



Village Update

October 16, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

**LIONS BAY**
BRITISH COLUMBIA

OUR COMMUNITY
OUR FUTURE
YOUR VOTE

**Municipal
Election**
VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

TOMORROW

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17**
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**WHERE**
Village Hall
400 Centre Road

**POLL HOURS**
**8:00 am –
8:00 pm**

*Please take a few minutes
and cast your vote.*

**YOUR
VOICE
COUNTS.**

 CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: lionsbay.ca/2026-election

Bylaw, Policy, Resolution or Procedure?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Council adopts bylaws, approves policies and passes resolutions, while municipal staff use procedures and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to carry out the Municipality's work.

These terms are sometimes used interchangeably, but they serve different purposes and carry different authority.



Bylaws LOCAL LAW

A bylaw is Council's principal legislative tool. The authority to adopt bylaws comes from provincial legislation, principally the *Community Charter and Local Government Act*.

Bylaws can regulate activities, establish requirements and fees, create services and address matters within municipal jurisdiction, such as land use, building, traffic, water, waste and noise.

Because bylaws can create legally enforceable requirements, they follow processes established by provincial legislation, which may include readings, public notice, consultation, a public hearing or other approvals.

Council cannot create new municipal powers simply by adopting a bylaw. Every bylaw must fall within authority granted by the Province.



Policies ESTABLISHING AN APPROACH

A policy establishes Council's position, expectations or general approach to a matter. Policies promote consistency and guide decisions on recurring subjects such as procurement, grants, municipal assets or facility use.

Unlike a regulatory bylaw, a policy does not ordinarily create an offence or a generally enforceable requirement against the public.



IN SHORT

A bylaw establishes what the law requires; a policy establishes how the Municipality intends to approach a matter.



Resolutions MAKING COUNCIL DECISIONS

A resolution records a formal decision of Council. Resolutions are used to approve recommendations, authorize expenditures, provide direction to staff, make appointments and decide other matters within Council's authority.

A resolution cannot substitute for a bylaw where legislation requires a bylaw.



GOOD TO KNOW

Council discussion is not the same as Council direction.

Individual Councillors may ask questions, debate issues and express views, but formal direction comes from decisions made by Council collectively.



Procedures and SOPs HOW THE WORK GETS DONE

Procedures translate legislation, bylaws, policies and organizational requirements into administrative practice.

A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provides more detailed, repeatable instructions for a particular task or process. SOPs are especially useful where consistency, safety, regulatory compliance or operational reliability is important.

These are generally administrative tools. Council establishes policy and overall direction; the CAO and municipal administration manage operations and determine how that direction is implemented within legislation, bylaws, Council policy and approved budgets.

How Does It All Fit Together?



Provincial legislation & regulations
Establish municipal authority and legal requirements



Municipal bylaws
Establish local legal requirements



Council policies
Establish direction and a consistent approach



Procedures & SOPs
Guide day-to-day implementation



Resolutions
Operate within this framework as a principal means by which Council makes individual decisions and provides formal direction.

Why Does It Matter?

When you hear "Council approved it," that can mean several different things.

Council may have adopted a bylaw creating a legal requirement, approved a policy establishing an ongoing approach, or passed a resolution authorizing a particular action. Council may also establish the overall direction while leaving implementation to municipal administration.

Knowing which instrument was used tells you what was decided, what authority applies, who is responsible for implementation and whether the decision creates an enforceable legal requirement.

These distinctions are an important part of accountable local government. They help keep law-making, policy-setting, decision-making and administration clear, transparent and properly aligned.

The Short Version



Bylaw
Local law



Policy
An established approach



Resolution
A formal Council decision



Procedure
How work is carried out



SOP
Detailed instructions for carrying out that work consistently

All operate within the authority established by provincial law.

**Next in
Inside Municipal Hall:** 
Which Bylaw Does What?
A Practical Guide to
Municipal Regulation



Storm and Winter Preparation

Operations staff are preparing for the change in season and monitor weather patterns daily. Below is an overview of how staff prepare for and prioritize work during winter months.

Snow and Ice Control

Public Works prioritizes heavily trafficked and arterial roadways during snow and ice events to maintain safe access for residents and emergency services. Neighbourhood streets and cul-de-sacs are cleared as time and conditions permit, typically once the primary routes have been addressed or when the snow event has subsided. Walkways, stairs, bridges, and pedestrian access routes to municipal facilities are cleared as needed and as time permits.

When rain transitions to snow, Public Works staff mobilize immediately to plow, shovel, and apply salt to public roadways to support safe travel throughout the Village.

Drainage and Culvert Management

To reduce flooding risk during heavy rainfall, staff proactively clear ditches and culvert inlets to ensure stormwater can flow freely. Residents are reminded that drainage on private property is the responsibility of the property owner, and the municipality does not maintain private storm systems.

Residents are encouraged to regularly clean roofs, gutters, downspouts, and private storm piping to ensure effective drainage and reduce the likelihood of localized flooding.

Tree, Leaf and Vegetation Management

During autumn, Public Works conducts leaf and vegetation clearing, particularly during periods of high winds and heavy leaf fall, to prevent blockages in drainage systems and maintain safe roadway conditions. During storm events, staff respond to downed trees on public roads and are equipped with chainsaws, traffic control equipment, and removal tools to clear hazards and restore safe passage.

Weather Monitoring

Staff monitor weather conditions daily, including rainfall intensity, freezing levels, and wind forecasts to ensure timely response to emerging conditions.

Water System Monitoring

Storm events can impact water quality and treatment processes. Public Works monitors water quality, treatment plant intakes, and potential turbidity impacts, implementing mitigation measures as required to maintain compliance with regulatory standards.

Contact Information

Public Works maintains 24/7 on-call availability for urgent issues affecting public infrastructure.

- Regular public works line (7am-3pm): 604-921-9833
- After hours emergency public works line: 604-290-1498
- Non-emergency inquiries: works@lionsbay.ca

Water Disruption for PRV Upgrade Work - Lower Kelvin Grove

Operations staff will be completing upgrades to a pressure reducing valve (PRV) station during the week of October 26. To safely perform this work, full shutdowns of sections of the watermain will be required, resulting in temporary water outages for residents of Tidewater Way, Periwinkle Place, and Sweetwater Place.

Staff will work to minimize impacts wherever possible; however, residents in affected areas should prepare for an extended daytime water disruption, potentially lasting from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during scheduled construction days.

Advance notice will be provided in neighbourhoods directly impacted by each shutdown. Residents are encouraged to plan accordingly by storing water for drinking, cooking, and sanitation needs prior to the outage period.

Staff will flush the watermain after completion of the work, however residents may experience cloudy water once service is returned. This is normal and the water is safe, running a cold water tap for several minutes will clear the line.

Construction Complete – Isleview Place / Lions Bay Avenue Pathway Stairs

Construction of the new stairs on the public path near 210 Isleview Place, connecting Isleview and Lions Bay Avenue, was completed this week. The pathway and stairs are now open for public use.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while this important improvement was underway. Public Works staff will be completing landscaping and site restoration in the surrounding area over the coming weeks.





LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

OUR COMMUNITY • OUR PEOPLE • OUR PURPOSE

SAFETY TODAY
A STRONGER
TOMORROW

WEEKLY UPDATE | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

LIVE FIRE TRAINING RESUMES

Live fire training will resume at the LBFR training grounds. This important training provides our firefighters with realistic, hands-on experience to enhance skills, maintain proficiency and support a higher level of operational readiness for our community.

INTERAGENCY MEETING

LBFR will be hosting a quarterly interagency meeting with our emergency partners, including:

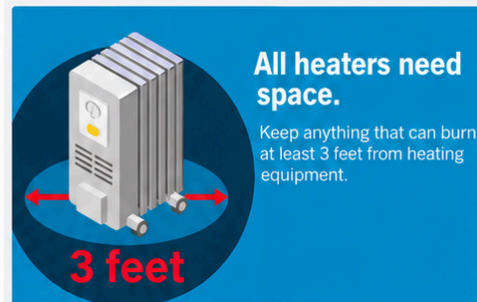
- RCMSAR
- BCEHS
- Lions Bay Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)
- SAR
- RCMP
- Metro Vancouver
- Britannia Beach Fire Rescue

These meetings will strengthen our communications and services, and support the planning of annual interagency exercises to further enhance our community's emergency response capabilities.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Today's Fire Prevention Week tip is a reminder to be mindful of heating safety.

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. By following a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.



HEATING SAFETY TIPS

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.



Stay informed.

For more information, please contact
Lions Bay Fire Rescue.

OUR COMMUNITY.
OUR PEOPLE.
OUR PURPOSE.

Council & Committee Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Council Hand-off ceremony (OPEN) - October 20, 2026 at 6:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - November 10, 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](#).





2027 Lions Bay Arts Calendar

Time to submit your photos!

Attention talented photographers and passionate artists. Please send us your personal photo captures of the beauty of Lions Bay. This is an opportunity to show off your talents. Selected photos will be featured in our Lions Bay Art's 2027 Calendar.

Lions Bay Art's annual 2027 calendar photo submissions is now open, and we invite you to be a part of it. We are seeking captivating photographs that showcase the picturesque charm of our beloved community in all its glory. Whether you're an amateur with a keen eye or a seasoned pro, this is your chance to have your work featured and admired by locals and visitors alike. Let your creativity shine and share your unique perspective on the breathtaking landscapes, vibrant wildlife, and the essence of life in Lions Bay.

Why participate?

GAIN RECOGNITION

For those photos selected, your talent will be showcased in our highly anticipated calendar, highlighting artistic skills to a wide audience.

SUPPORT THE ARTS

By contributing, you'll be supporting Lions Bay Arts in their mission to promote and nurture local artistic talents.

COMMUNITY PRIDE

Celebrate the beauty and complexity of Lions Bay and share your love for our extraordinary and dynamic surrounding

Submission guidelines

- All photo submissions must be taken within the boundaries of Lions Bay.
- Images should be in high resolution (minimum 2MB) and captured in landscape orientation for calendar compatibility.
- Multiple submissions are welcome, **so don't hold back!**

How to submit:

1. **Email your stunning photographs to:** calendar@lionsbayarts.ca
2. **Subject Line:** "Calendar Photo Submission".
3. **Include:** your full name and preferred phone number
4. **Submission deadline:** **Midnight Oct. 31st.**

Important Note:

By submitting your photos, you grant Lions Bay Art the right to use your photos for promotional purposes related to the calendar project.

Join us in celebrating the beauty of Lions Bay through the lens of our talented community. Let your photographs tell a story, evoke emotions and inspire others to appreciate the splendor that surrounds us.

For inquiries or further information, please reach out to us at: calendar@lionsbayarts.ca

We can't wait to see Lions Bay through your eyes!



[More information](#)



VENDORS NEEDED

Sat. November 21nd | 11am – 3pm

Village Hall | 400 Centre Road | Lions Bay

Lions Bay Arts annual Christmas Fair is seeking vendors from the community and surrounding areas, in a range of art disciplines. This is an opportunity for established and emerging artists to take part in our **12th Annual Christmas Fair**.

This event launches the Christmas season in our community and the Sea to Sky corridor with over 300 shoppers. There are only 24 spaces available and spaces book up quickly!

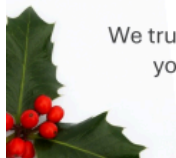
\$40 for Members & \$60/nonmembers (includes membership)

APPLICATION DEADLINES: *Lions Bay Artists-Oct 31/2026*

Outside Artists-Nov 7/2026

We truly appreciate all vendors who have been with us over the years, your referrals to our show have been our best advertisement.

Visit: www.lionsbayarts.ca/annual-christmas-fair



Tap into your creativity and imagine a whole new Halloween!

Use dim, spooky lighting and create an eerie atmosphere with soft, mysterious sounds... natural items from deep, dark woods where strange things happen... astonish the kids while being mindful of our birds and other wildlife.

More
tips
here!



www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca



PLEASE!!

PUT DOWN THE CAMERA AND TELL THE BEAR TO MOVE ALONG!

Lovely though bear sightings are, bears should not be lingering too close to your home, for their own good.

SET BOUNDARIES FROM A SAFE SPACE

Start by using a loud, firm voice. If need be, clap your hands and yell, bang on pots, use an airhorn or bear spray.

LESSER KNOWN METHODS

Flap a garbage bag loudly & tell the bear to go, activate your car alarm, toss cold water on the bear from a high spot, start a leaf blower. Stop when they're moving away.



lionsbaybearsmart.ca

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](#)



sing!

*A community
in harmony*

*Always
welcoming
new singers.*

Check out Lions Bay's newest offering
on our website: www.lionsbayarts.ca

2 dozen residents are making music together.

Join us and give this a try!

(pssst... we really need a few more men!)

Tuesday's 7-8:30 pm at the village hall.

If interested, please reach out to : info@lionsbayarts.ca

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


Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS
ESTABLISHED
2010



BLUES ALERT: Heavy Riffs. Deep Roots. Pure Rock & Roll

 Mark Crissinger Blues Band: SAT Nov 14 (7:00-9:30pm)
 Music + Art: "King Richard" Brodeur, Lara Palmer (Tofino), Golya Mirderikvand (YVR)
 Lions Bay Village Hall
 Final concert of 2026 ; Show No.134

Headlining the night: **Mark Crissinger Blues Band**, bringing a freight train of blues, rock, and original guitar-driven fire from Vancouver Island to Lions Bay. A veteran of the Toronto music scene and a road-tested performer who has shared stages with legends including Jeff Healey, Crissinger has released six studio albums and four live albums and earned a Maple Blues Award nomination. In other words: this guy knows his way around a riff.

And because music hits harder with something to look at, this is a MUSIC+ART. EXPERIENCE. Three seriously talented visual artists will be in the house: award-winning **Lara Palmer** of Tofino, Vancouver contemporary painter **Golya Mirderikvand**, and NHL legend, former Canuck, and acrylic artist "**King Richard**" **Brodeur**. The artists will be there in person. So come say hello, talk art, and, yes, give them a high-five.

No regrets. No door sales. Put the pride aside, bring your people, and come lick those post-election wounds with a little loud music and a lot of soul. There will be bragging rights. [Get back home](#). Get down. Get loud.

EITHER YOU WERE THERE... OR YOU WEREN'T. Generously sponsored by local realtor Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters, and the Village of Lions Bay.

[Tickets](#)

Village of Lions Bay | lionsbay.ca

Encourage
friends to
Subscribe

Meeting
Calendars

Real-time Air
Quality Map

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

The Village of Lions Bay | 400 Centre Road P.O. Box 141 | Lions Bay, BC V0N 2E0 CA

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email & social marketing for free!