



Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness

July 24, 2024

9:00 am

2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh,
on whose land we live, work and play.*

PRESENT: Lisa Cran <Chair>
Alicia Buchanan
Lauren Harding
Nicole Botten
Alex Rowan
Alex Schare
James Spankie <9:05 a.m. – 10:32 a.m.>

IN ATTENDANCE: Sean LeBrun, Manager of Parks and Solid Waste Division / Staff Liaison
Brent McIsaac, Foreman of Solid Waste
Gina Layte Liston, Senior Manager of Environmental Services, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Elisha Leclair, Information and Records Coordinator

A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By A. Rowan

Seconded By J. Spankie

That the agenda for the July 24, 2024 Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness meeting BE AMENDED by adding a new document to agenda item D.2 - "Correspondence dated July 15, 2024, from Lisa Cran: Anchorage's Solid Waste Department", and by adding a new agenda item as D.3 - "Correspondence dated July 18, 2024, from Lauren Harding: City of PG Bear Awareness Committee", and that the agenda BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness Meeting held July 3, 2024

Moved By N. Botten
Seconded by L. Harding

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness meeting held July 3, 2024 be adopted as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before the committee at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by the committee at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 Bear Smart Program

Documents for consideration included:

1. Submission from Staff Liaison:
 - a. Bear Smart Inter-Agency Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2019;
 - b. DRAFT Bear Smart Program Application from the City of Prince George - June 2020;
 - c. Bear Smart Inter-Agency Feedback on the Draft Application; and
 - d. Bear Smart Update (City of Prince George) - September 2020.

2. Submission from Northern Bear Awareness Society
 - a. Bear Smart Community Program - Province of British Columbia;
 - b. Bear Smart - Northern Bear Awareness Society;
 - c. Bear Hazard Assessment for Prince George;
 - d. Human-Bear Conflict Prevention Management Plan for Prince George; and
 - e. Bear Occurrence Reports and Mortalities for Prince George.

D.2 Solid Waste Management

Documents for consideration included:

1. Correspondence dated May 21, 2024 from Christopher Grilz: Improved Bear Proof Containers
2. Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee: Bear-Resistant Products

- 3. Handout: Correspondence dated July 15, 2024, from Lisa Cran:
Anchorage's solid waste department

D.3 Handout: Correspondence dated July 18, 2024, from Lauren Harding: "City of PG Bear Awareness Committee"

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. CORRESPONDENCE

- F.1 Correspondence from Aaron Hofman, Director of Advocacy and Policy with the Fur Bearers charity dated July 16, 2024 to Mayor and Council regarding the high number of black bears killed by conservation officers in the Prince George area in 2023

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Lisa Cran, Chair

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