



# Village Update

January 23, 2026

## UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

### From the CAO's Desk

#### A Note of Thanks to Karl Buhr

Next week marks the final week that Karl Buhr will be working for the residents of Lions Bay.

Karl first served the community as Mayor and later joined the organization in an operational role serving as Director of Operations. Over that time, his contributions to the organization and to the community have been both significant and lasting. While it would be impossible to fully capture the breadth of his work in a short message, it is fair to say that Lions Bay is in a far stronger position today as a result of his efforts, particularly with respect to critical infrastructure matters such as water supply reliability and the reduction of system leakage.

Beyond the technical achievements, Karl brought boundless energy and enthusiasm to his work, along with a high level of professionalism and a genuine desire to make a positive difference for the community he served. His approach fostered strong working relationships built on camaraderie, respect, and friendship, qualities that will be deeply missed by colleagues and community members alike.

On behalf of the organization, I would like to personally thank Karl for his invaluable contributions and dedicated service to Lions Bay. We wish him every success and fulfillment in this next chapter and extend our sincere gratitude for all that he has done for the organization and community.

Ross Blackwell, CAO



## (Week 16)

It was a busy and productive week at Beach Park, with continued progress across several areas of the site. Work focused on recontouring the grassed slope area and preparing the upper playground space in advance of upcoming installations. These improvements are helping shape the final layout of the park and enhance both safety and usability.

Looking ahead to next week, construction of the new washroom building will begin. Roof support columns are scheduled for delivery on Monday, marking an important milestone in the project.

Overall, work continues to progress on schedule, with substantial completion currently targeted for mid-March. Further updates will be provided as construction advances.





1. This week and next, contractors for Ministry of Transport and Transit (formerly Highways, Infrastructure and others) are clearing the debris retention structure on Harvey Creek. We reiterate that that large structure is not a storage dam: the creek runs right through it! Yes, Lions Bay has no raw water reservoirs, instead drawing drinking water for treatment straight from the Village's three creeks as needed, with a buffer of one to two days of treated water in the tanks depending on fill levels set for fire reserve, chlorine contact and usage. More on this and other water topics, including details on the upcoming AZAP metering project and how we will use it to deliver ever better quality drinking water, at [All-Zone All-Property Water Metering 2025/26](#)
2. Expect to see hydrovac, ground penetrating radar and survey crews on Centre and the Bayviews next week, collecting data on existing underground mains elevations, new mains tie-ins and confirming missing details on the current as-builts, for the CUBB watermain replacement later this year.

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**Coming Soon: 2026 Citizen Satisfaction Survey**

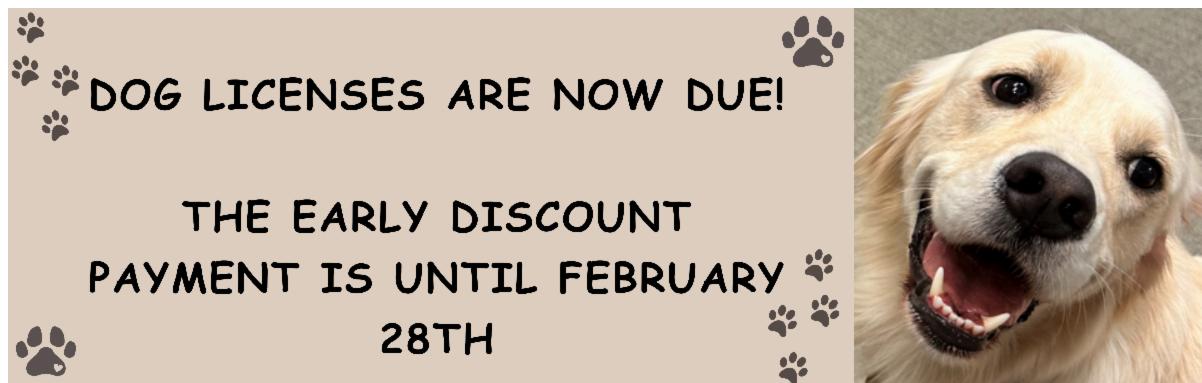
In early February, the Municipality will be launching a 2026 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, providing residents with an opportunity to share their perspectives on municipal services, priorities, and overall community experience.

The survey is designed to gather meaningful feedback on how municipal services are performing and where improvements may be needed. The information collected will help staff better understand community priorities, identify strengths, and inform future planning and service delivery decisions.

As part of a commitment to good governance and continuous improvement, the Municipality's goal is to conduct this type of survey every two to three years. Repeating the survey on a regular cycle allows for benchmarking over time, helping to measure progress, track trends, and ensure that municipal services continue to align with community expectations.

All survey responses will be completely anonymous, encouraging open and honest feedback from participants. The results will be analyzed in aggregate and used to support evidence-based decision-making and operational planning.

Further details about the survey, including how to participate, will be shared as the launch date approaches in early February. Residents are encouraged to take part and help shape the future of municipal services in the community.





The early discount payment is applicable for dog licenses until **February 28th**.

If you are a new resident or have a new furry family addition, please come in to the Village office to apply for your license.



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## 2026 Speculation and Vacancy Tax Information

Homeowners in designated taxable areas will soon receive their annual speculation and vacancy tax declaration letters.

Over the coming weeks, the Province will mail instructions to residential property owners in applicable areas on how to complete their declaration before the **March 31, 2026**, deadline.

For information in tax, exemptions and the declaration process: [\*\*Speculation and vacancy tax - Province of British Columbia\*\*](#)

Anyone having difficulty declaring, or requiring help in other languages, can access help or complete their declaration over the phone with a call centre agent at:

- **1-833-554-2323**
- **1-604-342-1015** if you're outside of North America
- **711** across B.C. for Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) services for the hearing impaired

More information to come over the next few weeks!

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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 to obtain Council approval.

The **March 3rd 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 As Soon As Possible! Here's what needs to happen:

1. Your application needs to be completed and turned in no later than **January 30th at 4:00 PM**.
2. Public Works will need to assess the trees so the trees being cut must be marked so that staff know exactly which tree(s) are being worked on.
3. For the Tree Committee to meet, notice must be made in the Village Update 8 days prior to their site meeting. Once the tree committee have made their recommendations, Office staff will prepare the application for submission to the Council agenda package.
4. If approved by Council, a permit will be provided to you once a \$500 damage deposit has been received by the Village Office, a copy of the tree cutting company's Certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Lions Bay as an additional insured for \$5 million, as well as their WorkSafe BC Certification.

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

[Tree Application Form HERE!](#)



# Council & Committee Meetings

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Regular Meeting of Council (CLOSED) - February 3, 2026 at 6:00pm

Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) Begins at 7:00pm

Special Meeting of Council - January 26, 2026 at 8:00pm

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 26, 2026 at 6:00pm

Climate Action Committee Meeting - January 27, 2026 at 6:00pm

**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](#).

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**  
**&**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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# Lions Bay Got Talent

Cash Prizes!

SAVE THE DATE:

**February 21st**  
Broughton Hall



All Ages Welcome!

• Showtime 6-8 pm!

**A supportive, fun-filled night where  
talent and bravery take center stage!!**

Get ready for an unforgettable night of creativity, courage, and community  
at our **Lions Bay Got Talent!**

Join us as performers of all ages showcase their skills live on stage, cheered on by friends, family, and community members. There's no competition pressure here. We can't wait to see everything and any skills you have, singing, dancing, comedy, and even some magic. Every act is unique, and every performer brings something special to the spotlight.

Categories:

- Rising Stars (Under 10)
- Junior Showcase (10 - 16)
- Adult/Open (17+)
- Mixed/Family Groups

Come celebrate local talent, connect with your community, and be part of a night full of inspiration and entertainment. Whether you're performing, supporting someone you love, or just coming to enjoy a great show, this event is for everyone. Expect big smiles, loud applause, and memorable moments. You won't want to miss it!

**Click Link [HERE](#) to Sign Up!**

# Save the date!

10am Sunday, March 1st  
in the Council Chamber

## What's happening in 2026?

Catch up on all the  
nature news in and around  
Lions Bay!



Coffee, conversation, community...  
Admission free, donations appreciated.  
New residents especially welcome.



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Project  
Lions Bay  
Climate Action  
Committee



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**Happy New Year Everyone!**

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



## **WINTER 2026 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 followed by refreshments
- Starting **Thursday January 15th 2026** (9 weeks of classes this term)
- Children age 0-5 are welcome
- \$200 for the term. \$100 for Siblings 12 months and older. Siblings under a year old are free. Families receive a **Music Together STICKS 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 and fosters friendships and intergenerational connections etc.

Please text or call **Tanya @ 604-813-0181** or email **tagsales@telus.net** to register or for more information. I would love the opportunity to foster your child's musical development.

**To Find Out More - Click [HERE](#)**

2026 registration now open!



# Howe Sound Artist Collective

Welcoming all paint on canvas artists

Mentored by artist Barb San Severino

**Jan-Mar Collective**

Begins Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for 9 weeks

**JOIN US!**

To learn more and to register - Go to our [website](#)  
More about Barb San Severino - [www.Barbsansart.ca](http://www.Barbsansart.ca)

(formerly Lions Bay Landscape Paint Collective)

**Visit the Lions Bay Arts Website to Join!**

# Play, Learn, Connect!

## Family Fun & Information Event

 February 7, 2026

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

 FREE

Bring your little ones for a fun-filled morning of activities, stories, and helpful information about family supports through NSCR's CCRR & CAPC programs.

Light snacks provided.

Registration required.

 Lions Bay Village Community Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay

For more info: [maja.kocova@nscri.ca](mailto:maja.kocova@nscri.ca)



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**Registration Is Now Open! - Click to Register [Event](#)**  
**[Registration Lions Bay Village](#)**



2026



Photo: D. Zhang

A grateful thank you to all Lions Bay photographers  
who sent in beautiful photos for the  
2026 edition of the Lions Bay Arts Calendar.

There were so many great photographs sent in this year, that it was hard to choose! Please know the remaining photos that were not included in the calendar, will be considered for the village banners this Spring.

Please stay tuned.

T. Baker,	T. Luethy	J. Rubin	J. Tynan
R. Baker	Y. Godoy Toku	T. Medina	A. Shepphard
M. Brown	L. Nolin	C. May	S. Skibinski
J. Clayton	M. Wyman	S. PetKute	A. Hurst
E. Delaney	D. Zhang	S. Ng	T. Luciuk
L. Fedorchuk	A. Hurst	M. Kohler	J. Wescott
E. Wang	I. Gayanov	J. Mole	V. Morton

If you haven't purchased yours you can order online  
or purchase in person at the Village Hall.

[Order Here!](#)

# CENSUS JOBS

Your census. Your community. Our future.

## Statistics Canada is hiring in your community!

- Census information is important for you and your community and is used to plan services that support employment, education, public transportation and healthcare.
- Join the 2026 Census team for meaningful work and community impact.
- There are approximately 32,000 census jobs available across Canada.

### Important to know:

- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between **March and July 2026**, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings, and weekends.



Apply now and tell a friend  
[census.gc.ca/jobs](http://census.gc.ca/jobs)

If you need assistance with your application, please call 1-833-830-3106  
Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-833-830-3109



# EMPLOIS AU RECENSEMENT

Votre recensement. Votre collectivité. Notre avenir.

## Statistique Canada embauche dans votre collectivité!

- Les données du recensement sont importantes pour vous et votre collectivité et sont utilisées pour planifier les services qui soutiennent l'emploi, l'éducation, le transport en commun et les soins de santé.
- Joignez-vous à l'équipe du Recensement de 2026 pour effectuer un travail utile qui a une incidence sur votre collectivité.
- Environ 32 000 emplois au recensement sont offerts partout au Canada.

### Renseignements importants :

- Le taux de rémunération est de **25,87 \$ l'heure** pour les postes sans fonctions de supervision et de **31,32 \$ l'heure** pour les postes de supervision, en plus des dépenses admissibles.
- La période d'emploi pour les postes du recensement est de mars à juillet 2026, selon le poste et le lieu de travail.
- Vous devez être disponible pour travailler selon un horaire flexible, ce qui comprend le jour, le soir et la fin de semaine.



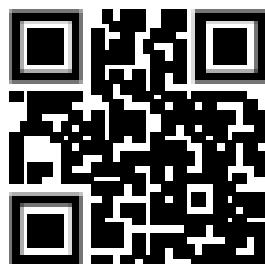
Postulez dès maintenant et parlez-en à un ami ou une amie  
[recensement.gc.ca/emplois](http://recensement.gc.ca/emplois)

Si vous avez besoin d'aide pour postuler, composez le 1-833-830-3106  
Télécopieur (ATS) : 1-833-830-3109



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Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation  
Helping Our Students Grow

Attention all Lions Bay Grade 11 and 12 students:

# This year's Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Application Tutorial is now available.

Please click the links below to receive:

1. the 2026 Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation and the 'In Memoriam'\* Scholarship Application

[\*\*LBCSF Application\*\*](#)

2. a sample reference letter, and

[\*\*Sample letter of reference\*\*](#)

3. a link to a 21 minute video on how to create successful applications.

[\*\*LBCSF Application Tutorial 21 min\*\*](#)

*(Please note the video is edited from the February 2025 (47 minute) presentation which you may wish to watch. The shorter presentation however contains all the key ideas.)*

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Applications are due **Tuesday, May 5th, 2026**.

Start now to collect or request the needed documentation and letters of reference, update your **resume**, create your application **essay**, and start identifying your **support team** to create the best applications possible.

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**Real-time Air Temperature**

**Curbside Solid Waste Timeslots**

Drop-off service for wildlife attractant solid waste, as well as non-curbside recyclables (styrofoam, batteries, lightbulbs, soft plastics, electronic e-waste) is available at the Public Works Yard, 5 Tidewater Way, Fridays 6-9 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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