



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Public Works and Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS (if applicable)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Watermain Upgrades for:

- (i) Ohtaki Footbridge and Greendale Trestle- status
- (ii) Signage on Public Washrooms.

(b) Water Treatment Plant – Interim operating status.

(c) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:

- (i) CLEC Water System-update.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Terri Kalar, President Brookside Village re: Refuse and organics pickup.

(b) Vanessa Isnardy, Provincial WildSafe BC Coordinator re: Support for the WildSafeBC Program.

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6. VERBAL COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC ON A SUBSEQUENT ITEM ON THE AGENDA– (maximum 3 minutes per speaker and maximum time allotted 15 minutes)

7. REPORTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Snow Removal Operations.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

11. QUESTION PERIOD (maximum 3 minutes per speaker and maximum time allotted 15 minutes)

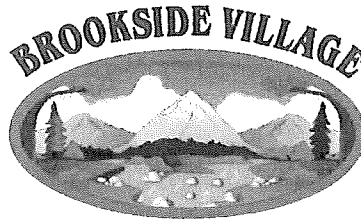
- Limited to items on the agenda

12. ADJOURNMENT

Please note: Should this meeting end sooner than 7 p.m., the next meeting may start no later than 10 minutes after adjournment of this meeting.

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Strata VIS 7075

Mayor and Council
Town of lake Cowichan
39 South Shore Road
Lake Cowichan, BC V0R 2G1

Dated January 21, 2019

Dear Council:

Re: Refuse and organics pickup

On behalf of the owners of Brookside Village Strata Corporation strata plan 7075, located at 300 Grossleg Way, we wish to express out sincere appreciation to council, town staff and the town public works department, for all the effort made in finding a solution that addressed our previous concerns over our refuse and organics curb side pick up,

To be able to have our residents simply place their totes in front of their respective homes, rather than roll them down to a pre-determined location has made a huge difference, especially for those who have mobility issues . It was all of your team that made this possible and we want you to know we are most grateful.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Kalar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Terri Kalar
President, Brookside Village
Strata VIS 7075

Joseph Fernandez

From: Vanessa Isnardy <visnardy@bccf.com>
Sent: February 12, 2019 12:24 PM
To: Joseph Fernandez
Cc: Jen Bellhouse
Subject: WildSafeBC
Attachments: Letter to Mayor and Council -Lake Cowichan - 12February2019.pdf; WildSafeBC Cowichan Valley Regional District Annual Report 2018.pdf

Hello Mr. Fernandez,

The Cowichan Valley Regional District, Municipality of North Cowichan and the Town of Ladysmith are supporting the work of WildSafeBC to reduce human-wildlife conflicts in the Cowichan Valley for 2019. We are reaching out to the Town of Lake Cowichan to inquire as to whether they would be interested in participating in the program and support it with some funding. Your contribution would directly translate to hours that the coordinator could spend delivering the WildSafeBC Program within the Town of Lake Cowichan. We would be most appreciative if you could review the information we have attached and forward it to Mayor and Council for consideration.

Thank you,

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From: Ilse Sarady <Ilse.Sarady@cvrd.bc.ca>
Sent: February 12, 2019 12:34 PM
To: 'Vanessa Isnardy'; Joseph Fernandez
Cc: Jen Bellhouse
Subject: Funding confirmed to date

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Notes
Town of Ladysmith	\$1,500	
CVRD	\$4,000	
Fisher Road Recycling	\$1,000	
Town of Lake Cowichan		Wildsafe Letter sent Feb 12, 2019
Island Return It	\$2,595	
Municipality of North Cowichan	\$3,000	
Total funding confirmed:	\$12,095	

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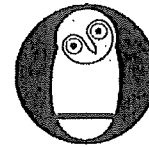
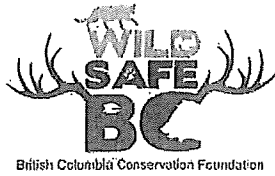
Re: Support for the WildSafeBC Program

We are approaching you to ask if the Town of Lake Cowichan (Lake Cowichan) would be willing to join the Municipality of North Cowichan (MNC), the Town of Ladysmith (Ladysmith) and the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) in supporting the work of WildSafeBC to reduce human-wildlife conflicts and thereby increase public safety in your community.

In 2018, the Conservation Officer Service received over 91 calls regarding wildlife in Lake Cowichan alone. This represents 26% of total calls received for the region. Nearly 55% of calls generated within Lake Cowichan were for bear conflicts. Unsecured garbage is one of the leading causes of conflicts with bears that can lead to safety concerns and the damage to property. With limited options, the Conservation Officer Service may be required to destroy black bears as relocations are often unsuccessful and can lead to poor outcomes for the bears.

In response to a plea for assistance from local conservation officers in 2015, the CVRD and Ladysmith partnered with WildSafeBC to have a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator educate residents, businesses and visitors on how to reduce human-wildlife conflicts in their communities. They were recently joined by MNC. The coordinator is funded in part by a grant from the WildSafeBC Program. This year, it is our hope that Lake Cowichan will also contribute as a partner to the program, as there are significant wildlife conflicts within the boundaries of your town.

The goal is to retain a seasonal coordinator from May to November, the months with the highest potential for human-bear and other wildlife conflicts. To date, the CVRD, Ladysmith, MNC and a two local businesses have committed to funding contributions totaling \$12,000. Your contribution will directly translate to hours that the coordinator can spend delivering the WildSafeBC program in your town. We are hopeful that Lake Cowichan will join the CVRD, Ladysmith and MNC by contributing up to \$2,000 towards the 2019 program, and in doing so, work towards reducing human-wildlife conflicts in Lake Cowichan and increasing public safety.



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With this letter, please find enclosed information on the WildSafeBC Program, local statistics and the 2018 annual report for the WildSafeBC CVRD Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jen Bellhouse
Project Coordinator
BC Conservation Foundation
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Vanessa Isnardy
Provincial Coordinator
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(250) 828-2551 ext 104

What is WildSafeBC?

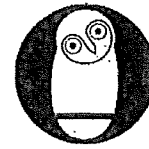
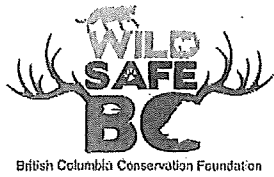
WildSafeBC is a proven educational program that works in collaboration with communities throughout BC. Our goal is to “keep wildlife wild and communities safe”. The program educates residents and visitors about the importance of managing wildlife attractants, including but not limited to proper management of curbside garbage and organics. The result is fewer wildlife conflicts, and fewer impacts to bears, cougars, deer, coyotes and other wildlife in the community. In turn, this increases human safety as well as protection of pets and livestock, and reduces the number of wild animals that need to be destroyed due to safety risks.

Education activities by the seasonal WildSafeBC Community Coordinator include our highly requested Junior Ranger Program, door-to-door outreach to residents in high conflict areas, public outreach at community events, presentations to groups of interest, clinics on the safe use of bear spray and demonstrations on how to install an electric fence.

We also reach out to the broader community and visitors via local newspapers, newsletters, radio interviews, signage and social media. We promote the use of our Wildlife Alert Reporting Program that allows residents to be informed of recent wildlife reports to the Conservation Officer Service’s 24 hour hotline (see Figure 1 below).



Figure 1. Reports to the Conservation Officer Service January 1, 2018 to February 12, 2019. Bears in red denote a bear in conflict as a result of unsecured garbage.



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Local Human-Wildlife Conflicts

Black bears are the most reported species in conflict with humans in Lake Cowichan. In 2018, the Conservation Officer Service received 91 calls regarding wildlife; of these, 50 calls were regarding black bears, 18 regarding elk, 8 regarding cougars and 7 regarding deer. Unsecured storage of garbage cans and dumpsters between garbage collection days, as well as unmanaged fruit trees, continue to be the main wildlife attractants and leading cause of human-bear conflict. In addition, increasing numbers of deer in urban areas draws cougars into residential areas. It is important to note that a large number of human-wildlife issues are not reported to the Conservation Officer Service, therefore it is expected that the actual number of sightings, and potential conflicts, is higher than reported.

Learn More

A full report of Cowichan region's WildSafeBC 2018 Program is enclosed for convenience.

