



Village Update

January 30, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

UPDATES FROM COUNCIL



Farewell to Karl

Dear Karl,

On behalf of the Council and the entire community of Lions Bay, it is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we write to thank you for your outstanding service and leadership as our Director of Operations.

Over the course of your tenure, you have demonstrated unwavering dedication to maintaining and improving the infrastructure that keeps our small, close-knit seaside village safe, functional, and beautiful. From overseeing critical projects such as bridge repairs, water system enhancements, and emergency response preparations, to managing day-to-day operations with professionalism and efficiency, your contributions have made a lasting and positive impact on the quality of life for all residents.

Your principled approach, often under challenging circumstances, has earned the respect of staff, Council, and the community alike. Whether responding to resident concerns, advancing important initiatives like water metering improvements, or ensuring our roads, parks, and public spaces remain well-maintained, you have consistently put the needs of Lions Bay first. Your prior experience as Mayor has undoubtedly enriched your perspective, allowing you to bridge community priorities with practical municipal execution in a truly effective way.

As you conclude this chapter with the Village, please know that your hard work, expertise, and commitment have not gone unnoticed. The Village of Lions Bay is stronger because of your efforts, and we are grateful for the many years of service you have given.

Thank you, Karl, for everything you have done for our community. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

With warmest regards and appreciation,
The Council of Lions Bay

Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Modernization

At this week's Council meeting, Council approved the Municipality's Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw update project.

The Province of British Columbia has recently introduced legislative changes aimed at increasing housing supply, improving housing diversity, and streamlining development approvals. To assist municipalities with implementing these changes, targeted provincial funding programs are available. The Municipality of Lions Bay has been awarded funding to support housing-related planning initiatives, including OCP modernization and Zoning Bylaw updates.

Lions Bay's current "base" OCP is approximately 18 years old and was developed prior to many legislative, demographic, environmental, and housing market changes now affecting all communities. The existing *Zoning Bylaw* also contains technical deficiencies and outdated provisions. Updating these foundational documents will ensure the Municipality's planning framework is modern, legally robust, and aligned with community priorities.

The funding must be fully utilized by December 31, 2026. The project will include a significant public engagement program, allowing residents to help shape the Municipality's direction on many policy areas such as social considerations generally, age friendly community, children and youth, environmental, climate change, housing choice, complete community, mobility, and many more, for the next decade.

A Request for Proposals has been issued this week to retain qualified planning consultants to undertake this combined project. More details on public engagement opportunities and other project related matters will be shared as the project progresses. This is a timely and exciting opportunity for the community to influence Lions Bay's future.



METALLIC LEAD IN DOMESTIC PLUMBING

Water regulator Vancouver Coastal Health requires the municipality to regularly remind residents of lead in drinking water. The water the municipality supplies to the property line contains no lead, but any Canadian property with copper plumbing installed before 1989 (when lead solder was banned), will contain lead in its inside piping. Our water catchments contain no limestone rock, and our water is acidic and corrosive and will leach lead from solder while it sits in inside plumbing, as quickly as overnight. We see it happening in our biannual testing at the municipality's own buildings: first draw samples are high to very high in lead. Copious detail is offered in our [2024 Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality](#), and the impacts of lead on human health are discussed [on Health Canada's website](#).

Our sampling of municipal buildings also shows negligible or non-detectable lead readings after flushing, and that underscores VCH's and Public Works' advice: taps used for consumption should be run every morning before any other use, to flush the line all the way to the main. Plumbing with solder sold after 1989 does not contain lead (although plumbers may have used up stockpiles for years after). And PEX and other non-soldered plumbing contains no lead, and won't need flushing, at least not for lead. Residents should know that for 2026 Council has funded \$200,000 for Project ALPHA (Alkalinity and pH Adjustment), which will install equipment at both treatment plants to reduce our raw water acidity and corrosivity, by injecting 20-30 parts per million of carbonate alkalinity that communities elsewhere receive naturally, forming a protective layer in piping, and making the water taste even better.

We have arranged with the testing lab the municipality uses for residents to do their own testing:

- Starting mid Monday next week, 125 mL sample bottles and Chain-of-Custody forms will be available at no charge at the municipal office. Alternatively, attend ALS Environmental, 8081 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby to pick up sample bottles and forms at the Supplies Pickup door (9 am – 5 pm Mon-Fri at rear of the building opposite Lougheed and the rail line, enter off Underhill).
- With waterproof ink (Sharpie), label sample bottles with a unique sample ID (keep your own record of what each sample is).
- Take samples from taps of interest, such as those used for cooking or drinking, like the kitchen sink and the master bathroom:
 - To detect possible lead in plumbing, take a first-draw sample by running the tap for 2-5 seconds to get to water representative of the connected line, then filling and capping an unrinsed sample bottle.
 - Take a full flush sample by keeping the same tap running for another 3-5 minutes (until it's certain that water from the street main has made it all the way to the tap, taking into account larger diameter service lines) and then filling a sample bottle as above.
- Samples do not require refrigeration, and holding time is up to 14 days. Return samples to ALS 24 hours a day Mon. to Fri. and 8 am – 4 pm Sat. (ring bell at Sample Drop Off door, also at the back of the building). Complete the workorder and Chain of Custody paperwork (reference *Lions Bay Residential Lead in Water Sampling Program*). Sample IDs on the paperwork must match IDs on the sample bottles.
- Samples are \$38.50 each with a minimum of \$250.00 per workorder, so residents may want to coordinate with friends and neighbours to reduce cost. ALS accepts payment by VISA and Mastercard only. Results are delivered within 10 business days.



(Week 17)

We are pleased to share this week's update on the Beach Park Project, which continues to make steady progress.

This week, the support columns for the washroom building and covered seating area were delivered and successfully installed. In addition, the concrete blocks for the building have arrived on site, with construction scheduled to begin next week. Recontouring of the grassed slope has now been completed, significantly improving both function and appearance.

Looking ahead, the upper and lower grassed areas will be hydroseeded toward the end of March using a high-quality, golf-course grade seed mix. This approach will promote faster establishment and a healthy, durable lawn in time for the summer season.

The project remains on track for a mid-March completion, and the improvements are already coming together beautifully.

Thank you to everyone involved in moving this important community project forward. We look forward to welcoming the community to the enhanced Beach Park very soon.



February 9: 2026 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

On February 9, 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 survey will remain open until February 27.



REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS!

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

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



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.

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



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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - February 10, 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](#).

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD
&
UPCOMING EVENTS

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!



Connect
Empower
Participate

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@nscr.ca



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

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.



BIRD FRIENDLY
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The
Butterflyway
Project

Lions Bay
Climate Action
Committee



NATURE LIONS BAY



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HOWE SOUND
BIOSPHERE REGION

Creative Writing

Fact or Fiction

Mentored by author, journalist
& Lions Bayer

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Mondays, 4:30pm - 6:00 pm
Feb. 2nd - Mar. 9th
Historical Society Room
(right beside council chambers)

The End.





ARTIST CALL

Lions Bay Beach Park - Public Art

Lions Bay Arts Council and the Village of Lions Bay are pleased to announce an opportunity for British Columbian artists to enhance the Lions Bay Beach Park washroom building exterior.

Learn more at:
<https://lionsbayarts.ca/public-art-call-2026>

Proposals accepted until February 28th, 6 PM, Pacific Time

Final Prize \$5000



Architectural rendering of project

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](#)



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Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS
ESTABLISHED 2016

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 are still a few 2026
Calendars available at the
Village Hall Office!

2026 registration now open!



Howe Sound Artist Collective

Welcoming all paint on canvas artists

Mentored by artist Barb San Severino

Jan-Mar Collective

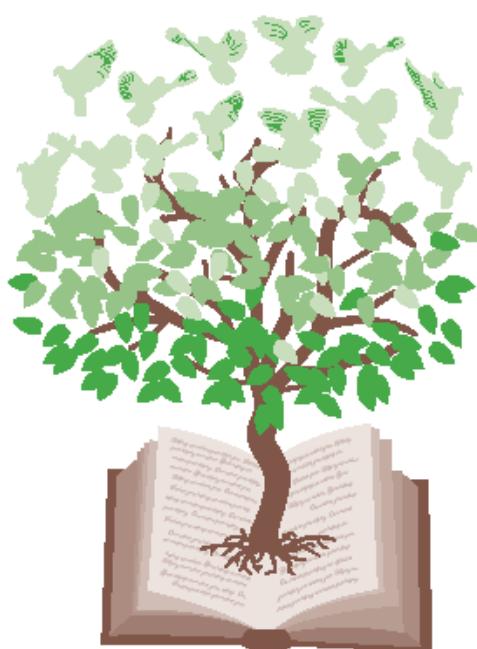
Begins Thursday, Jan. 15th, 2026, for 9 weeks

JOIN US!

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

(formerly Lions Bay Landscape Paint Collective)

Visit the Lions Bay Arts Website to Join!



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.)

[**GMT20250204**](#)

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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**Encourage
friends to
Subscribe**

**Meeting
Calendars**

**Real-time Air
Quality Map**

**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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