



Village Update

September 11, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Municipality, Regional District or Province — Who Does What?

In the first edition of Inside Municipal Hall, we looked at where municipalities get their authority and why an issue occurring within Lions Bay is not necessarily a municipal responsibility. That leads naturally to another question:

if the Municipality is not responsible, who is?

The answer is not always obvious. Residents of Lions Bay live within several overlapping jurisdictions. We are residents of the Municipality of Lions Bay, part of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, and residents of British Columbia and Canada. Each has different responsibilities, and in some areas those responsibilities intersect. Understanding these relationships helps explain why the Municipality can act directly on some matters, participates with other governments on others, and has little or no authority in some areas.



THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIONS BAY

Our Local Government

Lions Bay is an incorporated municipality governed by an elected Mayor and Council. Council is responsible for the services, bylaws, finances and policy decisions that fall within the Municipality's jurisdiction.

Examples of municipal responsibilities include:

- Local roads and related infrastructure
- Water, sewer and stormwater systems (for the Municipality)
- Land use planning and development
- Parks, trails and community facilities
- Municipal bylaws (e.g. zoning, business licensing, noise, unsightly premises)
- Local emergency planning and preparedness
- Municipal taxation and budgeting
- Recreation and community programs



METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Working Together Regionally

Lions Bay is a member jurisdiction of the Metro Vancouver Regional District. Regional districts were created to provide a framework through which municipalities and unincorporated electoral areas can cooperate on services and issues that cross municipal boundaries or are more efficiently addressed on a regional basis.

Examples of Metro Vancouver responsibilities include:

- Regional planning and growth strategy
- Regional parks and greenways
- Regional solid waste system and facilities (e.g. waste-to-energy, transfer stations)
- Liquid waste treatment (sewage) for the region
- Drinking water (regional system)
- Air quality and climate action
- Regional electoral area services
- Regional emergency management programs

Metro Vancouver is **not** a higher level of local government with general authority over Lions Bay. It is a separate form of local government, with responsibilities for specific regional services. Lions Bay has representation at the regional level and participates in regional decision-making through that structure.



THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A Different Role

The Province occupies a fundamentally different position. Municipalities and regional districts exist under provincial legislation, and the Province determines the legislative framework within which both operate.

Provincial responsibilities also extend directly into many areas that affect Lions Bay, including highways, health care, education, policing, natural resources and various aspects of environmental regulation and emergency management.

Examples of provincial responsibilities include:

- Highways (e.g. Highway 99)
- Health care and hospitals
- Education (K-12)
- Policing and public safety (e.g. RCMP)
- Natural resources and Crown land
- Environmental regulation
- Wildfire and broader emergency management
- Provincial legislation that governs municipalities and regional districts



SOMETIMES MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED

Municipal services rarely operate in complete isolation. Emergency response, transportation, environmental protection, infrastructure planning and land-use matters can involve several agencies, each exercising a different authority.

The Municipality may be responsible for one component, another government for the next, and successful delivery may depend on cooperation between them.

This is why municipal staff will sometimes refer a resident to another government or agency rather than attempting to resolve the matter directly. A referral does not mean the Municipality considers the issue unimportant. It means that the authority to address it rests elsewhere. Equally, where an issue crosses jurisdictions, the Municipality may advocate on behalf of the community or work with the responsible agency even though the final decision does not belong to Council.



WHY THE DISTINCTION MATTERS

Knowing which government is responsible is more than an organizational detail. It determines who has the authority to make a decision, who is accountable for it, how the public can participate, and where questions or concerns should be directed.

For Lions Bay, effective local government therefore involves both exercising our own municipal responsibilities well and maintaining strong relationships with the governments and agencies around us. As a small municipality, those relationships are particularly important. Regional cooperation gives Lions Bay access to services, expertise and collective initiatives that benefit the community, while provincial and federal partnerships are essential on matters that extend beyond our local jurisdiction.

Different Governments. A Stronger Community.

Lions Bay Official Community Plan Update

Questionnaire

Planning for our future

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thoughts and help
shape the OCP**



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The Village of
**LIONS
BAY**

LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

FIRE CHIEF'S WEEKLY UPDATE



Good day Lions Bay,

September 11 — 25 Years of Remembrance

Today marks 25 years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Lions Bay Fire Rescue, together with our partnering emergency agencies, will recognize a moment of silence at 1600 to remember and honour the victims, first responders, emergency workers, and families whose lives were forever affected by the events of that day.

For those of us in the emergency services, September 11 remains a profound reminder of service, courage, sacrifice, and the commitment of first responders to help others in their greatest time of need.

Today, we remember those who lost their lives, those who responded, and the families and communities who continue to carry their memory.

We remember. We honour. We will never forget.

Fire Restrictions Remain in Effect

Although conditions are beginning to change as we move toward fall, some provincial fire restrictions remain in effect within the Coastal Fire Centre.

As of September 11:

Category 1 — Campfires: PERMITTED

Category 2 — Open Fires: PROHIBITED

Category 3 — Open Fires: PROHIBITED

The BC Wildfire Service rescinded the Category 1 campfire prohibition throughout the Coastal Fire Centre effective September 3. Category 2 and Category 3 open fires remain prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, except the Haida Gwaii Forest District.

Residents and visitors should continue to exercise caution and check both current BC Wildfire Service restrictions and Village of Lions Bay requirements before lighting any outdoor fire.

[BC Wildfire Service — Current Fire Bans and Restrictions](#)

Firefighter's Day Is Tomorrow — September 12

Tomorrow is Lions Bay Fire Rescue's Annual Firefighter's Day, and it is not too late to purchase your raffle tickets.

Join us at Lions Bay Beach on Saturday, September 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an afternoon and evening of games, BBQ, live music, a silent auction, raffle draws, and community fun.

Proceeds from the raffle help support specialized equipment and training for Lions Bay Fire Rescue, and we sincerely appreciate the continued support we receive from our community.

Most importantly, Firefighter's Day is an opportunity for our firefighters and residents to come together outside of an emergency and celebrate the community we are proud to serve.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Lions Bay Beach tomorrow.

Have a safe weekend.

Fire Chief De Arcangelis
Lions Bay Fire Rescue

Stay informed. Stay prepared. Stay FireSmart



LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

WEEKLY UPDATE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

OUR COMMUNITY
OUR PEOPLE
OUR PURPOSE

SAFETY TODAY
A STRONGER
TOMORROW

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Lions Bay Fire Rescue and our partnering emergency agencies will be recognizing a moment of silence on September 11 to remember and honour the victims, first responders, emergency workers, and families affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 – 25 years ago today.

We remember. We honour. We will never forget.



9.11.01
NEVER FORGET



FIRE RESTRICTIONS – COASTAL FIRE CENTRE

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2026)



Category 1 – Campfires
PERMITTED



Category 2 – Open Fires
PROHIBITED



Category 3 – Open Fires
PROHIBITED

The BC Wildfire Service has rescinded the Category 1 campfire prohibition in the Coastal Fire Centre. Category 2 and Category 3 open fires remain prohibited.

These prohibitions include fireworks, binary exploding targets, burn barrels/burn cages, controlled-air incinerators, air-curtain burners and carbonizers.

For full details, visit:
www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status

Please also check the Village of Lions Bay bylaws and local restrictions before lighting any outdoor fire.

BC WILDFIRE SERVICE – FIRE BAN MAP

COASTAL FIRE CENTRE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026



Northwest
Prince George
Coastal
Kamloops
Vancouver
Victoria

Fire Ban Areas

Category 2
Open Fires
Prohibited
(and Category 3)

Source: BC Wildfire Service
(Map as of Sept 11, 2026)



**RAFFLE
TICKETS**

FIREFIGHTER'S DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Lions Bay Beach | 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

It's not too late to purchase raffle tickets!

Join us for an afternoon and evening of games, BBQ, live music, a silent auction, raffle tickets, and community fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL
FIRE RESCUE**

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:

Emergency Program Committee Meeting - September 24, 2026 – 7:00 pm

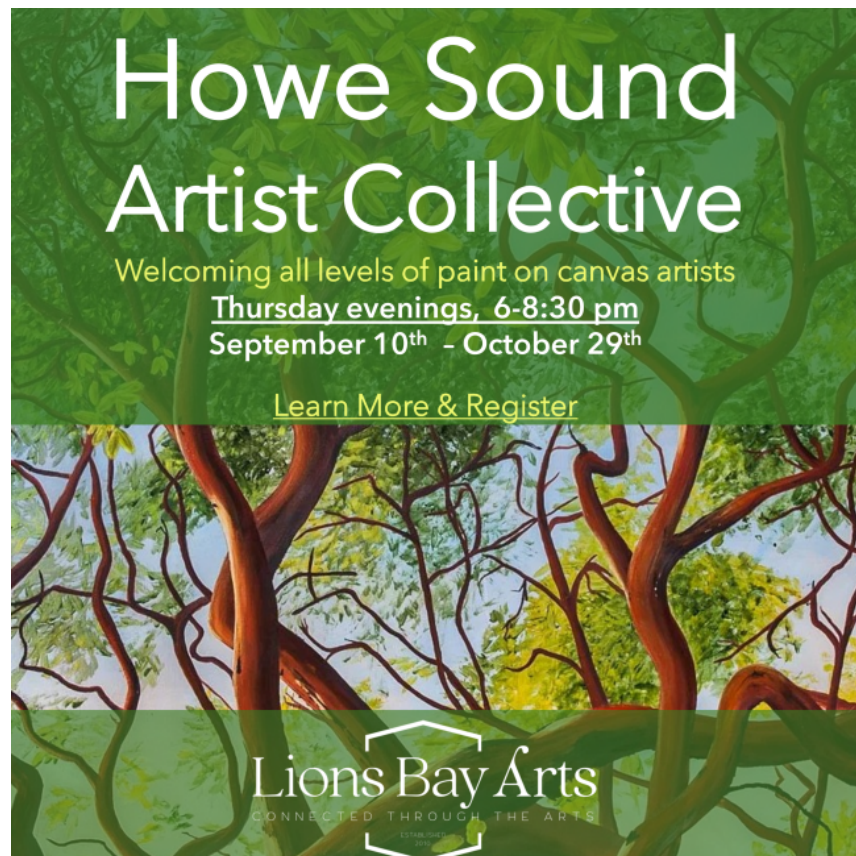
Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September 29, 2026 - 6:00 pm

***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





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

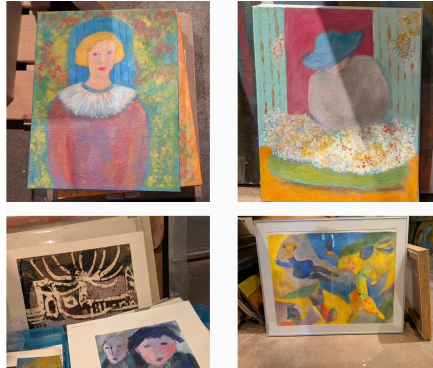
Ryan McMahon (guitar/vocals) is bringing a stellar Vancouver Island lineup to Lions Bay! **JOEL SPILLETTE (keys/vocals)**, **SARA VARRO (drums)**, **JAY STEVENS (guitar/bass/vocals)**. Four outstanding musicians. **MUSIC + ART. EXPERIENCE** Visual artists are: **Barb San Severino**, **Monica Gewurz**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



Our Anna's Hummers
no longer migrate
and rely on feeders
to survive the winter.



Please keep feeders clean and filled.
Unclean feeders can kill these tiny birds.

The right mix:

1 part sugar (no honey, other sweeteners
or colourants) plus 4 parts boiled water.
Cool before filling feeder.

Photo by
Danielle Wills



www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY



*A mama and her
cubs are moving
around the Village,
sometimes on our
streets.*



Image from a Facebook video

KEEP THIS BEAR FAMILY SAFE



[Oktoberfest 2026 Tickets](#)

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.*

NOTE: EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS MONDAY, SEPT 7 (LABOUR DAY)

\$10 Early Bird Ticket

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Real-time Air
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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.**





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Public Works Voicemail: (604) 921-9833

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