# Village Update

SPECIAL EDITION

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There have been a few sightings of a solo bear cub in the village over the last few days. It is normal for sows (mothers) to abandon their cubs after 16-17 months to fend for themselves, so she can mate before hibernation. It can take these cubs a little time to figure things out. The Conservation Officer is aware of the situation, and we are doing everything we can to have a positive outcome here, so please help us by removing attractants and chasing bears away. This young cub is a little on the small side and it is unclear if it is a yearling that needs to move on to the next phase of life or a candidate for rescue.

It is imperative that all attractants must be secured. Bird feeders and hummingbird feeders can not be left out. Do not place food out for this little bear. It will only cause more harm than good, as it will associate humans with food, and it will then be destroyed.

There has also been a trend for putting garbage in the blue recycling section of the public bear bins. See the image below. The bears are smart and have found a way to reach in and pull things out. Once they learn a behaviour they will keep coming back, until it is removed. The Village Office is in the process of procuring



restrictor plates and signage to encourage the appropriate human behaviour, in the meantime. Please chat with your family and neighbours so that everyone is placing their garbage in the brown secured bins and not the blue recycle bins.

There has also been an increase in racoon activity, and much like the bears they are excellent at finding their way into garbage. Here are some **tips for managing attractants** and a good refresher if you already know it.

In a couple of weeks, the bears should be hibernating if there are no unnatural food sources for them to get into.

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