

December 15, 2024

Village of Lions Bay Update

Dear Residents of Lions Bay,

Declaration of State of Local Emergency

Pursuant to Section 95 (1) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* that a state of local emergency exists in *the Brunswick/ Magnesia Creek* due to *debris flow that has caused property and structural damage and loss of life*.

Per Section 97 (1) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, the state of local emergency will remain in force unless cancelled by *Municipality of Lions Bay* or the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness or extended by *Municipality of Lions Bay* with the approval of the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. This Order allows the Village to access additional Provincial resources.

The emergency incident in the Brunswick/ Magnesia Creek area down to Highway #99 on Saturday morning was due to a significant debris flow, the cause of which is under investigation.

Recovery Efforts

The debris flow swept one residence off the foundation and damaged some infrastructure. One individual from the home has been recovered and confirmed deceased, and the search will continue tomorrow for a second individual.

First Responders

Under the command of Lions Bay Fire Chief Barret Germscheid, multiple agencies are actively involved in the operation. These include Canada Task Force 1 (Heavy Urban Search & Rescue), Lions Bay Fire/Rescue, Lions Bay Search & Rescue, Britannia Fire/Rescue, the RCMP, West Vancouver Police, and Metro Vancouver Protective Services & Emergency Management.

The Province's Emergency Management and Climate Readiness agency has been working closely with municipal staff regarding coordination and logistics. Further geotechnical investigation of this area will continue over the next few days.

The evacuation notice for 52 to 61 Brunswick Beach Road has been rescinded.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and members of our Community. In addition, we would like to thank all first responders and supporting agencies for their dedication and professionalism during this challenging time.

We will provide further updates in the coming days as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,
Ken Berry, Mayor
The Village of Lions Bay