THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
# OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
# HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2022 at 5 PM
# COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY
# AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

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## AGENDA

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Closed Council Meeting (5:00 PM)**
Proposed topics for discussion in the absence of the public:

A. Labour Relations

THAT the meeting be closed to the public on the basis of matters to be considered under the following sections of the *Community Charter* and where required, the Council does consider that the matters could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public:

**90** (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations

***Council anticipates reconvening the open meeting at 5:30 PM to discuss the balance of the Agenda.***

**3. Reporting Out from Closed Portion of Meeting (if applicable)**

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

**5. Public Participation (2 minutes per person totalling 10 minutes maximum)**

**6. Reports**

A. Staff

i. PWM: Verbal or written update on options available via Waste Control Services and/or Public Works staff.

ii. CAO: Verbal or written update on Bylaw Enforcement Activities and Public Inquiries.

B. Mayor

C. Council

i. Councillor Abbott – Request for Council and Staff Support Report: Additional Bear Smart Actions

*Recommendations from Clr. Abbott*:

*That Council direct Staff to take the following additional actions to avoid bear human interaction:*

- *Temporarily adjust public works shifts to allow resident drop off at works yard to accommodate residents who cannot meet the revised schedule, consider the following:*
  - *Daily drop off during/after lunch hour, 12:30-01:30pm*
  - *Tuesday evening drop off outside of regular work hours up to 7pm, timed for regular Wednesday pickup*
  - *Saturday morning drop off, will this require additional pickup?*
  - *Consider weekly pickup of garbage during summer months*
  - *Continue with Friday morning drop off but have one staff come in early to extend time from 6-8am.*
- *Publicize the additional works yard options through VU, a post box mail flyer and signs for message boards*
- *BEO shifts and duties to be adjusted to prioritize Bear Smart issues*
- *Village Staff to take measures to ensure waste generated on Village premises are managed appropriately*
- *Food/grocery delivery services, residents to be advised they are responsible to ensure that no deliveries are left outside (resident must be home to receive).*

**7. Public Questions & Comments**

**8. Adjournment**

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| **Type** | Request for Council & Staff Support | | |
| **Title** | Additional Bear Smart Actions | | |
| **Author** | Neville Abbott | **Reviewed By:** | |
| **Date** | May 29, 2022 | **Version** | |
| **Issued for** | SCM May 31, 2022 | | |

**Resolution**

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## Background & Update

Due to increased bear activity reflected in the reports on the Lions Bay Bear Smart website (lionsbaybearsmart.ca). The following was resolved in the Council Meeting of May 17, 2022. Status update in RED

*That Council and Staff support the following actions to avoid bear human interaction.*

- *Instruct WCS to schedule waste collect such that problem areas are prioritized* – in place and helping reduce reports of bears in contact with attractants
- *Publish a special VU to advise of collection schedule prior to this week's pickup* – done repeat this week with new information
- *Temporarily set up a bear-proof dumpster to accommodate residents who cannot meet the schedule* – not done, additional drop off at works yard preferred option

- *Create and a post box mail flyer, to reinforce best practices on storage* – done but needs to be repeated to include additional drop off options
- *Create informational signs for message board* – done but needs update based on new options
- *Support and promote no-mow-May type initiatives* – done
- *BEO shifts to be adjusted to prioritize Bear Smart issues* – inadequately achieved, needs confirmation
- *Promote the Lions Bay Bear Smart website and reporting tool* – done
- *Bear Smart team will compile a list of food/grocery delivery services and staff to advise these that no deliveries may be left outside (resident must be home to receive)* – not done, residents are concerned that a Village wide mandate will result in reduced service. Suggestion that residents ensure they are home to receive deliveries.

Note we haven't had any reports of problems with food deliveries except one where the empty spud boxes had been left outdoors and the bear investigated them. The services we are aware of are;

- Groceries:
  - Spud
  - Legends Haul
  - Fresh Street Market
- Pre-prepped ingredients/recipes:
  - Hello Fresh
  - Chef's Plate

Problem areas remain the same based on 83 Bear Smart website reports, these continue to be central Village area above the highway, followed by KG upper and lower, then Brunswick.

Note: not included are FB, email and other reports.

Notes from conversation with Conservation Office Services on Friday, May 27.

- Additional activity being noticed elsewhere in S2S, assumed to be due to late spring.
- We are in the peak bear season now.
- Good green-up is starting, we should see issues die down in 2-3 weeks.
- Juveniles may get pushed into residential area when mating season starts in June.
- We should see an uptick again in late August into September.
- Last years diminished fall return was possible due to heat dome, don't expect it again.
- COs received a couple of reports about attractants which they need BEOs to attend to (enforce our own bylaws) because they are short staffed.
- There are only three possible reasons a bear in on your property
  1. There are attractants around, you live in bear country, it comes with a big upside, but also with a responsibility to prevent problem bears
  2. They are grazing. Shoo them away with appropriate hazing techniques as outlined in the VU so they know they are not welcome around homes.
  3. You are on a travel path, this is OK just encourage them to move along.
- Reminder that COS are unlikely to relocate problem bears, if they are forced to act the outcome is typically what we all fear.

Residents' comments and suggestions.

1. Weekly garbage pickup during summer
2. Central location for drop off

3. Drop off outside regular business hours
4. Program to encourage use of bear resistant bins

## Immediate Action from the Village

**Council Support**
Approve a resolution directing staff to immediately increase resident options for waste collection that are outside of current operations and approve budget as required.

**Immediate office staff actions**
We request Staff (management) take all actions required to increase options for residents to drop of garbage and food waste. Staff to modify their own waste management to prevent any bear attractants.

**Special VU**
We would like to put out a special VU, drafted by Bear Smart, to advise residents of the location and schedule for additional drop off options.

**Staff Request Works Yard**
Advise of actions and any budget requests required to meet Council directive ASAP.

**Staff Request Bylaw Enforcement**
Bylaw hours planned for parking be redirected to address Bear Smart concerns. BEO to patrol Village looking out for bear attractants and activity. BEO shifts to accommodate as late as possible Thursday night (10pm), reinforce early curbside enforcement. Friday morning shift starting early as possible (around 5 am) advise residents of revised schedule and alternative options.

**Resolution**
That Council support the Bear Smart Team as outlined in this report in order to retain our Bear Smart designation and keep bears alive

**FOLLOW UP ACTION AND COMMUNICATION** Per Council direction