



Village Update

March 14, 2025

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

From the CAO's Desk

Lions Bay Fire Chief Barret Germscheid to Step Down

Lions Bay Council extends its deep appreciation to Chief Barret Germscheid, who has announced his resignation as Chief of the Lions Bay Fire Rescue Service, effective May 31, 2025. While this marks the end of his tenure as Chief, we are pleased that Barret will continue serving as a Fire Rescue volunteer in a reduced capacity.

Barret's leadership has been instrumental in shaping the Fire Rescue Service, ensuring the safety of our community, and responding to emergencies with professionalism and dedication. His expertise was particularly evident during the Battani Creek debris event, where his leadership played a critical role in emergency response efforts. His ability to lead under pressure and coordinate complex operations demonstrated his deep commitment to the safety and well-being of Lions Bay residents.

Barret has made this decision due to the substantial time commitment required of the role, in addition to his full-time position with West Vancouver Fire Rescue. We recognize and respect the dedication he has shown in balancing both responsibilities for so long.

Council will be considering next steps in filling this important position and will keep the community informed as decisions are made. In the meantime, we extend our sincere gratitude to Barret for his outstanding service as Chief and look forward to his continued contributions in a volunteer capacity.

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

GRANT IN AID ARE NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the 2025 Grant-in-Aid (GIA) intake for Lions Bay Community Groups, Organizations and individuals. You can find the application [here](#). Deadline for submissions is March 28th at 4:30 p.m. Some things to remember when submitting your grant:

- ⇒ In a effort to reduce our footprint, as well as paperwork, **only electronic online applications will be accepted.**
- ⇒ **Only the current 2025 Application form will be accepted.**

For anyone needing assistance with the online application, and/or further help or instructions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

[Click Here for the 2025 Grant in Aid Application Form](#)



Reminder: 2025 Boat Space Rental Permits are due, \$125 per calendar year if paid by March 31st and \$150 if paid after March 31st (after May 31st, boat will be seized and removed)

PUBLIC EDUCATION &



OUTREACH PROGRAM



BRITISH COLUMBIA
FireSmart™

FireSmart Home Assessments:

Lions Bay Fire Rescue has partnered with Frontera Forest Solutions through a wildfire grant to offer free home assessments to the community, conducted by our local FireSmart representative.

Our FireSmart representatives are available to assess your home's wildfire risk using the Home Ignition Zone model. They will provide recommendations on changes that can significantly reduce the risk of structure ignition.

These assessments are completely confidential and offered at no cost. To inquire about scheduling your free home assessment, please contact us at:

****lbfadmin@lionsbay.ca****

Thank you for helping make our community safer!

Council & Committee Meetings

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 1, 2025 at 6:00pm

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD
&
UPCOMING EVENTS



Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation CALLING ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

The Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation presents scholarships each year to successful Grade 12 applicants from the Lions Bay Community who are pursuing further education at a post-secondary institution.

Once again this year, additional privately funded scholarships are being administered by the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation. The Rafe Mair Scholarship and The Rudy Luethy Scholarship may be applied for through this one application process. Please review the criteria carefully on the application form. Students may be eligible for more than one Scholarship.

Applications are due 4 pm Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 for the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, Rafe Mair and Rudy Luethy scholarships. Students ~ complete your applications early and seek your applicable reference letters now.

**Graduate Celebration 2025
Attention: All graduates and families....
Save the Date
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 7pm
Broughton Hall**

Scholarship Application Form [HERE](#)

Landscape Painting Group for Adults

Mentored by artist Barb San Severino

Whether you are a novice eager to explore the world of landscape painting or an experienced artist looking to refine your skills, this group offers a unique opportunity to learn and grow under the guidance of Barb San Severino.

Barb San Severino is a celebrated landscape artist known for her breathtaking depictions of nature's beauty. With decades of experience and numerous accolades to her name, Barb brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her mentoring sessions. Her passion for painting is matched only by her dedication to nurturing the talents of aspiring artists.

2013 William Kung

Where: Broughton Hall

When: Thurs. April 24th and will run for 6 sessions ending Thurs. May 29th.

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm.

Cost: \$40

Artists are to bring their own supplies and a piece of work in progress. Spaces in our landscape painting group are limited to ensure each participant receives generous attention and guidance.

Please visit our website: <https://lionsbayarts.ca/adult-learning> to register and make payment to secure your spot.

CLASS IS FULL!
(Watch for future offerings)





Common Bear Attractants

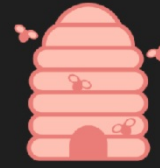
Garbage

Bears have a very keen sense of smell. It is important to store your garbage in a secure indoor location until the morning of collection.



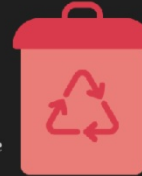
Fruit/Beehives

Pick and remove ripe and fallen fruit promptly. Protect beehives with electric fencing.



Organics and Food Waste

Freeze all odorous food scraps. Keep organic waste bins clean. Store in a secure location until the morning of collection.



Bird Feed

Suspend feeders high off the ground (using a cable) so it cannot be accessed by bears. Alternatively, remove feeders during bear season (Mar - Dec)



Recycling

Bears can be attracted to unwashed containers. Ensure all recycling is clean and rinsed of odorous residue.



Pet Food

Pets should be fed indoors and all pet food and bowls stored inside.

Open garages, doors and windows

Bears may enter an open door or window in search of food. Keep doors and windows closed when you are not in the immediate area.



REPORT Bear sightings: www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca

Interactions where public safety may be at risk: 1-877-952-7277

Attractants: bylaw@lionsbay.ca / 604-834-3404

Help our returning migratory birds...



Dim the lights for birds at night.

Our migratory birds, including tiny Rufous Hummingbirds, are returning to Lions Bay. Stop for a second and think about their incredible journeys over thousands of miles to make it

back... for such small creatures, these long trips are truly one of nature's miracles.

Did you know that nearly all songbirds and even some shorebirds and waterfowl migrate at night? One of the greatest dangers they face is the ever-increasing presence of artificial lights during their journeys. Birds are attracted to- and disoriented by lights, which can lead to collisions and other serious dangers. But we can each take a few simple steps to reduce the impact of light pollution on birds, for example:

Direct all outdoor lighting downward. Place lights to illuminate only the floor or the ground and use lighting shields to prevent light shining into the sky.

Turn off lights by 10pm during bird migration seasons (April – May and August – September). It is particularly important to take these measures as early in the evening as possible, because birds begin their nocturnal migrations at dusk during spring and fall migration periods.

Reduce the amount of light outside your home or place of business. Turn off all non-essential nighttime lights. For essential lights, such as security lighting, use timers or motion detectors to keep usage to a minimum. And always use the minimum wattage necessary for the task at hand.

Change the color of your lights from cool to warm. Studies suggest that green and blue light attracts more nocturnally migrating birds than red, orange, or yellow light. Use light bulbs that emit warm lighting to minimize disturbance to birds (less than 3,000K).

Share the message to “dim the lights for birds at night.” Speak to family and friends and share these messages to increase awareness of this important issue.

[Click here](#) to read more about how we can each do our part to protect our birds. You can also join us on [Facebook](#).





Lions Bay
Events
Committee
Bringing our Community Together

📧 Join Our Event Planning Team! 📧

We're busy planning exciting community events for the year, and we need passionate volunteers to help make them a success! 📧

We're looking for individuals to take the lead in key areas, including:

📧 Sponsorship Leader – Help connect with local businesses and secure sponsorships.

📧 Games & Activities Leader – Plan and oversee fun activities for kids and families.

Whether it's our Easter Event, Trivia Night, Summer Festival, or other community gatherings, your support can make a big difference! Interested?

Contact us to get involved at lionsbayevents@gmail.com

Let's work together to create amazing events for our community! It takes a village! 📧

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- Encourage friends and neighbours to [subscribe](#) to the weekly Village Update and the official [Facebook page](#) as a regular source of official municipal information.
- View Council and Committee [meeting calendars, agendas and meeting minutes](#)
- See local air quality on our [real-time air quality map](#)
- See [Real-time air temperature](#)
- Click here for [curbside solid waste timeslots](#). Compostable and landfill garbage drop-off is available at the Public Works Yard, 5 Tidewater Way, Fridays 6-8 am and Saturdays 8-11 am.



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



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