

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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Subject: Meeting the New Lions Bay CAO; Exploring Collaborative Solutions for Critical Housing Shortage in Lions Bay

Dear Carolyn,

My name is Ken Berry, and I am the Mayor of Lions Bay. I am writing to introduce you to our new Chief Administrative Officer, Ross Blackwell, and myself and to explore the potential collaboration between Lions Bay School, Lions Bay community, and the West Vancouver School District in addressing our critical housing shortage.

Recently, Pieter Dorsman, a former School Board Trustee Member and a resident of Lions Bay, shared a compelling vision during our council meeting. He discussed an opportunity for Lions Bay School and the surrounding land, which currently hosts Preschool/Kindergarten to grade 3, to play a pivotal role in mitigating our region's housing shortage. While I have not personally reviewed the detailed plans of the school grounds, Pieter conveyed that there is ample land available. Previous discussions have hinted at the possibility of low-cost or community housing adjacent to the school building.

The school has been a central hub connecting our residents. However, we find ourselves struggling to provide housing for our dedicated volunteer firefighters, and address the housing needs of schoolteachers, seniors looking to downsize, and healthcare workers in our community.

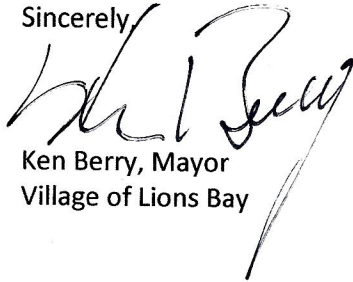
I am pleased to inform you that Lions Bay has been identified by the province as a community that could benefit from additional housing initiatives. We are eagerly awaiting further details and suggestions from the province this fall. In the meantime, we are keen to be proactive and explore potential solutions.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to introduce you to our new CAO, discuss the Lions Bay School's future and the potential housing in greater detail. Ross Blackwell expertise and

fresh perspective will undoubtedly contribute to our dialogue. Please let me know a convenient time for you, and we will arrange a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for considering this collaboration. Your insights and expertise are highly valuable, and we look forward to the possibility of working together to enhance the living conditions for the residents of Lions Bay and the future of our Lions Bay School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Berry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends downwards and to the right.

Ken Berry, Mayor
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