



Village Update

September 4, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

• HAPPY •

• *Labour Day* •

• The Village Office will be closed
Monday September 7, 2026 •



INSIDE MUNICIPAL HALL – Installment #1



Local government is the level of government we tend to encounter most often. The road outside your home, drinking water, building permits, land use, parking, waste collection, fire protection, parks and many other aspects of daily community life involve the Municipality in one way or another. It is therefore understandable to assume that when an issue arises within Lions Bay, the Municipality has the authority to address it. Sometimes it does. Sometimes it does not.



The Municipality's role is broad and touches almost every part of community life, but it is not unlimited.



WHERE DOES THE MUNICIPALITY GET ITS AUTHORITY?



Unlike the federal and provincial governments, **municipalities do not have their own constitutional sphere of authority.** In British Columbia, municipalities are created by the Province and exercise powers provided to them through provincial legislation.



Two statutes are particularly important: the *Community Charter*, which establishes many of the fundamental powers, responsibilities and governance rules for municipalities, and the *Local Government Act*, which addresses matters including land use planning, development, subdivision and aspects of regional government. Numerous other provincial statutes also assign responsibilities to local governments or affect how municipal powers may be exercised.



Within that legislative framework, Council can adopt bylaws to regulate matters within municipal jurisdiction. Bylaws are the local laws through which many municipal powers are put into effect. They can regulate matters such as land use, building, parking, noise, water services and other activities where the Province has provided municipalities with the necessary authority. Council may also establish policies, approve budgets, determine service levels and set strategic direction for the organization. Importantly, however, a municipal bylaw cannot create authority that the Municipality does not already have under provincial legislation.



WHERE JURISDICTION BECOMES IMPORTANT



This distinction matters because an issue occurring within Lions Bay is not necessarily a municipal responsibility. Some matters remain under provincial or federal jurisdiction. Others are the responsibility of agencies or statutory officials. Still others involve private legal rights between property owners and are properly civil matters. Property boundaries, easements, trespass and many neighbour-to-neighbour disputes are examples where the Municipality may have little or no authority to intervene unless there is also a contravention of a municipal bylaw.



There is another important distinction. Even where the Municipality has jurisdiction, that does not necessarily mean Council makes every decision. Provincial legislation assigns some decisions to specific officials; Council has delegated authority for others to municipal staff; and many day-to-day matters are administrative or operational. This separation of responsibilities helps ensure decisions are made by the person or body legally authorized and appropriately qualified to make them. We will explore this in greater detail later in the series.



WHY DOES THIS MATTER?



When residents contact Municipal Hall with a concern, one of the first questions staff must sometimes determine is not "What should the Municipality do?" but rather "Does the Municipality have the legal authority to act?" If the answer is yes, the next question is which bylaw, statutory authority or municipal process applies and who is responsible for administering it.



If the answer is no, the Municipality cannot properly assume jurisdiction simply because an issue is important, occurs within the community, or residents would like the Municipality to intervene.



These boundaries can occasionally be frustrating, but they serve an important purpose.

They establish which level of government or decision-maker is accountable for a matter, provide consistency and procedural fairness, and prevent public bodies from exercising powers they have not been given. Acting within municipal authority is therefore not simply a matter of administrative practice – it is a fundamental part of responsible local government.



NEXT IN INSIDE MUNICIPAL HALL: Municipality, Regional District or Province — Who Does What?

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NOMINATION PERIOD NOW OPEN

Run for the Office of:



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4 POSITIONS



MAYOR
1 POSITION



**NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**



NOMINATION PAPERS 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Open: Tuesday, September 1

Closes: Friday, September 11 at 4:00 PM



GET YOUR NOMINATION PACKAGE

Candidates can download the 2026 General Election Nomination Package (PDF) or pick up a printed copy at:

- Municipal Hall (400 Centre Road)

Candidates should read the package carefully before filing.



BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

To ensure a smooth filing experience, candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment to submit their nomination documents.

Call 604-921-9333

Bookings are now open.



**2026
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY**



LIST OF CANDIDATES

A list of candidates who have successfully submitted their packages will be posted after 4:00 PM on September 11.



www.lionsbay.ca/2026-election



WHO CAN BECOME A CANDIDATE?

To run for office in the 2026 Municipal Election, candidates must:

- ✓ Be 18 years of age or older on October 17
- ✓ Be a Canadian citizen
- ✓ Have lived in BC for at least 6 months before the date of filing
- ✓ Not be disqualified by law from being nominated, elected, or holding office

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR VOICE.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

For more information, visit www.lionsbay.ca/2026-election

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*



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The Village of
**LIONS
BAY**



FROM THE YARD

Garbage, Organics & Recycling: Preparing for Spring 2027

The municipality is preparing for a new curbside waste collection service beginning in spring 2027. The transition will introduce standardized wheeled totes, automated collection and new options for residents, while maintaining the Village's wildlife-protection requirements.

There is **no change to the current collection service at this time**. Residents should continue using their existing garbage, organics and recycling containers until further notice.

What will change in 2027?

Under the new service, each household will receive:

- a lockable, animal-resistant garbage tote;
- a lockable, animal-resistant organics/green waste tote;
- a 240-litre recycling tote for mixed paper, cardboard and containers; and
- a pink bin for soft plastics.

The existing grey glass bin will continue to be used.

Garbage and organics totes will be available in **240-litre and 120-litre sizes**. The smaller 120-litre tote has a footprint similar to a conventional garbage can, although it is taller. All totes have wheels and handles for easier movement. Residents will be given an opportunity to select their preferred garbage and organics tote sizes before distribution.

Why is the collection system changing?

The new contractor will use automated collection vehicles equipped with a mechanical arm to empty the standardized totes. This reduces manual handling, improves collection efficiency and lowers the overall cost of providing the service. Standardized animal-resistant garbage and organics totes will also support the municipality's ongoing efforts to reduce wildlife access to household waste.

What happened to the proposed Bylaw amendments?

At its August 12 Special Meeting, Council directed staff to proceed with securing the new service provider and transitioning to universal totes. Staff subsequently brought forward amendments to the *Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Bylaw* needed to accommodate automated collection. Council did not approve those amendments at its September 1 meeting. The proposed changes were operational in nature and included updating definitions and redundant provisions, revising the morning set-out window, allowing animal-resistant totes to be unclipped when placed at the curb, and establishing the spacing required for automated collection.

The existing requirements governing the secure storage of waste and wildlife attractants were not proposed to change.

Answers to Questions We've Heard

Will green waste collection still be unlimited?

Yes. Each household will receive one organics/green waste tote. During higher-volume periods in the spring and summer, the contractor will provide additional collection trips for green waste placed at the curb in kraft bags.

What if I don't need a 240-litre garbage or organics tote?

Residents may choose a smaller **120-litre tote**. It has a footprint similar to a standard household garbage can and is equipped with wheels and a handle for easier movement.

Who looks after damaged or worn totes?

The service provider will be responsible for the cost of tote maintenance and repairs resulting from normal wear and tear.

Is the community recycling depot at the Works Yard changing?

No. No changes to the community recycling depot have been proposed or discussed. Unless Council provides different direction, the depot will continue to operate as it does today.

What about solid waste fees?

Before the next utility billing cycle, staff anticipate bringing forward a proposed solid waste fee structure reflecting the different service options available to residents. The proposed approach would follow a user-pay principle: households choosing smaller 120-litre garbage or organics totes would pay a lower fee, while households wanting additional organics capacity could obtain additional totes for an added charge. Any changes to solid waste fees will require Council consideration and approval before taking effect.

What do residents need to do now?

Nothing yet. Current collection arrangements remain in place until the new service begins in spring 2027. The Village will provide residents with advance information about tote selection, delivery, collection schedules and any changes to set-out requirements well before the transition.

This is a significant change to a core municipal service, and our goal is to make the transition as straightforward as possible. **Residents will have the information and time they need before anything changes at the curb.**

Construction Delay – Isleview/Lions Bay Avenue Pathway Stairs

Construction of the stairs on the public path near 210 Isleview Place, connecting Isleview and Lions Bay Avenue, is currently delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

For public safety, residents are asked not to use the pathway at this time while construction activities are underway.

Thank you for your patience as crews work to complete these improvements.



Good day, Lions Bay,

As we head into September, this week's update is a reminder about emergency preparedness, Firefighter's Day, and seasonal fire safety as summer begins to transition into fall.

Stay Connected – Download Alertable

Recent events have reinforced the importance of receiving accurate and timely information from authorized sources during an emergency.

Lions Bay residents are strongly encouraged to download Alertable and ensure notifications are enabled for our community. Alertable provides important Village emergency information, including evacuation alerts, evacuation orders, and other public-safety notifications.

If you need assistance downloading the app, setting up Lions Bay notifications, or understanding how to use it, we are happy to help. Contact the Fire Chief through LBFR and we can provide a quick tutorial to get you connected.

[Download Alertable for iPhone and iPad](#)

Firefighter's Day – September 12

We are getting close to one of our favourite Lions Bay traditions.

Lions Bay Firefighter's Day takes place Saturday, September 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lions Bay Beach.

Join us for an afternoon and evening of games, BBQ, live music, a silent auction, raffle tickets, and community fun. Proceeds from the raffle help support specialized equipment and training for Lions Bay Fire Rescue.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Fire Prevention – Seasonal Smoke Alarm Check

With Fire Prevention Month approaching in October and the seasons beginning to change, this is an excellent time to include smoke alarms in your seasonal home maintenance.

Test every smoke alarm in your home, check its age and condition, and replace batteries where required. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.

A few minutes spent checking your alarms can make an important difference when seconds matter.

Thank you for continuing to support Lions Bay Fire Rescue. We look forward to seeing our community at Firefighter's Day on September 12.

Have a safe weekend.

Fire Chief De Arcangelis



LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

WEEKLY UPDATE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026



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A few minutes today can make all the difference.



REMEMBER

During an emergency, rely on authorized sources of information. Avoid social media speculation and seek official communications through Alertable and the Village of Lions Bay.

STAY INFORMED. | STAY PREPARED. | STAY FIRESMART.

Council & Committee Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council (CLOSED) - September 22, 2026 at 6:00pm

Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) - September 22, 2026 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Climate Action Committee Meeting - September 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm **(Cancelled)**

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September 8, 2026 - 6:00 pm **(Cancelled)**

***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



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



Parkinsons Support

2026 LOCAL LIONS BAY PARKINSON WALK

Date: Sunday, September 13th.
Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm
Meet and Walk at Lions Bay Ave.
Rain or Shine

To donate: <http://www.parkinson.ca>

Bears are bulking up for winter



Can you spot
the attractants
in this yard?

Check
your
answers
here

Image by Evelyn Kirkaldy

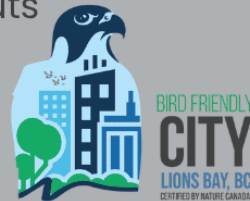


Please keep our bears out of trouble

The Fall migration has begun.

Light pollution confuses birds and puts them at risk. How Bird Friendly are your lights? Dark nights are also important for human wellness.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



LIGHT POLLUTED SKY



UNACCEPTABLE

Unshielded/
Poorly shielded

BAD

Partially shielded

BETTER

Fully shielded
(Light source fully covered)

BEST

Fully shielded +
timer/motion sensor



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

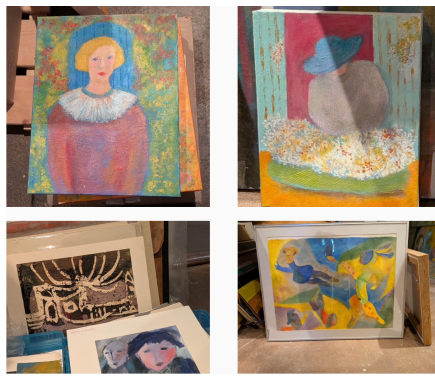
Ryan McMahon (guitar/vocals) is bringing a stellar Vancouver Island lineup to Lions Bay! **JOEL SPILLETTE (keys/vocals)**, **SARA VARRO (drums)**, **JAY STEVENS (guitar/bass/vocals)**. Four outstanding musicians. **MUSIC + ART. EXPERIENCE** Visual artists are: **Barb San Severino**, **Monica Gewurz** and **Bettina Lewis** (posthumously represented by her son Roy Lewis).

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

Ryan McMahon: LAST CALL Ticket

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.



Howe Sound Artist Collective

Welcoming all levels of paint on canvas artists

Thursday evenings, 6-8:30 pm

September 10th - October 29th

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Barb San Severino
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Ages: 5 -10 yrs

Tuesdays for 7 weeks

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Sept. 15th - Oct. 27th

Broughton Hall

Lions Bay Arts
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**THE MARK CRISSINGER
BLUES BAND**
LIVE IN LIONS BAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
LIONS BAY VILLAGE HALL
Presented by
Lions Bay House Concerts

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Mark Crissinger Blues Band |SAT Nov 14 (7-9:30pm) @Village Hall

Veteran blues-rocker and former Toronto scene mainstay **Marc Crissinger (guitar / vocals)** is bringing his high-energy, original blues sound to Lions Bay for a full-band performance. **Known for sharing stages with legends like Jeff Healey**, the seasoned guitarist continues to tour nationally while showcasing his roots-driven music. **With a new album in tow** (mid-September release) that he's been gigging and fine-tuning across the country, this will be a blue-moon opportunity.

MUSIC + ART. EXPERIENCE Visual artists are **Lara Palmer (Tofino)** and **NHL hockey legend "King Richard" Brodeur**. Artists will be present. **Come give them a high-five!** *Sponsored by Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters.*

\$10 Early Bird Ticket

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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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