games as well as an auction table with amazing prizes.

All proceeds go directly to the volunteer fire department to help us continue to serve you better.

Thank you for being a great community!



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**SENIORS
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**Lions Bay Seniors Social Circle activities
WELCOME All Adults**

Tai Chi and Qigong Fusion classes will start up again on Tuesday, September 12th
in Broughton Hall

Adults of all ages and genders are welcome. No previous experience is necessary, provision will be made for beginners.

The session will run for 13 weeks from September 12th to December 5th on Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 11:15 to 12:15

The rate is \$117 for the full session (13 x \$9 = \$117)

Health benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong include:

- Improved flexibility and balance
- Greater energy and stamina
- Increased aerobic capacity
- Decreased stress, anxiety and depression
- Improved mood
- Enhanced muscle tone and strength

Our Instructor, Josie from North Shore Tai Chi and Qigong, is highly qualified and fosters a professional but friendly environment.

In a relaxed setting, Josie leads a variety of movements that are so much fun it doesn't feel as though you are exercising!

The class is open to adults of all ages and genders. Newcomers to Lions Bay will be warmly welcomed.

Registration is required. (An online Registration Form will be sent directly to previous participants.)

Payment can be made by eTransfer to lbseniorssocialcircle@gmail.com or on the first day of class by cash or cheque to LBSSC.

The class starts at 11:15am. Social tea is available at 11:00am.
We would love to see you there.

For those who would like to register, for more information, or if you have any questions please email us at: lbseniorssocialcircle@gmail.com or call us at [604-562-2204](tel:604-562-2204) - Carole, John or Pippa will get back to you.



Queen Kong TICKET LINK [HERE](#):

[SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2023 \(2:00 - 5:00 PM\) :: QUEEN KONG \(from Toronto \)](#) brings Klezmer JazzRockPunk, tuba and all, to Lions Bay's Village Hall. Yeah! [Queen Kong](#) *seamlessly blends Ashkenazi Jewish idiom with jazz, free improv, rock and punk to explore*

new sounds+ideas and is an exploration of sounds inspired by the Radical Jewish Culture movement in New York founded by pioneer John Zorn.

Queen Kong, led by drummer Lorie Wolf, collective CV spans Balkan punk, hip-hop brass, classical ensembles, reggae, traditional jazz and Brazilian psych-rock. Most of the members moonlight in Horah Machine, a popular Toronto Jewish wedding band. And there's TUBA. So you know its going to be an interesting afternoon gathering, in Lions Bay, at the Village Hall on **Saturday, November 25, 2023 (2:00pm - 5:00pm)**.



SAVE THE DATE! FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT on [SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2023 \(7:00 - 10:00 PM\)](#) :: [RYAN McMAHON \(from Vancouver Island\)](#) sings upbeat western folk with veritable rockstar pedigree fresh off the Burton Cummings Tour. Extraordinary! *“The complete package. Singer. Songwriter. Performer. Troublemaker. Passionate human being. For me... priceless.” - Terry David Mulligan*

[Ryan McMahon](#) is an established Award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter from Ladysmith, British Columbia with a 20 year career. Ryan has toured Canada countless times, released 7 full-length albums, and seen his music licensed nationally and abroad (“Californication”). AND he has shared the stage with an extremely wide-variety of artists, ranging from Buffy Saint Marie, Barney Bentall, Burton Cummings, JoJo Mason, Chad Brownlee, Aaron Pritchett, André-Philippe Gagnon, Carole Pope, Valdy, Lisa Loeb, Mother Mother, Nickelback, The Sheepdogs and others.. Now he's heading to Lions Bay! JOIN US for this special evening chock full of stories and song. We are grateful for the support of **CONCERT GOLD SPONSOR:** Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters, with additional funding support from the [West Vancouver Foundation - Neighbourhood Grants](#) program for this **FREE community event.**

FREE TICKET* REQUIRED. PLEASE NOTE :: This is a 19+, POTLUCK food + drink, INDOOR seated concert event. ALL WELCOME - FREE TICKET REQUIRED - NO GRUDGES ALLOWED!

FREE TICKET LINK [HERE](#):

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