



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 10, 2022  
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Solid Waste, Fleet, and Shared Services Division  
Subject: Increased Storage Requirements for Solid Waste Collection Carts

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### Purpose

To present City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 3058, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2022, No. 3329 (Enclosures) and accompanying Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw for Council consideration in accordance with Council direction to minimize human-bear conflicts in the community through enforcement, policy, and education efforts to require wildlife resistant enclosures for the secure storage of solid waste carts when not set out for collection.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 3058, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2022, No. 3329 (Enclosures) be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the report dated January 10, 2022 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Solid Waste, Fleet, and Shared Services Division regarding Increased Storage Requirements for Solid Waste Collection Carts;**

**AND THAT City of Port Moody Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 2020, No. 3218, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2022, No. 3341 be read first, second, and third time.**

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### Background

On October 8, 2019, after receiving a report on Bear Management Ticketing Bylaw Changes from the Planning and Development Department-Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, Council passed the following resolution:

RC19/437

THAT staff be directed to report back on potential amendments to the City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 3058 to provide increased storage requirements for solid waste carts.

On July 13, 2021, after receiving Tri-Cities Bear Aware as a delegation, Council passed the following resolution:

RC21/356

THAT staff be asked to report back on amending the Solid Waste Bylaw to require enclosures for garbage cans.

## Discussion

The City of Port Moody has been working towards becoming a Bear Smart community since 2000, when it initiated the Bear essentials Program. In 2018, the City conducted a Bear Hazard Assessment (BHA) to identify high-use bear habitat, human-use areas, and non-natural attractants such as accessible garbage, fruit trees, bird feeders, compost, and identify how the City could reduce the number of human-bear conflicts.

The BHA determined Port Moody to be one of the most progressive municipalities in proactively addressing human-black bear conflicts, but did identify 39 recommendations for reducing conflict potential (**Attachment 1**).

This report focuses on the BHA's recommendations as they apply to minimize human-bear conflicts through continued education, outreach, and enforcement to remind residents to manage access to garbage and other attractants by storing garbage, green waste, and recycling carts in a garage or secure enclosure.

Currently, City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw, No. 3058 (**Attachment 2**), allows residents to store carts at the rear, or side yard with clips locked when not being used or set out for collection. There is currently no fine associated with solid waste collection cart storage locations on private parcels, since some property owners cannot readily access their rear or side yards, due to the physical layout of particular properties (steep grade, stairs, narrow lots, etc.).

To help address solid waste cart storage issues, staff have drafted Bylaw No. 3329 to amend City of Port Moody Bylaw, 2016, No. 3058 (**Attachment 3**). This amendment will provide another means of intervention at specific areas, or on properties where repeated wildlife encounters occur and/or where further steps are needed to help minimize human-bear conflicts. This amendment adds the ability for the City to impose requirements to enclose waste collection carts within a secure Wildlife Resistant Enclosure to remove the attractant to help reduce wildlife issues.

If this amendment is adopted, staff will develop an administrative process to support it. Generally, staff anticipate that recurrent problem properties or areas will be identified as follows:

- In cases where there have been greater than three bear-damaged cart repairs reported to Operations in a calendar year by the same registered property owner(s);
- In cases where Bylaw Enforcement has issued more than two tickets in a calendar year to the same registered property owner(s); and
- In cases where the Conservation Officer has notified the City of a recurrent problem address or area.

The City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw allows for siting of a wildlife enclosure, or accessory building on a parcel. While a permit is not required for a structure that is less than 10ft by 10ft, staff reviews may be needed to ensure specific siting is permissible.

An associated Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Amendment Bylaw, No. 3341 (**Attachment 4**) is attached to enable enforcement where a property could reasonably store their collection carts in the garage or otherwise construct a suitable wildlife enclosure on the property or store it within the premise itself, but has failed to do so.

Outreach, education, and enforcement have made a significant difference over time, but carts damaged by wildlife and/or bears continue to be a recurring problem. This Bylaw amendment, if approved by Council, will provide staff and the community with an additional tool to better manage non-natural food attractants with the goal of minimizing human-wildlife interactions.

## Other Option(s)

THAT the report dated January 10, 2022 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Solid Waste, Fleet, and Shared Services Division regarding Increased Storage Requirements for Solid Waste Collection Carts be received for information.

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

## Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

With the addition of the proposed amendments to the current Bylaw, the City's Communications Team can incorporate this information within the Solid Waste Calendar, Bear Essential Information, and related website and social media channels.

## Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This report supports Council's Environmental Leadership under the following objectives:

- Be a leader in the protection, adaptation, and enjoyment of our natural environment through stewardship, advocacy, and proactive policy.
- Educate the public about the importance of Port Moody's natural assets.

## Attachment(s) Attachments:

1. City of Port Moody Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2020.
2. City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 3058.
3. City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 3058, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 3329.
4. City of Port Moody Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization Bylaw, 2020, No. 3218, Amendment No. 5, 2022, No. 3341.

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## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Increased Storage Requirements for Solid Waste Collection Carts.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attachment 1 - City of Port Moody Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan.pdf</li><li>- Attachment 2 - City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw.pdf</li><li>- Attachment 3 - Draft City of Port Moody Solid Waste Bylaw 2016 No. 3058 Amendment Bylaw No. 1 2022 No. 3329 (Enclosures).pdf</li><li>- Attachment 4 - Draft City of Port Moody MTIA Bylaw 2020 No. 3218 Amendment Bylaw No. 5 2022 No. 3341.pdf</li></ul>
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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