



Village Update

July 18, 2025

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



COMMUNITY RECYCLING DEPOT

The Community Recycling Depot soft-launched today at the Public Works Yard, 5 Tidewater Way. Going forward, it operates 6-9 Friday and 8-11 Saturday, with trained staff standing by to accept, at no charge:

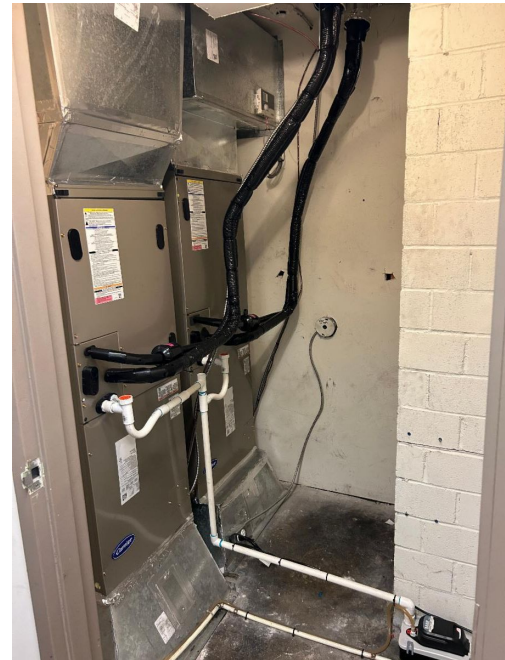
1. **White and coloured Styrofoam and urethane foam, including clean food containers**
2. **Unbroken lightbulbs, all types**
3. **Consumer e-waste and small appliances up to microwave size**
4. **Clear and coloured soft and crinkle plastics**
5. **Batteries: rechargeable, button, vehicle, others.**

A reminder that for the convenience of those who can't make their street's timeslot for curbside collection of wildlife-attractant landfill and compostable waste, Public Works takes it at the Yard, same times as above. We don't take construction waste, large appliances and junk curbside or at the Yard—that's for the North Shore Transfer Station in North Van, of which Lions Bay is a member. The Depot also does **NOT take residential recyclable plastic/metal/aseptic containers, glass containers and card/paper** because Recycle BC pays us to collect those streams curbside. Clean (non-wildlife attractant) recyclables can be put out after 5 am on Friday, independent of curbside collection schedules.

FIREUP



Project FIREUP (Furnace Infrastructure Replacement Environmental Project) was delivered this week, with two unreliable and greenhouse gas producing oil fossil fuel furnaces at the municipal campus scrapped, and high efficiency 4 and 5 ton electric heat pumps installed to handle heating and cooling of Broughton Hall, Council Chambers and the Community Common Room. Existing electrical service was reconfigured to eliminate the expensive BC Hydro repowering that had stymied the project before. The campus's existing generator will handle the additional load if the facility is needed for either a warming or a cooling centre during outages, plus a backup wood-burning fireplace provides heat if the generator is inoperative. The project was fully funded by Local Government Climate Action Program grants obtained through Council's Climate Action Committee.



BEACH WATER QUALITY

Lions Bay Beach remains under Vancouver Coastal Health advisory. Despite taking additional samples to try to bring the average down, *E. coli* is still above the 200 units per 100 ml limit:

Beach Water Sampling Results, Colony-Forming Units/100 ml						
Suitable for swimming						
Beach Action Value Investigation: any (A+B)/2 result > 235						
Advisory: not suitable for swimming (2 consecutive samples > 400, or average of 5 most recent or past 30 days > 200)						
Sample date	Kelvin Grove		Brunswick		Lions Bay	
2025	A	B	A	B	A	B
20 May	5	<5	<5	<5	10	50
26 May	<5	5	<5	<5	5	5
2 June	5	55	<5	5	5	10
9 June	5	5	5	10	10	86
16 June	<5	<5	<5	5	32	65
23 June	25	<5	<5	20	800	950
26 June	Special, Lions Bay Beach only				665	645
30 June	45	70	18	10	240	280
7 July	5	5	4	5	155	275
10 July	Special, Lions Bay Beach only				90	410
14 July	10	50	30	105	73	120

Kelvin Grove Beach and Brunswick Beach water quality remains satisfactory. The municipality tests the swimming water at our three beaches for the *Escherichia coliform* bacterium weekly in summer. *E. coli* is produced only in the colons of warm-blooded animals. It is itself a pathogen, and high counts in swimming water increase the risk of gastrointestinal illnesses and skin and eye infections. Its presence indicates fecal contamination by mammals or birds, and the possible presence of far more serious fecal disease including cholera, polio, typhoid, hepatitis and enteric. Where is it coming from?

- The onsite wastewater system at Lions Bay Beach Park and its dispersal field under the lawn, and the Kelvin Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant and its ocean outfall 700 m to the south, are operating normally and as far as anything can be said with certainty are not a source of *E. coli* at Lions Bay Beach.
- Boats at the adjacent Lions Bay Marina could conceivably decide to flush *E. coli*-containing wastewater a few meters from shore, but virtually all boaters will honour the 3 nautical mile (5.6 km) limit. Unless a slew of them have not been, continuously since late June, it's not the boats.
- The Marina's own onsite wastewater system is being checked, but is known to be properly maintained and is anyway 50 meters (47 actually) back from the high water mark—by the time they get there, pathogens will have been consumed by beneficial bacteria in the dispersal field and ground.
- Copious goose droppings are evident on both the beach and the lawn and geese, being warm blooded, are certainly a source of *E. coli*.

Short version: *E. coli* in the water at Lions Bay Beach Park indicates the possible presence of serious pathogens. The public should heed water quality notices. Further information is at https://www.vch.ca/en/service/public-beach-water-quality#compliance_monitoring_status. Next samples: Monday, July 21, with results that Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



People ask why Public Works does not manage vegetation on the roadside and in parks more. Mostly, because of the Council directive to observe bird nesting season, which runs from mid-March through mid-August. There are exceptions when it:

- Obscures motorists' views of pedestrians, the road or traffic signage
- Gets close enough to arc to primary power wires (the uninsulated 12,000 - 28,000 V ones at the top), done through BC Hydro and their specialist utility fellers
- Blocks drainage
- Is too intermingled with fire load to easily avoid while addressing the latter
- Is a publicly-owned tree deemed by a Qualified Professional to be hazardous to life, limb or property between now and the end of nesting season.
- Has fallen onto or into infrastructure.

Other than that, mid-August.



Parking in Lions Bay: What You Need to Know

Lions Bay welcomes visitors year-round, but due to our small size and unique geography, parking is limited and regulated in certain areas to ensure safety, access, and a positive experience for residents and guests alike. Below is a summary of current parking protocols:

Public vs. Private Parking

- **The gravel lot next to the school field** is **private property** owned by the school district.

- **The store/strata lot** is also **private property** and restricted to residents, store customers, and those collecting mail. The Village does not enforce long-term parking here—this is the responsibility of the property owner.

Where Pay Parking is in Effect

Pay parking is enforced at the following public locations:

- **Sunset Trailhead lot** – 17 spaces
- **East side of Mountain Drive** – 40–45 spaces
- **Bayview Road (school side)** – 25–30 spaces
- **Lions Bay Beach Park lot** – 26 spaces
- **Kelvin Grove Beach Park lot** – 27 spaces

Please ensure you pay for parking using the PayByPhone app and verify payment has gone through before leaving your vehicle—cell reception can be spotty in certain areas.

Drop-off and Permit-Only Areas

- The **first small lot above the school** is a designated **drop-off area**. Updated signage is being installed.
- The **cul-de-sac at the end of Mountain Drive** is **Resident-Permit Parking Only**.
- **Centre Road** parking is allowed **only during permitted events** at the Village Hall and vehicles must display an event permit.
- **Lions Bay Avenue and Brunswick Beach Road** do **not** allow visitor parking at any time.

Where You Can Park for Free

- Any areas **without signage** are considered open and free for all users. This includes some parts of **Oceanview Road** and upper **Kelvin Grove Road**, which lack pay parking due to signal limitations.
- The **Park and Ride lot on Isleview** is also free to use and not subject to municipal enforcement.

Daily Guest Parking Permits

Visitors using a **one-day guest permit** (provided by a resident) may **only park in Resident Permit zones—not** in metered pay parking lots.

Temporary Restrictions & Safety

- New signage is being installed to prevent beach visitors from parking on dangerous **on- and off-ramps**.
- **“No Visitor Parking Beyond This Point”** signs are in place on roads near beaches and trails to help manage congestion.

Before You Park

- Always read posted signage carefully.
- Ensure your PayByPhone transaction is complete before leaving your vehicle.
- Park respectfully and never block emergency access points or private driveways.
- If you're unsure, contact the Bylaw Department at 604-834-3404 or bylaw@lionsbay.ca for clarification.

Thank you for helping us keep Lions Bay safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.



For Immediate Release

July 15, 2025

Ministry of Forests

BC Wildfire Service

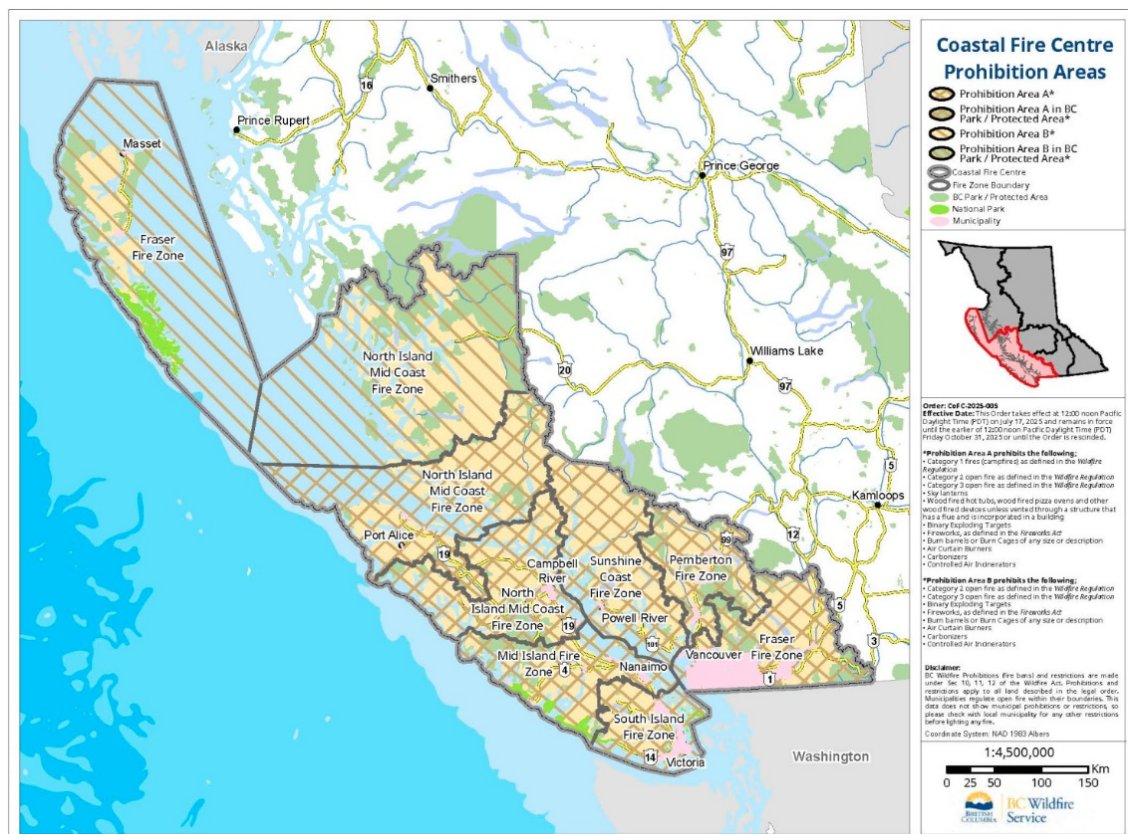
Coastal Fire Centre to enact Category 1 Open Fire Prohibition

PARKSVILLE – Effective at 12:00 p.m. (noon) PDT on Thursday, July 17, 2025, campfires will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, **excluding** the Haida Gwaii Forest District and the portion of the Central Coast Regional District that falls within the North Island Central Coast Forest District. This prohibition is being enacted to help prevent human caused wildfires and protect public safety.

Category 2 and Category 3 open fire prohibitions remain in place for the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, **with the exception** that Category 2 open fires will be allowed in the Haida Gwaii Forest District. To learn more about the different categories of open burning, visit the [Open fire and safer burning](#) webpage.

These prohibitions will be in place until October 31, 2025, or until the order is rescinded.

A map of the affected areas is available [online](#) and below.



This prohibition applies to all areas in the Fire Centre that are **outside of municipal boundaries**.

In addition, this prohibition applies to the following types of land **within municipal boundaries**:

- Parks, conservancies and recreation areas (*Park Act*);
- Recreation sites, recreation trails, interpretive forest sites and trail-based recreation areas (*Forest and Range Practices Act*);
- Ecological reserves (*Ecological Reserve Act*);
- Wildlife management areas (*Wildlife Act*); and
- Private managed forest land (*Private Managed Forest Land Act*).

Municipalities often follow BC Wildfire Service prohibitions or may impose different prohibitions based on conditions in their local area. If you are in a municipality, be sure to check if local prohibitions are in place. If you are within a regional district or improvement district, this prohibition applies as well as any local prohibition issued by the local authority.

In addition to open fires being prohibited, the following activities and equipment are also restricted in most areas:

- Fireworks; as defined in the *Fireworks Act*;
 - Binary Exploding Targets;
 - Sky Lanterns
- Wood fired hot tubs, wood fired pizza ovens and other wood fired devices unless vented through a structure that has a flue and is incorporated in a building;
 - Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description;
 - Controlled air incinerators
 - Air curtain burners; and
 - Carbonizers.

Please review the full list of prohibited activities and equipment in your area [here](#).

This prohibition does not include the use of outdoor stoves. As per the Wildfire Regulation, an outdoor stove is a CSA-rated or ULC-rated device used outdoors for cooking, heat or ambiance that burns charcoal briquettes, liquid fuel or gaseous fuel, and has a flame height that is less than 15 cm tall.

Open fire is the largest cause of human-caused fires provincially. Human-caused wildfires are entirely preventable and may divert crucial resources from naturally occurring and/or existing wildfires. Prohibitions are a useful tool used to reduce the likelihood of more human-caused fires in anticipation of increased lightning-caused fires or during critical fire situations.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

The Coastal Fire Centre covers all the area west of the height of land on the Coast Mountain Range from the U.S.-Canada border at Manning Park, including Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in the north, the Sunshine Coast, the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Haida Gwaii.

To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cell phone or report via the BC Wildfire Service App. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions and other related advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

Learn More:

Follow the latest wildfire news:

- on the free BC Wildfire Service public mobile app, available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices
- on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

Contact:

Fire Information Officer
Coastal Fire Centre
250-951-4209

Connect with the Province of B.C. at www.gov.bc.ca/connect



NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None week commencing.

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

**View the Council and Committee Schedules, Agendas, and Minutes
HERE!**

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on viewing etiquette, and how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS

Helen Nogatch Dedication Bench

Dear Friends of Helen Nogatch,

Please join us to celebrate our mom's bench dedication on Sunday July 20. We hope to share a little time together to reflect on mom's life, in a peaceful and natural setting. Please share this invitation (and the new video link below) with any of mom's friends. If you would like to visit mom's bench on another day on your own, please feel free to do that as well. I know my mom would be happy you came to say hello, and welcome you with open arms and a smile.

Details:

Date: Sunday July 20 (one year)

Meet: 1:30pm Lions Bay Elementary School
Gravel Parking lot (Free to park on weekends).

Celebration Starting: 2pm at Mom's Dedication Bench

Location:

There is a staircase at the gravel parking lot, the bench is located two minutes down the stairs and to the right at Reflection Loop on Centennial Trail. The stairs may be a little challenging for some. Directly across the field, there is a more gradual trail with no stairs. You may want to come with a friend, or bring a folding chair or hiking sticks.



We look forward to seeing you, and to remember our loving mom, Helen.

Julien

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7O3nnabWWg>



Mom's Celebration of Life

Celebrating the life of my beautiful and loving mom, Helen. [https://everloved.com/life-of/helen-nogatch/Mom's New Video](https://everloved.com/life-of/helen-nogatch/Mom's%20New%20Video): https://youtu.be/NL99zYgI_40?si=uEPZap...

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BLINK49

STUDIOS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Blink 49 is hiring 'Production Assistants' for a challenge TV show being filmed in the Lions Bay area. We are looking for enthusiastic, organized multitaskers, who can help our producers and managers to create a smooth daily flow on set and on location. Experience is a bonus! Daily jobs may include helping with parking, putting up tents on location, assisting with craft services or running local errands!

(Some heavy lifting is required)

\$300 a day based on 12 hrs + 1 hour lunch break

Please send a resume to annikathefixer@gmail.com and

note "Lions Bay" in the subject line.

Application Deadline July 25th

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Many thanks and I look forward to meeting you in person.

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Annika Anderson

Field Manager

Blink 49

FF S1BC Productions Inc.

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Get ready, Lions Bay! 🎵 We're bringing **Brazilian CHORO** (pronounced SHOH-roh). 🎵 — the "New Orleans jazz of Brazil"!

🎵 Our first concert in 2025 is Brazilian **TIO CHORINHO WITH FLAVIA NASCIMNETO** (WINNER of the 2025 Canadian Folk Music Awards "Instrumental Group of the Year" for their album "Tempestuoso") is a vibrant, acoustic blend of melody and rhythm, where guitars, flutes, cavaquinho, and pandeiro weave together in playful, soulful harmony. Born

in 19th-century Rio 🇧🇷, choro carries the spirit of both joy and saudade — a deep, poetic longing 🇧🇷. It's not background music — it's a conversation without words: spontaneous, expressive, and full of life. You don't need to know the steps or speak Portuguese; just bring a dish 🇧🇷 for the potluck tasting table, an open heart 🇧🇷, and let the music carry you to a Brazil of warm nights 🇧🇷, heartfelt rhythms 🇧🇷, and shared moments. **This concert event is generously Sponsored by Thyra McKilligan/Re-Max Masters.**

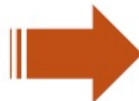
Click HERE to Buy Tickets!



**Help us plan 2026 programming
by completing this short community survey.**

**Arts Engagement in Lions Bay:
How can we best serve you?**

connect
here



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LionsBayArts-2025-Public-Survey>

or
here



(no personal data is collected by engaging with this survey)

Click [HERE](#) to Complete the Survey!



URGENT REMINDER

It's that time of year...
bears are active.

There's been a sudden uptick
in attractant issues.

**It's against the law to have
attractants available to wildlife.**

Store waste wisely.

Bylaw is monitoring waste
collection time slot
transgressions.



Report attractants ASAP

Text/call Bylaw 604-834-3404

For ongoing issues, DM Bear Smart/
email lionsbaybearsmart@gmail.com

Village of Lions Bay | lionsbay.ca

Encourage
friends to
Subscribe

Meeting
Calendars

Real-time Air
Quality Map

Real-time Air
Temperature

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**.



Reception: (604) 921-9333
Public Works Voicemail: (604) 921-9833
Public Works After-hours On-call: (604) 290-1498
Bylaw Enforcement Officer: (604) 834-3404

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