



# Village Update

March 20, 2026

## UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

### Bus Stop Relocation Project Update

Work continued this week on the Bus Stop Relocation Project, although progress was somewhat impacted by periods of rain.

Despite the weather, several key milestones were achieved. The rock retaining wall has now been completed, with topsoil added to finish the installation. Existing curbing has been removed, and forming work for the new curb and gutter pan has been completed in preparation for the next phase.

Looking ahead, crews are scheduled to proceed with the concrete pour next week, which will mark another significant step forward in the project.

Thank you to residents for your continued patience as work progresses.



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# Lions Bay is Bear Smart - Bears Are Back!

Lions Bay is proud to be a Bear Smart community, and with spring in the air, it is no surprise that our local wildlife is on the move again. We have already had our first bear sighting of the season, which is an exciting reminder that we share this beautiful place with nature.

With that comes a shared responsibility to keep both residents and bears safe. The good news? A few simple habits go a long way.

Here are some easy Bear Smart tips to keep in mind:

- Secure garbage and recycling – Store bins indoors or in bear-resistant enclosures and put them out on collection morning only.
- Be mindful with compost – Avoid adding meat, dairy, or any food items.
- Keep BBQs clean – A quick wipe-down helps prevent unwanted visitors.
- Pause bird feeding for the season – Feeders are a big attractant for bears.
- Bring pet food indoors and don't leave food outside
- Close and secure doors, windows, and garages, especially overnight

By staying Bear Smart, we are doing our part to keep Lions Bay safe, and thriving, for both people and wildlife. Thank you for being part of it!

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## (Week 24)

Work at Beach Park continued this week, although progress was somewhat hampered by heavy periods of rain.

Despite the weather-related delays, steady progress has been made. The pavilion area has now been backfilled and compacted, preparing it for subsequent finishing work and the placement of concrete ramp. Repairs to the Lori Beck Pavilion are now largely complete, restoring this important community amenity. In addition, sand has been placed in the upper playground area, marking another key step toward completion of the play space.

Thank you to residents for your continued patience as work progresses and these improvements continue to take shape.



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 **Scholarship Applications** 

 **Class of 2026** 



# Curly Stewart Scholarship Fund



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

## 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.



## UPDATES FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### 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



## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Regular Meeting of Council (CLOSED)- April 7, 2026 at 6:00pm  
Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) Begins at 7:00pm

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

***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



**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

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

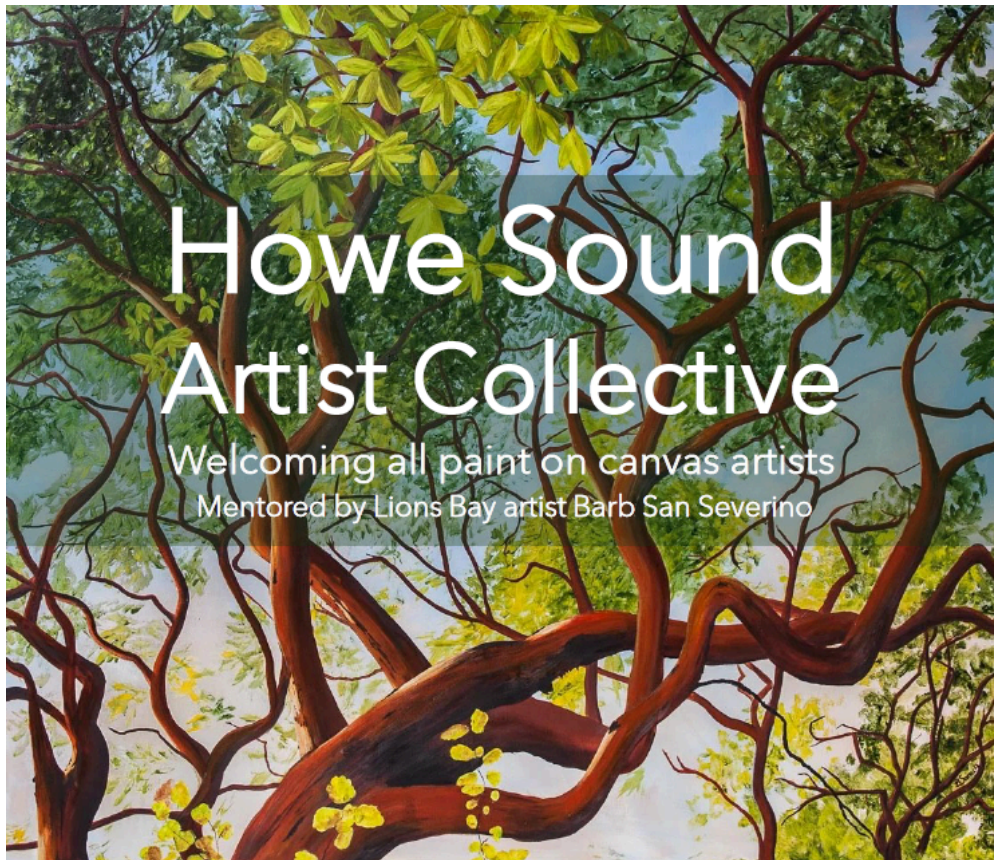
Following the hunt,  
**2:30-4pm**  
join us at Broughton Hall  
for bunnies, facepainting, crafts  
and more!

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**COME CELEBRATE**



# Howe Sound Artist Collective

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

## March - May Collective

Thursdays, beginning March 19<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!**



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

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The background of the poster is a collage of various artistic elements. At the top, there's a colorful abstract pattern with the word "possibilities" written in a yellow box. Below that, a blue and white globe is visible. The central part of the poster has a light blue background with the word "Imagination" written in a cursive font. At the bottom, there's a close-up of a fan-shaped object, possibly a leaf or a piece of art, with a circular inset showing a green and black pattern. The overall theme is creative and artistic.

# MIXED MEDIA ART

for youth

Lions Bay Arts  
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS  
ESTABLISHED 2010

**Ages: 8-12yrs**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3:15pm - 4:15pm**

**Broughton Hall**

Offered by  
Resident Instructor  
**Barb San Severino**

## **Bears are active in the village**

Please be ultra-careful! Make sure food waste, garbage, bird feeders, pet food, fruit and BBQ grease are not available to our bears.

### **By bylaw:**

Garbage receptacles “shall at all times be securely housed to ensure that the contents do not attract and are not accessible to wildlife”.



### **Report:**

Bear sightings - [lionsbaybearsmart.ca](http://lionsbaybearsmart.ca),  
Attractant issues - [bylaw@lionsbay.ca](mailto:bylaw@lionsbay.ca),  
Aggressive bears - RAPP line.



# How to avoid Window Strikes

There's nothing sadder than that dreaded thud of a bird hitting a window. Birds can't see glass or they see reflected trees and greenery and think they're flying into a landscape. We need to give birds visual cues that a barrier is present.

During nesting season, birds are particularly active and strikes are more frequent. If you're having this problem, we have samples of window products and simple DIY tricks to prevent strikes. email us and we'll drop some off for you: [lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com](mailto:lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com).

**For more on preventing window strikes, [click here.](#)**

[www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca](http://www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca)



*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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