



# Village Update

## SPECIAL EDITION

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## UPDATES FROM MUNICIPALITY

### Bear Activity Advisory - Public Safety Reminder

The Municipality has received notification of a number of active bears within the community. Recent reports indicate several instances where bears have accessed attractants, including within a garage and a closed vehicle. These types of interactions are concerning and have the potential to escalate, increasing risks to public safety.

Residents are reminded that any bear interactions should be reported to the **BC Conservation Officer Service (RAPP Line: 1-877-952-7277)**. Timely reporting assists in proactive management and helps reduce the likelihood of further incidents.

The Conservation Officer Service has also advised that wildlife traps set within the community have been tampered with. This is a serious matter. Tampering with a lawfully set trap is not only dangerous but also constitutes an offence under the [Wildlife Act](#).

Under the *Act*:

- Interfering with, damaging, or rendering a trap inoperable is illegal
- Penalties may include fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year
- Such actions may compromise public safety and interfere with wildlife management efforts

Tampering with traps can result in unintended and serious consequences, including injury to individuals and increased risk to the broader community. These traps are deployed by trained professionals for public safety purposes and must not be disturbed under any circumstances.

Residents are strongly encouraged to remain vigilant and take appropriate steps to reduce attractants:

- Keep garage doors closed, even when at home
- Do not leave food or garbage in vehicles
- Store waste securely and place bins out only on collection day

Maintaining a Bear Smart community requires a shared commitment to responsible practices. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep Lions Bay safe.



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