



Village Update

February 7, 2025

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO WATCH FOR...

- ⇒ Dog Tag early payment discount coming up! February 28, 2025.
- ⇒ Boat Space Rental—early payment discount, March 31, 2025
- ⇒ Utility Notices - watch for early April
- ⇒ Property Taxes will be issued no less than 6 weeks prior to due date of July 14, 2025

WAYS TO PAY...

- ⇒ Online services through the Village website: <https://www.lionsbay.ca/services/financial-services/online-services> (SERVICE FEES APPLY)
- ⇒ In person via cheque, or cash (\$150 limit)
- ⇒ DEBIT Card at the Front Counter
- ⇒ Through your financial institution

SPECULATION TAX...

By now you should have received your annual Speculation Tax Declaration, from the Province. You **MUST** declare your Speculation Tax Exemption by March 31, 2025, or you will be charged 2% interest. If you owe taxes, a further 10% penalty will be applied to your taxes.

If you have any questions, or you have not received your SpecTax Declaration, you can contact gov.bc.ca/spectax, Or call 1-833-554-2323

Please keep in mind, Spec Tax, Home Owner Grants, and Property Tax Deferment, are administered separately by the Province.

The Village Office, and Finance Department do not apply for these self-elected programs on your behalf. While we are happy to answer whatever questions you might have, missed deadlines are the sole responsibility of the home owner.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MODULE

We are excited to introduce an Accounts Receivable module to our system. This means we are now able to integrate invoicing for Boat Spaces, Dog Tags, Building Permits, and more. This step will allow us to cross-reference various services for our residents in a more streamlined manner.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we manage the learning curve, which includes setting you or your household up with an Accounts Receivable Customer' account.

Any Questions, please call or email: 604-921-9333 ext. 1004 or accounting@lionsbay.ca



In accordance with the [Village of Lions Bay Trees, Views, and Landscapes Bylaw No. 393](#) , 2007, the cutting of trees on Municipal Property during active bird nesting season, which is between **March 26th and August 16th** each year, is **prohibited**.

If you want to do some tree work and those trees are on Municipal property, you'll need to apply for a tree cutting permit ASAP as the window to obtain Council approval is dwindling. The **March 18th** Council meeting is the last meeting you can get your application approved so that your work can happen before the **March 26th deadline** – after that, you're going to have to wait until mid-August unless you get Council dispensation to undertake a nesting survey with a registered biologist at your cost to establish there are no bird nests in the vicinity of the trees you wish to cut.

Skip the rush and submit your application for tree cutting in **August!**

[Click HERE to see what needs to happen..](#)

There is a lot to prepare and organize and schedule – so please take note of the timeline!

[TREE APPLICATION FORM HERE!](#)

PUBLIC EDUCATION &



OUTREACH PROGRAM

For the best protection or where extra time is needed to awaken or assist others, both ionization smoke alarms and photoelectric smoke alarms or combination ionization-photoelectric alarms are recommended. In addition,

interconnected smoke alarms are more likely to alert occupants of a fire anywhere in the building, because when one sounds they all sound.

It's important to have enough smoke alarms in your home. Fire research has demonstrated that with today's modern furnishings, fires can spread much more rapidly than in the past. Thus, having a sufficient number of properly located smoke alarms is essential to maximize the amount of available escape time.



For many years **NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code**, has required as a minimum that smoke alarms be installed inside every sleep room, in addition to requiring them outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Homes built to earlier standards often don't meet these minimum requirements. Additional smoke alarms are required for larger homes!!

If we want our smoke alarms to save our lives, we need to take care of them. It is very important that we test them monthly to make sure that they're working, change the battery right away when they run out and replace them when they get old. Smoke alarms should be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.

The last step after learning all about smoke alarms is to know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. It is very important for any emergency to have a plan and practice it before the real emergency happens. Make sure everyone in the household knows the emergency plan and the muster point. We recommend you all practice the emergency plan at least twice a year.

We hope you all have enjoyed learning about smoke alarms. If you have any questions, send us a message through social media or come and see us at the fire hall. And follow us on Instagram or Facebook to learn more.

For more information please see links below:

- [For More Information on Installing and Maintaining Smoke Alarms Click HERE](#)
 - [Click This Link For Important Guidelines on Maintenance of Home Fire Alarms](#)
 - [Home Fires: What To Do Before, During and After - Click HERE](#)
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**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW**

WOOF!
(AHEM!)

**DOG LICENSES
& BOAT SPACES**



NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Regular Meeting of Council Meeting - February 18, 2025 at 6:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole Meeting - March 4, 2025 at 6:00pm

Curly Stewart Memorial Committee Meeting - February 10, 2025 at 7:00pm

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting - February 11, 2025 at 4:30pm - **CANCELLED**

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - February 11, 2025 at 6:00pm

Special Council Meeting - February 12, 2025 at 6:00pm

Tree Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025 at 12:30pm (On Site)

Climate Action Committee Meeting - February 25, 2025 at 7:00pm

Note: Please check the Village website [calendar](#)
for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.

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 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.
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*Celebrating the lives of our long time
neighbours and friends*

BARBARA & DAVID ENNS

*YOU MAY NOT BE HERE WITH US ON EARTH BUT
YOU WILL WALK WITH US EVERYWHERE*

Saturday, 8th of March
from 1:00-3:00 pm Broughton Hall 400 Centre Rd.
Lions Bay, BC V0N2E0
Light refreshments will be served



Sunday!

10 for 10.30am in the Council Chamber.
Tea/coffee/treats/draw prizes



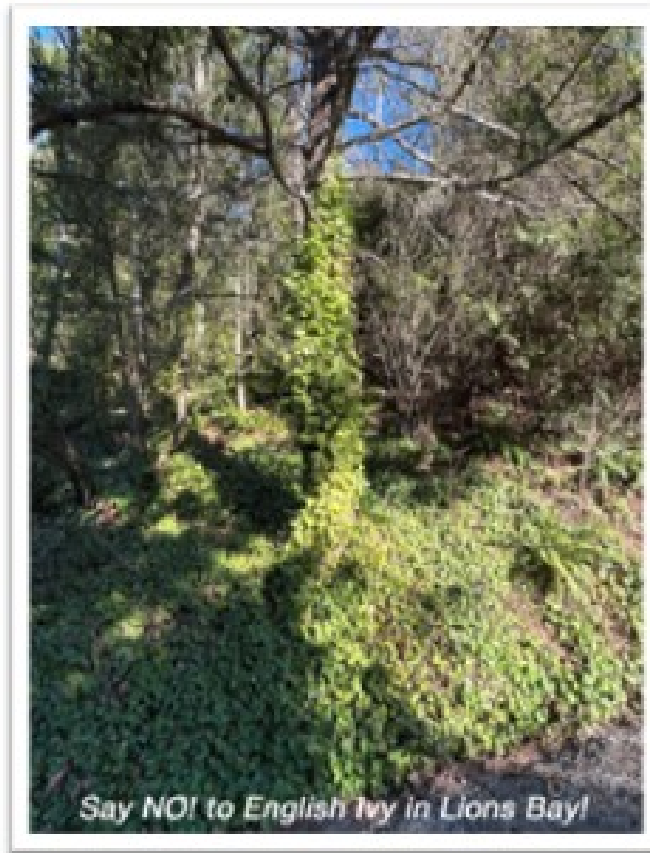
Come and hear
Vancouver photographer
June Hunter share
her corvid observations
and tips on telling the
two birds apart.



The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation
Grade 12 Student Scholarship Application Tutorial
Monday, February 3rd, 2025
7:00 - 8:00pm via Zoom

***All Lions Bay Grade 12 & 11 Students
and Family Members***

Mark your calendars for the Scholarship Application Tutorial



Please join your Butterflyway Rangers, Val and Hana, at our first Lions Bay Ivy Pull!

We are planning our first ivy pull for **March 2, between 10 and 2**. This date is before ground-nesting birds are active. Please meet us at the Broughton Hall. Help prevent the spread of ivy and restore affected areas with native plants. Restoration helps bring back native species and improve biodiversity in our beautiful village. Everyone benefits.

During the 2025 Ivy Pull, we will be clearing the area near the village office, by the stop sign before you turn up towards the fire hall or down towards the store. We selected this area because it is a key junction for people and traffic. We hope that the visibility of our work will inspire others to remove the ivy at their homes and throughout the municipality. Later in the spring, the cleared area will be planted with native plants.

During this event, at approximately 11:30, Lions Bay resident Ingrid Wray and Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council member Clo Godbout-Gauthier will give a seminar on weaving ivy vines into creative baskets. Broughton Hall will be open for the weaving activity and as a warm location where you can enjoy a delicious scone and some tea or coffee.

Please bring: your own bag lunch. Warm old clothes and gardening gloves are recommended; hand pruners and weeding forks could be useful.

Teens who need service hours for school are encouraged to join in. We will provide documentation of your excellent efforts!



Happy 2025 everyone!

Please come join us with your children this **WINTER** for a new term of **Lions Bay Music Together.**



WINTER 2025 Children's Music Class information

We will meet **THURSDAYS at 10am** at the Broughton Hall 400 Centre Rd (in the Gymnasium area)

- 45 minute classes
- Starting Thursday **January 16th, 2025** (9 weeks of classes this term)
- Children age 0-5 are welcome
- \$185 for the term. \$100 for Siblings 12 months and older. Siblings under a year old are free. Families receive a **Music Together DRUM collection** CD , music download code, a song book, and access to the Music Together interactive musical family website.
- I will provide sanitized instruments and musical props

WHY Music Together? Exposing children to the language of music in their early developmental years; accelerates brain development, develops social and emotional coping skills, develops motor and mathematical skills, fosters friendships between the children and the parents (creating community) and the list can go on and on.

Please text or call [Tanya @ 604-813-0181](tel:604-813-0181) or email lbusicctogether@gmail.com to register or for more information. I would love the opportunity to foster your child's musical development.



Bringing our Community Together

📄 We Want to Hear From You! 📄

📄 We're busy planning events for this year and want to focus on what truly matters to our community. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us make future events even better.

📄 Take our quick survey here: [[Events Survey](#)]

📄 It only takes 2-3 minutes to complete, and your insights will directly shape our upcoming events.

📄 Tell us what you loved, what could be improved, and what you'd like to see next time.

Thank you for being an important part of our community. We can't wait to hear your thoughts!

The Lions Bay Events Committee 📄

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• Encourage friends and neighbours to [subscribe](#) to the weekly Village Update and the municipality's [Facebook page](#) as a regular source of official municipal information.

- [View Council and Committee calendars, agendas and meeting minutes HERE](#)
- See local air quality on our [real-time air quality map](#)
- Compostable and landfill garbage drop-off Friday 6-8 am, Saturdays 8-11am at the

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns pertaining to the Village Update, please email epost@lionsbay.ca



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