



# Village Update

August 14, 2026

## UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

### **Community Members Sought for Climate Adaptation Plan Steering Committee (Applications Close Aug 21)**

The Village of Lions Bay is seeking expressions of interest from residents who would like to serve on a Climate Adaptation Plan Steering Committee, which will support the development of Lions Bay's forthcoming Climate Adaptation Plan. The Plan will assess how climate change may affect the Village in the coming decades and identify practical actions to strengthen community resilience.

The Steering Committee will work collaboratively with municipal staff and a retained consultant, providing local knowledge, reviewing draft materials, and helping ensure the final Plan reflects Lions Bay's priorities, values, and unique conditions.

Residents with experience or interest in areas such as climate science, ecology, wildfire resilience, engineering, emergency management, planning, sustainability, or community leadership are encouraged to apply. A diversity of backgrounds will help create a stronger and more meaningful Plan.

#### **How to Apply**

We thank the residents who have already submitted their expression of interest. Interested residents are asked to submit:

- Name and contact information
- A brief summary of professional or community background
- A short statement describing interest in serving and the perspective they would bring

Please email expressions of interest to [doo@lionsbay.ca](mailto:doo@lionsbay.ca) with "Climate Adaptation Plan Steering Committee" in the subject line.

#### **Deadline Applications close August 21.**

Residents who want to help shape Lions Bay's long-term climate resilience are encouraged to apply. Your insight and experience can make a meaningful

FROM THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY TAX DEPARTMENT

## HOG & PTD, Explained

Common questions regarding the Home Owner's Grant (HOG),  
and Property Tax Deferment (PTD)

- If the HOG was not applied for by the tax due date, penalties assessed cannot be waived by the Ministry of Finance. The date of application is the effective date; therefore, all applications submitted after the due date are subject to penalties.
- Municipalities cannot waive late payment penalty fees if you miss the deadline due to a forgotten or unapplied Home Owner Grant.
- **Owner's Burden:** It is entirely the homeowner's responsibility to submit the HOG application to the [Province of BC](#) by the specified tax deadline.
- **Missing Notices:** Not receiving your physical tax notice in the mail does not exempt you from the deadline or the resulting penalties.
- Arrears balances are considered late and will affect your PTD application even if it is auto-renewal. If you have not applied for your HOG but you have applied for PTD, your application may be denied or delayed.
- You can apply for the HOG retroactively for up to 2 years. It will not clear any penalties for late applications.
- It is the responsibility of the Homeowner to apply for the HOG, and PTD.
- The Municipality uploads the file directly from the Province into your account.
- Homeowners cannot dictate how their payment will be applied to which outstanding amount. For example: if you owe taxes in arrears as well as delinquent taxes, your payment will automatically be applied to delinquent taxes as it is the oldest portion of your bill. You are not able to request that your payment only be applied to your current amount. This process is automatic and set up in accordance with the Property Taxation Act.

QUESTIONS? CALL 604-921-9333 EXT. 1004 | MON-FRI 9AM-4PM

## OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REFRESH PROCESS

Lions Bay Official Community Plan Update

# Futures Fair

*Planning for our future*

**Saturday**  
**August 22, 2026**  
10 am - 2 pm  
Broughton Hall

- 
- *Learn about the OCP Update*
  - *Share your thoughts and ideas*
  - *Enjoy fun for the whole family!*



Stay informed!  
[lionsbay.ca/VU](https://lionsbay.ca/VU)



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## 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION KEY DATES

Important dates for candidates and voters



Pre-campaign  
period begins



July 20, 2026



Deadline to apply to  
register an elector  
organization



July 31, 2026



Deadline for voter registration  
with Elections BC  
*(Voters may still register with  
their local government)*



August 18, 2026



Nomination period  
begins



September 1, 2026



Close of  
nominations



September 11, 2026



Campaign period  
begins



September 19, 2026



General  
Voting Day



October 17, 2026



*Stay informed.*  
Your community. Your vote.

## LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE



### FIRE CHIEF'S WEEKLY UPDATE



Good day, Lions Bay,

This week brought continued improvements at Lions Bay Fire Rescue, along with changing weather and wildfire conditions that reinforce the importance of remaining prepared throughout the summer.



## **Fire Hall Improvements**

An important lighting upgrade at the Lions Bay Fire Hall is now complete. The project included the installation of energy-efficient lighting and improved coverage throughout the apparatus bay, providing better visibility and a safer working environment for our firefighters and emergency responders.

A sincere thank you to **Gary and Eric from the Village Operations team** for their work and support in completing this project.

## **Lightning Activity and Local Surveillance**

Following this morning's lightning activity, **Metro Vancouver is conducting aerial surveillance in and around Lions Bay and Howe Sound** to obtain imagery and identify any potential areas of concern resulting from the storm.

Residents may notice increased helicopter and aircraft activity in the area today. LBFR will remain in communication with our regional partners and continue monitoring conditions locally.

## **Provincial Wildfire and Weather Update**

The **August 14 BC Wildfire Service Provincial Situation Report** indicates continued thunderstorm activity in southeastern B.C., while hot and dry conditions remain across portions of the southern Interior.

Closer to home, **coastal regions are expected to experience hotter temperatures today and tomorrow**. Smoke is forecast to clear from many areas of B.C. as northerly winds bring cleaner air south. Clearer skies, however, can contribute to increased daytime heating and drying.

Following this morning's lightning, residents are encouraged to remain particularly vigilant for **new or unexplained smoke** in and around Lions Bay, Howe Sound, and the surrounding mountains.

## **Hearts and Minds – Supporting B.C. Communities**

Our thoughts are with the residents and communities throughout the **Southern Interior, including Summerland and the Okanagan**, who continue to experience significant wildfire activity, evacuations, and displacement.

We also recognize the firefighters, emergency responders, emergency management personnel, local governments, volunteers, community organizations, and neighbours working together to protect and support those affected.

These events are an important reminder that wildfire preparedness and response are shared responsibilities. From Lions Bay, we extend our support to those displaced from their homes and our appreciation to everyone working through these challenging conditions.

## **FireSmart – Preparedness Starts at Home**

Wildfire preparedness is particularly important in Lions Bay because of our **steep terrain, surrounding forest, and wildland-urban interface**.

Wildfire can move rapidly through vegetation, travel faster uphill, and produce wind-driven embers capable of starting new fires ahead of the main fire front.

Residents can reduce their risk by maintaining defensible space around their homes, removing combustible vegetation and accumulated debris, and reviewing household evacuation plans.

The best time to prepare for wildfire is **before an emergency occurs**.

### **Stay Informed and Prepared**

Register for Village emergency notifications, know your household evacuation plan, and continue monitoring trusted sources for changing wildfire and weather conditions.

If you see a wildfire or unexplained smoke, report it immediately to the *\*BC Wildfire Service at 1-800-663-5555 or 5555 from a cellphone*, or through the **Report a Fire** function in the BC Wildfire Service mobile app.

Thank you, Lions Bay. Stay safe, remain vigilant, and have a safe weekend.

**Fire Chief De Arcangelis**



# LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE WEEKLY UPDATE

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

AUGUST 14, 2026

PRIDE.  
COURAGE.  
COMMITMENT.

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### How FireSmart Treatments Influence the Spread of Wildland Fire

Wildland fire can follow a path from the forest or grassland to your home. A wildland fire moving via the tops of trees can be slowed if the trees are spaced. It can be further slowed by flame-resistant plants and shrubs in your yard. As plants have different flammability, consider spacing your plants to increase your home's ability to withstand a wildland fire.

## PROVINCIAL SITUATION REPORT – UPDATED AUG 14, 2026

Southeastern B.C. continues to see thunderstorm activity today which may bring precipitation and gusty winds. Hot and dry conditions remain in the southern parts of the Cariboo and Kamloops fire centre, supporting increased fire behaviour and the potential for new wildfire starts. Coastal regions will experience hotter temperatures today and tomorrow.

Smoke is expected to clear for many parts of B.C. as it is pushed south by winds that are bringing in clean air from the north. The presence of smoke can reduce or slow fire activity by allowing less radiant heat to reach the landscape, while clearer skies can encourage fire behaviour by bringing in fresh oxygen and more daytime heating and drying.

If you see a wildfire, please report it to 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cellphone or through the BC Wildfire Service Mobile App and use the "Report a Fire" function, attaching a photo with your report.

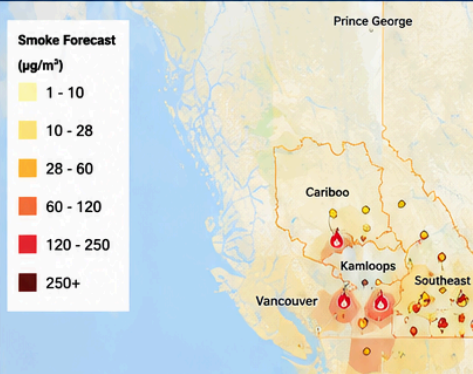
**While crews continue responding to new wildfire starts and maintaining sustained action on existing incidents, everyone in B.C. has a role to play in preparedness.**

Even if there isn't a wildfire affecting your community today, take time now to:

- Register for emergency notifications from your local government
- Discuss evacuation plans with your household and know where you would go if you needed to leave quickly
- Assess your home through a FireSmart lens and follow the Emergency Wildfire Preparedness Checklist
- Stay informed using trusted sources, including the BC Wildfire Service app and website for wildfire information, DriveBC for road conditions and closures, and EmergencyInfoBC or your local government for evacuation alerts and orders

Conditions can change quickly, and weather can vary significantly across the province. Preparing before an emergency occurs helps you act confidently and safely if wildfire impacts your community.

## BC WILDFIRE SERVICE – SMOKE FORECAST



For current wildfire information, visit: [wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca](http://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca)

## HEARTS & MINDS – SUPPORTING B.C. COMMUNITIES

The B.C. Southern Interior wildfires—including the explosive Bald Range fire near Summerland and regional incidents near Vernon—have forced over 20,000 evacuations under a provincial state of emergency. Communities and leaders emphasize collective resilience, patience, and supporting displaced residents as response and recovery efforts continue.

### SUMMERLAND AND OKANAGAN FIRES STATUS

- **Bald Range Fire Size:** Mapped at over 184 square kilometres, moving dynamically under severe drought conditions.
- **Evacuations & Impacts:** Over 12,000 Summerland residents remain displaced, with temporary and limited highway openings allowing initial damage and structure assessments.
- **Community Response:** Evacuees are receiving support, meals, and supplies via regional hubs and community networks like the Penticton Sikh Temple.
- **Official Action:** The provincial government announced an emergency response review to address early deployment challenges.

### VERNON AND NORTH OKANAGAN STATUS

- **Bradley Creek Fire:** Classified as "being held" with decreasing activity and hot-spot monitoring by crews.
- **Restrictions Lifted:** Okanagan Indian Band evacuation orders have begun to see targeted rescinds as conditions improve.
- **Regional Vigilance:** Vernon's Emergency Operations Centre remains active to support neighbourhood evacuees and monitor

### HOW TO TRACK AND HELP

- **Official Maps:** Check the BC Wildfire Service Dashboard for live boundary and evacuation updates.
- **Local Alerts:** Sign up via local municipal channels such as City of Vernon or Regional District portals for re-entry rules.

### STAY ALERT. STAY PREPARED.

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THANK YOU, LIONS BAY. STAY SAFE, REMAIN VIGILANT, AND HAVE A SAFE WEEKEND.  
Fire Chief De Arcangelis



# 2026 CENSUS REMINDER

## Thank You!



Thank you to residents who have completed their census by the due date of **Tuesday 12th May.**

Your participation helps ensure accurate population information and supports informed planning and service delivery.



### STILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS?

There is still an opportunity to do so!

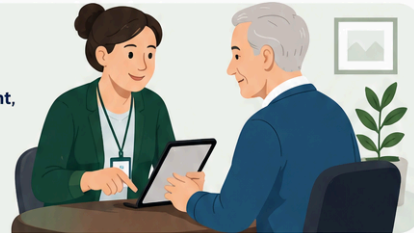
Please log in using your **unique identifier** and complete the online questionnaire.

*The process is quick, secure, and helps ensure that records remain current and accurate.*



### NEED ASSISTANCE?

As completion is a **statutory requirement**, there will be follow-through visits by **Jaime Cunliffe and Elizabeth Moore** to walk you through its completion if you had trouble doing so.



### WHY YOUR CENSUS MATTERS



Supports municipal planning



Helps maintain accurate community records



Assists with future service delivery decisions



Ensures reliable population information



**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS TODAY!**



Your participation makes a difference for our community.



Thank you for helping keep our community informed, connected, and prepared for the future.



## Council & Committee Meetings

### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole - September 1, 2026 at 6:00pm

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Trees, Views, and Landscapes Committee Meeting** – August 17, 2026 – 9:30 am  
(on site – see agenda for locations).

**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](#).





# sing!

*A community  
in harmony*

**Register for the upcoming Fall Term of *sing!*  
Lions Bay's community choir.**

(Subsidizing of this wonderful opportunity has been gifted by generous  
resident donors, Victoria Rogers and Kim Mailey.)

**Come and try us out at a *sing!* Open House  
7-9 pm, [changed to Sept. 8th](#) – [rsvp here!](#)**

**Learn More or To Register hit the link below.**



**Click here!**

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# Howe Sound Artist Collective

Welcoming all levels of paint on canvas artists

Thursday evenings, 6-8:30 pm

September 10<sup>th</sup> - October 29<sup>th</sup>

[Learn More & Register](#)

Lions Bay Arts

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2010

## Afterschool Adventures in Art

Offered by Resident Instructor  
**Barb San Severino**

[Learn More and Register](#)

**Ages: 5 -10 yrs**

Tuesdays for 7 weeks

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

Broughton Hall

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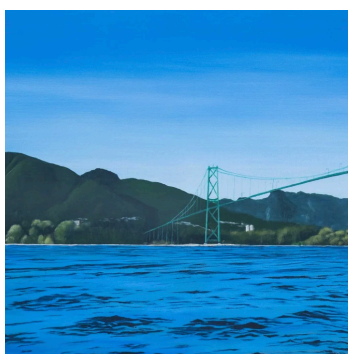


## Ryan McMahon & his Band

Award-winning Vancouver Island [Ryan McMahon](#) returns to Lions Bay with his full band and a fistful of brand-new music. From his early days in Vancouver clubs to sharing massive stages with the likes of **Burton Cummings**, **Nickelback**, **Mother Mother**, **Aaron Pritchett**, **Barney Bentall**, and **The Sheepdogs** McMahon's talent is undeniable and this performance will showcase a mix of his [original music](#) and favourite [covers](#), accompanied by a full band experience.

**Date:** Saturday, September 19, 2026 (6:00PM–9:00PM) at Lions Bay Village Hall. **Format:** Two full sets with an intermission.

**This community concert is generously sponsored by Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters.**



 Saturday, Sept. 19 | 6–9 p.m.

 Tickets available now

[Ryan McMahon Tickets](#)

# It's Nesting Season



Please delay  
tree work until  
late August.

For more Bird Friendly  
guidelines, click here to visit  
[lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca](https://lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Open doors and windows  
have now resulted in  
3 bear deaths in Lions Bay  
since 2023.

**KEEP DOORS & WINDOWS  
CLOSED & LOCKED  
UNLESS YOU'RE IN THE  
IMMEDIATE AREA,  
FOR THEIR SAFETY  
& YOURS.**





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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