

Lisa Turpin

For Council For Village Spirit



Lions Bay: A Special Place with a Big Heart

For those who do not know me, I served Lions Bay on two council terms under a 'Village Spirit' slogan, building on a sense of place where everyone feels a part of and a connection to Lions Bay. I know first-hand how to work co-operatively and respectfully at the table to achieve the best decisions for the Village. Lions Bay is truly a special place and has been my home for the better part of 43 years. My husband Greg and I have been fortunate enough to raise our son Zackory here. Greg joined the Volunteer Fire Department in 2001, retiring this past December. While, I rebuilt the Parks and Recreation Committee, now known as the Events Committee we have today. I then kept on giving back in any way I could find. I was taught, growing up in this community, the value of giving back and sense of place, and most importantly leaving things better than you found them.

*My Motto with everything I do and teach is to:
"Have Fun, leave it better than you found it,
and always do your best work"*



As I helped within the community my family was by my side during trail buildings, assisting with 'Plant a Bulb' Days, Remembrance Day, Fire Fighter Day, Santa Breakfast and more. With my sons hockey commitments growing in 2008 I chose not to seek re-election as I knew I would not be able to give the 110% I always gave to council. Devoting that time to Zack, I still kept involved in Lions Bay, and was honoured with being awarded Citizen of the year in 2009. We are very proud parents as our son has now signed in Junior Hockey and moved from the village, following his hockey passions; and I find myself with time to give back to Lions Bay again.



Those who know me claim one of my biggest strengths is that I tell it how it is and wear my heart on my sleeve. I am transparent, honest, straight forward and I do not like, nor condone backroom politics. I work for the best interests of the village and consider each pro and con carefully. I bring an extensive business, financial and well researched and vetted approach to every decision I make. If you would like more information or have any questions feel free to contact me after 3:30 most days at 604-921-9365 and I would be happy to speak with you about this amazing place and some of my goals for the future for Lions Bay. Please come out and vote November 19th.

About Lisa Turpin

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Village Service Highlights

- 2001 rebuilt the Lions Bay Events Committee
- 2002 Elected to Council
- 2002 Youngest Female Councillor, Born and Raised in Lions Bay
- 2005 Secured Extended Bus Service to Lions Bay
- Highway Safety Improvement project
- 2010 Olympic bid initiatives

Personal Career Highlights

- Early Childhood Educator Diploma with Special Needs Certification
- Business Administration with Focus on Finance
- Teaching in Kindergarten on the Downtown East Side
- Teacher for Lions Bay Playschool
- Lions Bay Kiddiley Winks Family Day Care Operator
- Bank Balancer and Office Manager

Community Involvement

- Back Yard Swim Program
- Community Trail Building
- Arts Recital Organizer
- Community Garden Volunteer
- Highway Advisory Council
- Lions Bay Fire Fighters Day Organizer
- Arts Council Member
- ESS Director and member
- Village Spirit Article column writer
- And a whole lot more...

Helen Waterson, the past Councilor in this seat, was kind enough to ask some questions of the candidates, since we may not get a debate in this bi-election, and I have included them here. Please consider a vote for me this election as I do have the passion, drive, time and past experience to make a positive contribution once again.

I served on two terms of council and we always had healthy respectful debates, agreed and disagreed and I plan to continue this legacy from my past positive experiences; serving this community with the best of intentions put forward at all times and being open to listening to and understanding different perspectives and coming together with mutually beneficial outcomes for the community.

1. Why are you running?

I love Lions Bay and know I can and will make a positive difference while serving on Council for the Village of Lions Bay.

From 2002 – 2008 I served on Council and I enjoyed it very much. I now have time, once again, to give back to Lions Bay, the Community I love. The biggest passion and time investment that prevented me from continuing on council has moved on to play junior hockey and I now have time to devote back to the community.

2. What's the big issue currently facing Lions Bay?

Communication I think is the biggest issue facing Lions Bay. Current Council seems to have the water and infrastructure planning handled. I wish to enhance the Community Spirit and use my previous Council experience, research skills, and knowledge of Finance to assist the Community moving forward.

My goal is to enhance our Village Spirit in every way! Together we can do this.

3. Describe yourself in three words.

Passionate, Organized and Competent.

4. What are your two highest priorities for change in Lions Bay ? In the short term (next two years) and the long term (next 20 years).

I would like to improve bus service in the next two years and Communication throughout Lions Bay, since the folding of the Community News, the Seagull and other printed publications, the connecting of information and sharing has been lost, not only the print form, but communication in other areas be it the emergency plan, community updates, etc word doesn't get out and we need to find a positive solution.

Long term I'd like to see the Village Council ensuring long range budgeting, projecting and forecasting, to support accountability toward the future of the Village of Lions Bay. I also think expansion of our alternate revenues is a priority.

5. If you were only able to champion just one project during your term, what would it be?

Communication.

6. What do you cherish most about Lions Bay?

Lions Bay is an absolutely amazing and cherished space and place to live. I myself was raised in Lions Bay and my husband Greg and I have been fortunate enough to raise our son Zackory here. Zack has now left to playing Junior Hockey in Sicamous, BC., and I have the time to dedicate once again.

Today, together as residents, we can continue the Lions Bay culture of supporting each other, no matter what.

7. What is your position on the balance between environmental sustainability and fiscal responsibility?

If the Village is embarking on any project, the project must first be environmentally friendly and, secondly reviewed as to how to ensure it is fiscally responsible.

8. Please share your thoughts on what innovative projects that would enhance life in Lions Bay.

Many little things can be done to enhance life in Lions Bay. Building the sense of place and pride in what we already have and encouraging residents to bring their ideas forward, thus listening to the community voice. Finding ways to connect groups together to help each other out and building relationships. I think also a beach bathroom overhaul with a community multi purpose room could help too.

Additionally, looking at ways to enhance enrolment at the Lions Bay Elementary School, as this is a significant piece of our sense of place.

9. What are your thoughts re. Council's strategic plan?

I think the strategic plan looks good, and wish to review how the Council is meeting these objectives. I am unaware of initiatives or plans to address:

1. Village communication,
2. Advocacy for the Lions Bay Elementary School, and
3. The Village requires an update regarding Emergency Services and support for the Fire Department Administration and communication.

10. What worries you most about Lions Bay and the issues it's facing?

The Village Council requires creativity in finding revenue streams. I can assist with this and can be a productive member in finding solutions.

We cannot function on grants alone nor can we continue to see the water usage rate increases that we have seen. We need to remember that council is dealing with resident's money and to spend it as wisely as possible.

I worry that the Lions Bay where children have had such a connected and stimulating up bringing will no longer be here for our grandchildren if we don't nurture our sense of place and connection and I will work toward energizing and enhancing our continued community spirit.

11. What do you promise NOT to do if elected?

Make promises I can't keep.

I am a person who works hard, listens well, researches solutions and cares enough to put the solutions into motion to create a positive outcome.

12. What is your vision for Lions Bay?

My vision for Lions Bay is where neighbours wave at each other, help each other out, and appreciate everyone for their uniqueness and core values that drove them here in the first place, and to actively listen to people and take advice respectfully on other ways of doing things. I firmly believe it takes a village to raise a child and we should always leave everything better than we found them. I am not sure that is really a vision, but it is the village I like to live in and the message I have taught to all the students and children who have warmed my heart and spirit in this village.