



Village Update

March 13, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



(Week 23)

Work at Beach Park continued this week, although periods of rain created some delays for construction activities.

Despite the weather, several important elements of the project progressed. Repairs to the Lori Beck Pavilion are now underway, helping restore and enhance this important gathering space in the park. Installation of wiring for the soffit lighting on the new covered patio has also been completed, an important step toward finishing the patio area.

Additional progress includes the completion of the plumbing rough-in for the washroom building and the pouring of the building's floors, both significant milestones for that structure. Meanwhile, sand has been delivered for the upper playground, preparing the area for the installation and finishing of the playground surface.

Thank you to residents for your continued patience as construction progresses and these improvements to the Beach Park take shape.



Lions Bay Fire Rescue - Core Services Review Update

Following the departure of the Fire Chief last year, Council determined that it would be prudent to step back and undertake a comprehensive review of Lions Bay Fire Rescue to ensure the community continues to receive effective, sustainable, and appropriate fire protection services.

To support this work, Council retained a third-party consultant, the Emergency Management Group, to conduct an independent Core Services Review. The purpose of the review was to assess all aspects of the department's service delivery, including governance, staffing, training, equipment, and operational practices, and to provide recommendations regarding the optimal path forward for the community.

The completed report is available [here](#).

Following receipt and review of the report, Council has elected to proceed with the recruitment of a full-time Fire Chief to lead the department moving forward. The recruitment process is currently underway. This review represents an important step in ensuring Lions Bay Fire Rescue continues to evolve in a way that supports the

safety of residents while maintaining a sustainable and well-governed emergency service for the community.



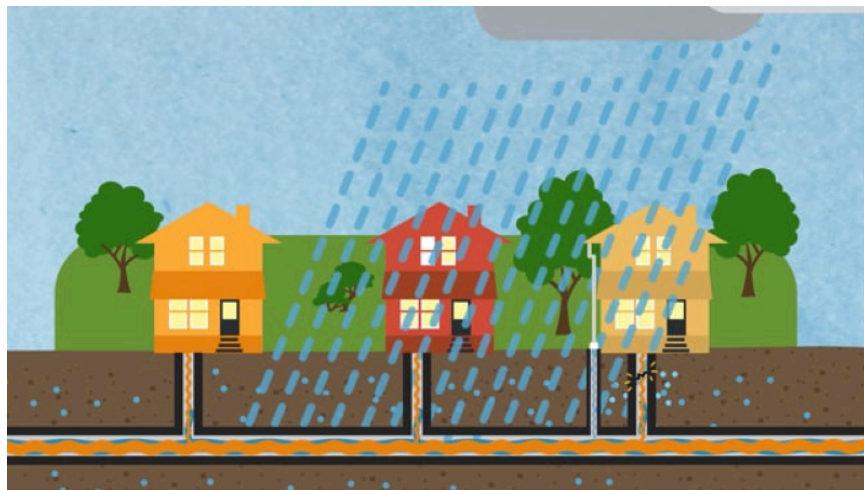
Hard Hats & Fun Facts

Inflow and Infiltration

Did you know that inflow and infiltration (I&I) occurs when rainwater or groundwater enters the sanitary sewer system through aging or damaged pipes, faulty joints, cracked maintenance hole covers, or incorrectly connected roof and foundation drains? This extra water takes up valuable space meant for wastewater, and when too much enters the system, it can overwhelm pipes and treatment plants—contributing to basement flooding, sewer backups, higher operating costs, and even overflows into the environment.

As a community, we can make a meaningful difference. Residents can help by regularly checking and repairing private pipes, ensuring drains are properly connected, and avoiding planting deep-rooted trees over sewer lines. Small steps taken by each household add up to a big impact. Together, we can protect our shared sewer infrastructure, reduce the risk of flooding, and help keep our local environment healthy for everyone.

Here's a short video from Metro Vancouver: [Inflows and Infiltration 30 SEC](#)



Reminder: roadside tree trimming

Beginning Monday, crews will be trimming back branches that are encroaching on Village roads. This work will help ensure our roads stay safe and easy to navigate for pedestrians, drivers, emergency responders, and all other road users. If you see crews out and about, please give them a little space so they can work quickly and safely.

We're doing this now, before the bird-nesting season kicks in, to keep our feathered neighbours happy. Lions Bay has proudly been a Bird Friendly City since 2022, and staff are doing their part to protect local wildlife. Want to join in the bird-friendly fun? Check out: [Lions Bay is a Bird Friendly City! | The Village of Lions Bay](#)

Bus Stop Progress

The bus stop project continued this week with bulk excavation, layout work, and construction of the rock retaining wall. We're pleased to share that the project remains on schedule. Thank you to everyone in our community for your patience and understanding as crews complete this important upgrade. Minor traffic impacts to the on-ramp will continue, and your cooperation helps keep the work moving safely and smoothly for all.



Scholarship Applications

Class of 2026

A banner for scholarship applications. The text "Scholarship Applications" is written in a large, black, serif font. To the right, "Class of 2026" is written in a smaller, black, serif font. The banner features a black graduation cap with a gold tassel, a blue ribbon, and several yellow starburst graphics. A small illustration of a graduate in a white gown is visible on the left side.

Curly Stewart Scholarship Fund

Applications Close
4pm on May 5th
Award Value: **\$2,000**

A banner for the Curly Stewart Scholarship Fund. The text "Curly Stewart Scholarship Fund" is written in a large, bold, orange font. Below it, "Applications Close 4pm on May 5th" is written in a white font. At the bottom, "Award Value: **\$2,000**" is written in a white font, with the amount in red. The banner features a large, 3D, gold-colored number "2026" with a black graduation cap on top. The background is black.

Calling all Lions Bay Grade 12's! The Curly Stewart Scholarship has been increased to \$2,000.

This award honours the life and public service of Lions Bay's first mayor, Allan M. "Curly" Stewart, who served from 1971 – 1981. It is the Village's official scholarship and is separate from the other Foundation. Students may therefore apply to both. Criteria for applicants are outlined in the application form.

How to apply:

- 1)** Complete the [online application form](#) form (Gmail required) or a hard copy (available at office).

- 2)** Submit sealed reference letters and/or hard copy application to the Village Office in person no later than 4 p.m. on May 5th.

- 3)** PLEASE WRITE "FOR ATTENTION: CURLY STEWART SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE" ON THE ENVELOPE to make sure the committee receives your information.



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
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Council & Committee Meetings

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Regular Meeting of Council (CLOSED) - March 17, 2026 at 6:00pm

Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) - March 17, 2026 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole - March 17, 2026 at 7:15pm

Climate Action Committee Meeting - March 24, 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



Reminder! Join our ivy pull on Thursday, March 19th at 10am for one hour at the bank to the left of the firehall. Bring pruners, gloves, proper footwear and a high visibility vest, if you have one. Delicious scones available to reward you for your hard work! Sponsored by your Lions Bay Butterflyway Project.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsbaybutterflyway>
Let's help our wonderful forest ecosystem!



EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday April 4th • 2pm start
at Lions Bay School



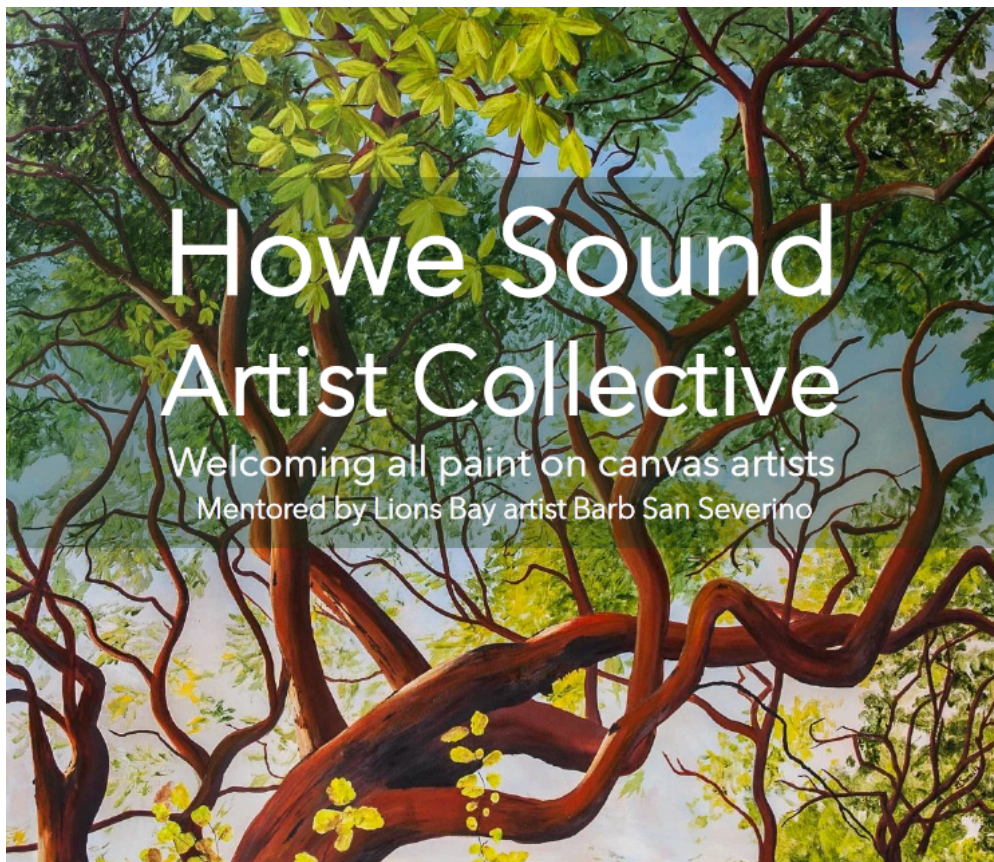
Following the hunt,
2:30-4pm
join us at Broughton Hall
for bunnies, facepainting, crafts
and more!



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Howe Sound Artist Collective

Welcoming all paint on canvas artists
Mentored by Lions Bay artist Barb San Severino

March - May Collective

Thursdays, beginning March 19th to May 14th

BEGINNERS WELCOME!



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



Bear sighting reports show that bears are typically spotted in the Village after winter in the last week of March each year. Now's a good time to be prepared by making sure your household is prepared:

- Follow [the usual guidelines](#) so that food waste, garbage, bird feeders, pet food, fruit and BBQ grease are inaccessible to wildlife.
- Odours attract bears:
 - Freeze food waste if possible
 - Use liners or wash cans frequently
 - Use cans with secure, tight-fitting lids

- By bylaw, waste must be stored so that it's inaccessible to wildlife, in wildlife-proof enclosures:
If you don't have a garage or your shed is flimsy, [Tuffbox](#) and [Tydee Bins](#) are made in Canada and available at Home Depot.
- Report attractant issues to bylaw@lionsbay.ca immediately.
- Please report bear sightings to us on our website (lionsbaybearsmart.ca).

Thank you to everyone who is doing their absolute best to keep the bears and our community safe. To stay up to date on bear sightings and other bear info, please follow/like our [Facebook page](#).



Did you know our year-round birds are already preparing to lay eggs?

You may have heard the “referee whistle” calls of [Varied Thrushes](#) (often confused with [American Robins](#)) and the dawn chorus, both sure signs the nesting season is here.

[Dark-eyed Juncos](#) and [Spotted Towhees](#) nest on the ground and, as you can see in the picture, these nests may be hard to spot.

Other popular year-round residents, the [Black-capped](#) and [Chestnut-backed Chickadees](#), are readying cavities in trees and snags and may be even harder to see.

If you're planning garden projects or tree work, here are some tips to keep these bird families safe:

1. Stop: stand or sit still for a time in a spot where you can see your garden.

2. Observe: Look for bird activity. Do you see birds flitting in and out of a particular area? If so, there's likely a nest there.

3. Avoid noise or activity in the vicinity of a nest: parents may be scared away, leaving eggs or nestlings vulnerable. There are typically only a few weeks from when eggs are laid and the time nestlings fledge. Waiting a while will make all the difference.

As a reminder, permits are required to alter/cut trees on Village land. Active nests on private property are protected under the BC Wildlife Act, Species at Risk Act and Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Want to learn more about how to keep our birds safe? [Visit our website](#) and join our [Facebook group](#).



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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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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