



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 11, 2019

Submitted by: Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division

Subject: Bear Management Ticketing Implementation

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### Purpose

To inform Council about the planned implementation of the new ticketing levels regarding bear attractant contraventions under the Solid Waste Bylaw.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT the report dated October 11, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Bear Management Ticketing Implementation be received for information.**

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### Background

On October 8, 2019, Council gave three readings to Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 2016, No. 3044, Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 2019, No. 3210, increasing fines for bear attractant offences from \$50 to \$500. This report follows up on the planned implementation of Council's direction.

### Discussion

During the earlier discussion of this item during the September 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council set the new desired fine levels with the information that warnings were given before any tickets were issued. However, since changes were made in 2016, warnings are no longer given for wildlife attractants, and the current \$50 ticket serves as the first notice to the owner that containers are contravening the Bylaw.

In the staff report for the October 8, 2019 Regular Council meeting, staff noted concerns that the proposed tenfold increase for the first offence (from \$50 to \$500) could result in collecting on fewer issued tickets, while at the same time increasing related administrative costs to respond to upset residents, an expected increase in quash requests, or legal costs through the Provincial Court. Ticket values of a high magnitude are generally reserved for infractions related to serious risk to human life and safety issues.

Following up on Council's understanding at the September 17 meeting that a warning would be issued prior to ticketing, staff will be exploring ways to reintroduce a warning before a \$500 fine will be issued. Two stickers for placement on containers have been developed, one of which

will serve as a warning, and the other as notification that a ticket has been issued. In addition, staff would develop a sticker for the initial warning before a \$500 ticket will be issued. If the new fine levels are approved, staff will use the warning stickers along with other communication tools and tactics to continue to educate residents on ways to reduce wildlife attractants and keep both humans and bears safe.

### Other Option(s)

1. THAT draft City of Port Moody Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 2016, No. 3044, Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 2019, No. 3210 be amended to include a warning ticket of \$50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offence, \$500 for the 1<sup>st</sup> recurrence, and \$1,000 for subsequent recurrences.
2. THAT staff be directed not to issue warnings for wildlife attractant bylaw contraventions.

### Financial Implications

A budget for engagement and outreach was previously approved as part of the consideration of the Bear Management Strategy Update in July 2019. This included \$5,000 for 2019 and \$15,000 for 2020.

### Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

As identified in the July 2019 Bear Management Strategy Update report, this fall and winter, staff will be updating and producing targeted outreach material and preparing a Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan to guide the City on measures that will further reduce the level of human-bear conflicts, property damage, the number of bears put down, and increase public safety. Upon completion of these tasks, staff will make an application to the province for the Bear Smart designation.

### Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This initiative is consistent with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan by supporting the strategic priority of Environmental Leadership by being a leader in the protection, adaptation, and enjoyment of our natural environment through stewardship, advocacy, and proactive policy.

### Attachment(s)

1. Wildlife Attractant Ticket Stickers.

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## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Bear Management Ticketing Implementation.docx
Attachments:	Attachment 1 – Wildlife Attractant Ticket Stickers
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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