

Did You Know?

by *The Lions Bay Historical Committee*

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A commuter train was suggested in the original prospectus for Lions Bay "once the community had built up sufficiently".

In 1959 the British American Oil Company had plans to build a service station, including a restaurant and shopping centre, in Lions Bay.

Prior to Lions Bay becoming a Village and purchasing its own snow plow and salting equipment, Lions Bay relied on the Department of Highways in North Vancouver for its snow removal.

In 1963, there were plans for a concrete ship which would act as a floating breakwater at the marina. "This ship easily contains a clubhouse, indoor swimming pool, boat repair shop, and fishing sports centre". (Taken from prospectus of Lions Bay development.)

The Council of the Village of Lions Bay issued its first news bulletin on January 9, 1971, only one week after the Village was incorporated.

Lions Bay was the first village to be incorporated in B.C.'s centennial year.

Voting for or against village incorporation took place Sunday, December 12, 1970. Results were: In favour - 86, Against - 24. Total vote - 110.

The precursor to the "Village" designation with our attendant Mayor and Alderman was a "Property Owners' Association Water Improvement District".

In 1985 a School Bus Safety Committee was initiated to protect the children waiting for the school bus during the Highway construction through Lions Bay. Rosalind MacPhee was the First Flagmother followed by Kay Erundel, Judy Shand, Flo Gienger and Jennifer McMahon.

In 1986 a Lifeboat Society was proposed after a couple nearly lost their lives in a boating accident off the shores of Lions Bay. Only three people responded to the proposal however. The North Shore Lifeboat Society stationed in Fisherman's Cove purchased a faster boat to improve their response time to our area.

On December 5, 1981, winds of hurricane proportions (80 to 100 miles per hour) lashed Lions Bay. During these winds, between 500 to 1,000 trees were snapped off or uprooted.

Lions Bay Elementary School officially opened April 28, 1977. It had a total enrollment of 52 students, Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Rosalind MacPhee, Suzanne Spohn and Sandy Barclay

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