



Village Update

August 28, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



A Timely Reminder: Stay Connected, Stay Prepared

The recent Lone Tree Creek Wildfire, just outside of the community, believed to have been caused by a lightning strike during last weekend's storm, was a timely reminder that wildfire risk does not end with the arrival of cooler weather. Dry conditions can persist well into the fall, and continued vigilance remains important.

The incident also demonstrated the value of a coordinated emergency response. Lions Bay Fire Rescue, BC Wildfire Service and Metro Vancouver worked together under a unified command structure, bringing specialized expertise and resources to the response. Equally important during an emergency is the ability to provide residents with timely, accurate information as conditions change. For this reason, I encourage every Lions Bay household to ensure they are registered with "Alertable", the Municipality's emergency notification system. Alertable enables us to communicate directly with residents by text, telephone and email during wildfires, severe weather, floods, debris flows, evacuations, unexpected road closures and other emergencies. If you have not yet registered, you can [sign up for Alertable here](#). If you are already registered, please check your Locations settings to ensure Lions Bay is included.

Residents interested in learning more about how the Municipality communicates during an emergency can visit [the Lions Bay Emergency Notification System page](#). For more information about local wildfire hazards, preparedness and risk-reduction measures, the Municipality's [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) provides additional background on wildfire risk in Lions Bay.

Questions about emergency preparedness can be directed to EPC@lionsbay.ca, while questions about fire protection and FireSmart can be directed to Fire Chief DeArcangelis at firechief@lionsbay.ca.

Preparedness begins before an emergency. Making sure the Municipality can reach you with reliable information when it matters is one of the simplest and most important steps you can take.

Introducing *Inside Municipal Hall* - A new series about how local government works

Local government touches our lives every day from roads, water and waste collection to land use, building, fire protection, bylaws and community infrastructure. Yet how municipal government actually works, who has authority to make decisions, and where that authority begins and ends is not always well understood. That is understandable; municipalities operate within a framework of provincial legislation, bylaws, policies and delegated responsibilities. Some decisions belong to Council, others to staff or independent statutory officials, and some matters fall outside municipal jurisdiction altogether. Even familiar terms such as *bylaw*, *policy*, *resolution* and *regulation* have different meanings and legal effects.

Over the next 12 months, *Inside Municipal Hall* will take a practical look at a range of common subjects. We will explore where municipal authority comes from, the roles of Council and staff, how decisions are made, how bylaws work, why some Council matters are considered in closed meetings, how development and enforcement processes operate, and where municipal jurisdiction ends. The purpose is simple: to make local government easier to understand and municipal processes easier to navigate. Each edition will use the kinds of questions that arise in Lions Bay to explain not only what the Municipality does, but why it works the way it does.

Coming first in *Inside Municipal Hall*:

Where Does the Municipality Get Its Authority?



LIONS BAY

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

INFORMATION SESSION

Thinking about running for Council?
Join us for an information session to learn
more about the role, responsibilities and
rewards of being an elected official in
the Village of Lions Bay.



LEARN MORE ABOUT:



1. BECOMING A CANDIDATE

Learn about eligibility
requirements, the
nomination process
and key dates.



2. WHAT IS INVOLVED BEING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL?

Understand the roles,
responsibilities and
time commitment.



3. LIFE AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

Explore the rewards,
challenges and
opportunities of serving
your community.



**MONDAY,
AUGUST 31, 2026**
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!



**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
(UPSTAIRS)
MUNICIPAL HALL**
**400 CENTRE ROAD,
LIONS BAY**



CANDIDATE NOMINATION PERIOD:
SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

*Make a difference.
Shape our future.*



For more information, visit lionsbay.ca/2026-election
or contact the Chief Election Officer at 604-921-9333

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

Lions Bay Official Community Plan Update

Questionnaire

Planning for our future

**Share your
thoughts and help
shape the OCP**



*Available between:
Aug 28 - Sep 20*

*Scan the QR code
or*

*Follow the link:
surveymonkey.com/r/LBOCP1*



Stay informed!
lionsbay.ca/VU



The Village of
**LIONS
BAY**

LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

FIRE CHIEF'S WEEKLY UPDATE



Good day, Lions Bay,

Lone Tree Creek Wildfire — OUT

Lions Bay Fire Rescue is pleased to confirm that the **Lone Tree Creek Wildfire (V31874) is officially OUT.**

The wildfire was discovered on August 23 and resulted in a coordinated multi-agency response to protect Lions Bay residents, homes, critical infrastructure, and the surrounding wildland-urban interface. The BC Wildfire Service updated the incident to **Out on August 25**, and the associated Village of Lions Bay wildfire advisory has been **cancelled and is no longer active.**

This incident demonstrated the importance of strong inter-agency cooperation and coordinated emergency response. LBFR extends its sincere appreciation to **BC Wildfire Service, Metro Vancouver, Search and Rescue, emergency management personnel, and all supporting agencies and partners** who contributed to the successful management of this incident.

We also thank Lions Bay residents for their patience, cooperation, and attention to emergency information throughout the response.

Fire Restrictions Remain in Effect

Although the Lone Tree Creek Wildfire is out, **wildfire season continues.**

Residents and visitors are reminded that **current fire prohibitions and restrictions remain in effect**, including restrictions affecting **campfires and other open fires.**

Before conducting any outdoor burning, always confirm both **provincial and Village of Lions Bay restrictions.** Conditions can change quickly, particularly during periods of hot, dry, or windy weather.

Emergency Information — Use Authorized Sources

The Lone Tree Creek incident is also an important reminder of the need for **clear, accurate, and reliable information during an emergency.**

Residents are strongly encouraged to **avoid relying on social media speculation, unofficial posts, or unverified information when making emergency decisions.** Information can change rapidly during an active incident, and inaccurate information can create unnecessary confusion.

For emergencies affecting Lions Bay, seek information from **authorized and official sources** and follow the directions contained in official alerts. Consistent, single-source emergency communications help ensure residents receive the most current and accurate information available.

Stay Connected — Download Alertable

Alertable provides emergency notifications affecting the Village of Lions Bay, including evacuation alerts, evacuation orders, public-safety advisories, and other important emergency information.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to download the app and ensure notifications are enabled for Lions Bay.

[Download Alertable for iPhone/iPad](#)

Alertable can also be accessed through a web browser for those using a home computer.

Monitor Wildfire Activity — BC Wildfire Service

The **BC Wildfire Service app** provides authoritative provincial wildfire information, including current wildfire locations and status, fire bans and restrictions, evacuation information, interactive maps, and the ability to report a wildfire.

[Download the BC Wildfire Service app for iPhone/iPad](#)

During an emergency: seek the source, verify the information, and follow official instructions.

Thank you to our community, our firefighters, and our partner agencies for the cooperation, professionalism, and support demonstrated throughout the Lone Tree Creek Wildfire.

Stay informed. Stay prepared. Stay FireSmart.

Fire Chief De Arcangelis

Lions Bay Fire Rescue



LONE TREE CREEK WILDFIRE – OUT

We are pleased to report that the Lone Tree Creek Wildfire (V31874) is officially **OUT**.

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This was a successful inter-agency wildfire interface operation, and Lions Bay Fire Rescue would like to recognize the tremendous cooperation demonstrated throughout the incident. Our sincere thanks go to **BC Wildfire Service**, **Metro Vancouver**, **Search and Rescue**, emergency management personnel, and all supporting agencies and partners who worked alongside LBFR.

We also thank the residents of Lions Bay for their patience, cooperation, and attention to emergency information throughout the incident.



REMINDER

Wildfire season is not over.

Please remain aware, stay informed, and continue to be FireSmart.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT



Fire prohibitions and restrictions, including campfires and other open fires, remain in place in some areas.

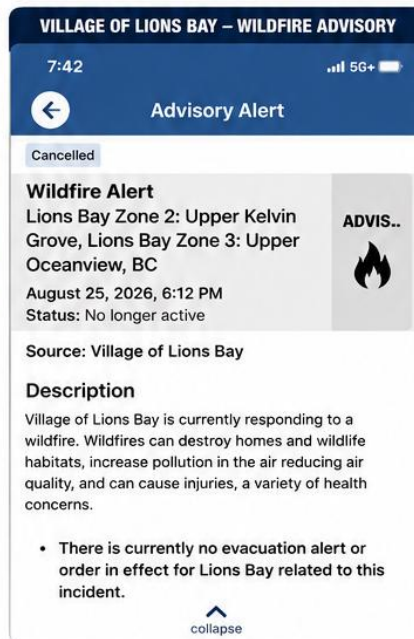
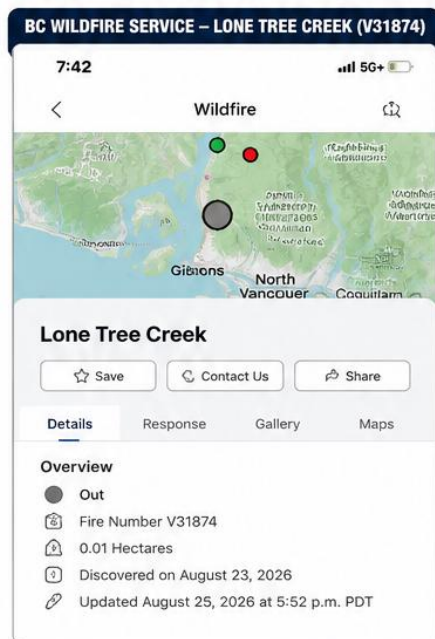
Do not assume a campfire or open fire is permitted. Check before you burn.

CHECK CURRENT FIRE BANS & RESTRICTIONS

Scan the QR code or visit:



www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions



STAY CONNECTED – DOWNLOAD THESE IMPORTANT APPS TODAY!



THANK YOU to our community, our firefighters, and all partner agencies for their cooperation, professionalism, and support throughout the Lone Tree Creek Wildfire.
STAY INFORMED. STAY PREPARED. STAY FIRESMART.

Council & Committee Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) - September 1, 2026 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Climate Action Committee Meeting – September 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm

***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

THANK YOU!



To all who delayed tree work
until after the nesting season.

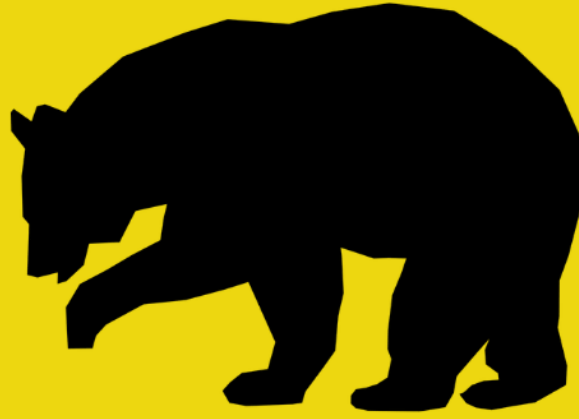
Please continue to check for nests
when planning tree work
and gardening projects.



Photo by Danielle Wills



BEARS ARE ACTIVE



Please keep them out of trouble

- ✓ Keep doors/windows closed/secured unless you're close-by
 - ✓ Store garbage/organics/recycling in a bear-proof enclosure
 - ✓ Keep dogs on leash to keep them safe
 - ✓ Pick fruit early & ripen off indoors
 - ✓ Report bear sightings: lionsbaybearsmart.ca
 - ✓ Report attractants: bylaw@lionsbay.ca / 604-834-3404
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Shall we labour on Labour Day?

Insect populations are declining worldwide. What can we do to help reverse this trend in our little part of the world?

There are no easy answers, but one thing we can all do is to try to help restore the native ecosystem that supported insects for time immemorial. Planting native plants and avoiding pesticides is a great way to start! We can also remove invasive plants from our property.

We are proposing a **village-wide Labour Day week** during which each home tries to put out one bag or bin of invasive English Ivy for the green waste pickup on Friday, September 11. To show your support for this initiative, please cut out the butterfly logo at the top of this flyer and tape it to your bag/bin.

We will canvas the village on September 11 during the waste pickup period and keep a record of how many bags with logos we see. Let's be **'the little village that could'** and have 100% participation. Many hands make light work!

Thank you from your Lions Bay Butterflyway Rangers,
Val and Hana



Ryan McMahon & his Band | SAT Sept 19 (6-9pm) @Village Hall

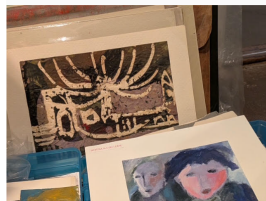
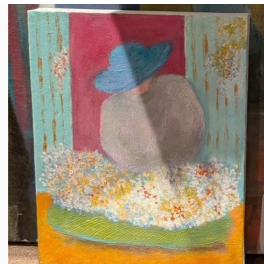
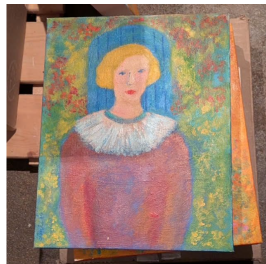
Ryan McMahon (guitar/vocals) is bringing a stellar Vancouver Island lineup to Lions Bay! **JOEL SPILLETTE (keys/vocals)**, **SARA VARRO (drums)**, **JAY STEVENS (guitar/bass/vocals)**.

Four outstanding musicians. One great night of live music. SLIM-FEW Tickets Left. Generously sponsored by Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters

Ryan McMahon Tickets

MUSIC+ART. EXPERIENCE

Alongside the music, **MUSIC + ART. EXPERIENCE.** brings three distinct artistic voices to the room. Featured Lions Bay artists [Barb San Severino](#) and [Monica Gewurz](#) will exhibit their work, while Roy Lewis represents the work of Belgian Expressionist artist [Bettina Sluzki Lewis \(1933–2005\)](#) posthumously.



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!

Howe Sound Artist Collective

Welcoming all levels of paint on canvas artists

Thursday evenings, 6-8:30 pm

September 10th - October 29th

[Learn More & Register](#)



Afterschool Adventures in Art

Ages: 5 -10 yrs
Tuesdays for 7 weeks
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Sept. 15th – Oct. 27th

Offered by Resident Instructor
Barb San Severino
[Learn More and Register](#)

Broughton Hall
Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS
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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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