



Village Update

September 8, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

The first regular Council meeting after the summer break took place on Tuesday night. After a two-month extension to his original three-month appointment, Municipal Advisor Randy Diehl's ministry contract came to an end on August 31st bringing his time with Lions Bay to an end. Acting Corporate Officer/consultant Deanna Campbell left us at the end of July.

We are pleased to announce that Council has signed a contract with Ross Blackwell as our new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and that he will be joining us before the next regular Council meeting. This is a permanent appointment and we look forward to having Ross's leadership in the Village Office. Please see the letter of introduction Ross has provided which follows.

We believe all these changes indicate positive steps forward with more to come.

Council maintained its position on restricting parking to limit access to trails. We will review these measures at the next Council meeting and thereafter as necessary, with a view to removing these temporary measures at the earliest opportunity.

September 7, 2023

Dear Residents of the Village of Lions Bay,

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for your wonderful community. My name is Ross Blackwell, and it is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I embark on this new journey with all of you.



Prior to joining the Village of Lions Bay, I had the privilege of serving as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer in the District of Port Hardy. In my previous role, I also held dual responsibilities as the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Development Services. These and other experiences over my career have equipped me with valuable skills and insights that I am eager to bring to your community.

My educational background is in urban planning and design. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Urban Geography and Economics from the University of Victoria and a Master's degree in Urban and Community Planning from the University of British Columbia. Over the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to work in both the private sector as a professional consultant and in the public sector, collaborating with municipalities and regional districts across British Columbia.

I grew up on the North Shore and accordingly, I have a natural affinity for this area and look forward to relocating. Currently, my family and I reside in North Cowichan on Vancouver Island, where we have found a deep sense of belonging and community. I have also been actively involved in volunteering my time to support community-based "place-making" activities. These experiences have reinforced my belief in the power of community engagement and the positive impact it can have on our lives.

I am genuinely excited to be joining the beautiful community of Lions Bay. I look forward to working closely with our Council, our dedicated staff team, and, most importantly, all of you, the residents. While there are undoubtedly challenges ahead, there are also incredible opportunities to make Lions Bay an even more special place.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the trust that the Council has placed in me, and I am committed to giving my all to serve this community to the best of my abilities. In the coming weeks and months, I am eager to meet each and every one of you, get to know your unique stories and work together to make Lions Bay an even more vibrant and thriving place to call home.

I am excited to embark on this journey of growth, collaboration, and community building with all of you.

Warmest regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, looped 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

Ross

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPLITY

FROM SEA TO SKY

Please be advised of the traffic impacts on the Sea to Sky Highway on Sept. 9th 2023, which can be found by scanning the QR code.



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 **TOMORROW, Saturday September 9th, 2023.**

For further information on traffic impacts please see their website [HERE](#) for full details.

UPDATES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD



MID-BAYVIEW ROAD

PROCEED WITH CARE

Drivers on mid-Bayview will experience Lions Bay's first traffic lights, albeit temporarily, through next week. They're needed to one-lane the road for a laydown area for the Alberta Creek driveway bridge renovation. Please proceed with care: the traffic system went haywire on Thursday--it was being returned to righteousness today, but you never know.

WATER CONSERVATION

We're not out of the woods yet for water. With this week's rains totalling only 1.5 mm at the Harvey plant's rain gauge, we're back to four hour fill cycles overnight and longer during the day on the Harvey Creek system (which supplies 80% of the Village until we fund more tankage at Magnesia). The rain barely registered in creek flows: Harvey Creek is producing 325 gallons per minute, Mag about 280. Village-wide consumption is ranging from 518,000 to 490,000 gallons per day, an average of 360 to 340 gallons per minute. The constraint is the Harvey plant and it's complaining. The crew down here at the Yard implore everyone to do what they can to keep us out of Level 3. Unpleasant, that would be.



Lions Bay Bear Smart

www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca

Hyperphagia

An increase in bear feeding activity that is driven by a biological need to fatten up before winter



A CRITICAL TIME FOR BEARS

The fat reserves a bear builds during the fall are critical for their survival. If they don't get enough to eat in the fall, mothers won't produce cubs and some bears can die in their den. The reserves built from hyperphagia will last the bear through winter and well into the following spring.

TIME OF YEAR

Hyperphagia typically lasts mid August through to late September or October, during which time bears will feed and drink upwards to 20 hours a day!



HUMANS NEED TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT

We need to take every precaution during this time to help prevent human-bear conflict. This means managing attractants like bird feeders, garbage, fruit trees and keeping your BBQ clean. Keep your doors and windows closed and locked, especially at night and when you are out.

WINTER DEN

With few natural foods available in the winter, black bears enter a state of dormancy (or hibernation) to conserve energy. On the south coast, black bears typically hibernate for 3 to 5 months. When bears enter their dens they can go without food and water or the need to go to the bathroom!





NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

September 19, 2023 at 6:00pm*

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

[View the Council and Committee Schedules, 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*

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.

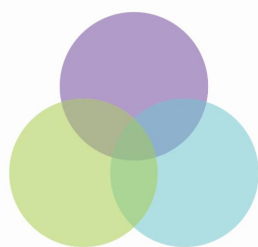
Thank you for being a great community!



We have an auction table again this year with some amazing prizes!!!

- Arcteryx Backpacks
- Flats of Beers
- Rounds of Golf
- Wine Tours
- AND our yearly Tofino All Paid Package for 2 is BACK!!!

[FOR DONATIONS CLICK HERE](#)



SENIORS
SOCIAL
CIRCLE

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.



Save the date!

Fall reception: Connecting the Community to the Arts
Saturday October 7th 2:00 – 4:00 VILLAGE HALL

Lions Bay Arts wants to connect with new residents (and reconnect) with the community and Artists within it.

Everyone is invited! Artists are invited to network and are welcome to bring some of their art to show. (Tables will be provided - bring your own easels if needed)

We will have a brief slide show presentation.
Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

We hope to see you!

lionsbayarts.ca

For those Artists needing a table please let us know in advance by emailing info@lionsbayarts.ca



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Lions Bay photos for the
2024 LIONS BAY ARTS
CALENDAR

PHOTOS NEED TO BE HIGH RESOLUTION
MINIMUM 2MB

PHOTOS NEED TO BE LANDSCAPE/HORIZONTAL
ORIENTATION

SUBMIT YOUR
PHOTOS TO
calendar@lionsbayarts.ca
before
15 OCTOBER 2023

Thank you for your continued support of the arts in
our community!

Click [HERE](#) for Details



Sunday, October 22 (2:00 - 5:00pm) :: Flying in from the UK, award-winning acoustic music duo from Gloucestershire, England The Black Feathers (Sian Chandler and Ray Hughes) bring a sound reminiscent of "The Civil Wars" to Lions Bay. Elements of Americana, folk, and acoustic Indie rock coexist comfortably in their repertoire, with Hughes' guitar work accompanying the type of vocal harmonies usually identified with family bands. ***You know it when you hear it: that perfectly blended, almost otherworldly harmony. It's not just singing in tune. There's a match in timing, in expression, in dynamics, in timbre, plus something inexplicable that makes it no longer two voices, but one voice singing two parts.*** The Black Feathers have performed at the Philadelphia Folk Festival and AmericanaFest, as well as venues all over the UK and Wales. Now they're stopping in Lions Bay on the FIRST CANADIAN date on their North American Tour. **We are grateful for the generous support of CONCERT GOLD SPONSOR: Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters for this community event.**

TICKET* REQUIRED. PLEASE NOTE :: This is a 19+, POTLUCK food + drink, INDOOR seated concert event. ALL WELCOME - TICKET REQUIRED

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)**.

Queen Kong TICKET LINK [HERE](#):



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

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