



Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness

September 4, 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> <9:05 a.m. – 10:31 a.m.>
Alicia Buchanan
Nicole Botten
Lauren Harding
Alex Rowan
Alex Schare
James Spankie <9:07 a.m. – 10:31 a.m.>

IN ATTENDANCE: Sean LeBrun, Manager of Parks and Solid Waste Division / Staff Liaison
Charlotte Peters, Manager of Bylaw Services <Zoom>
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 9:06 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By A. Buchanan
Seconded By L. Harding

*That the agenda for the September 4, 2024 Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness meeting,
BE ADOPTED.*

Carried Unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness Meeting held August 22, 2024

Moved By A. Schare

Seconded By A. Buchanan

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness meeting held August 22, 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 Correspondence from Alex Rowan and Nicole Botten dated August 8, 2024: Gleaning Abundance Program

D.2 Recommendation from August 22, 2024 and continued discussion in the September 4, 2024 Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness

Moved By A. Rowan

Seconded By N. Botten

The Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness RECOMMENDS that Council DIRECTS Administration to amend the City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, and any other applicable bylaws, to permit electric fencing to secure wildlife attractants such as beehives and fruit-bearing trees and bushes during harvest season.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By A. Rowan

Seconded By A. Buchanan

The Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness RECOMMENDS to Council that the city consider the following tools to address bear-related issues:

- a. Actively participating in and supporting programs aimed at reducing bear attractants through initiatives such as fruit gleaning and harvest sharing.*
- b. Combining support for these programs with the enforcement of Bylaw 8425, Section 11, could effectively mitigate human-bear conflicts. Additionally, this approach offers an opportunity to foster community engagement and enhance local food security.*

Carried Unanimously

D.3 Municipal Bylaws Review

Moved By N. Botten
Seconded By A. Rowan

That the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled "Municipal Bylaws Review".

Carried Unanimously

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

G.1 Next Committee Meeting: September 18, 2024 - Discussion Topic: Public Education/ Communication

All reports, information items and associated background documents must be submitted through the chair and staff liaison to legislativeservices@princegeorge.ca before 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 6, 2024.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Lisa Cran, Chair

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