



Wildlife Attractant Control Bylaw Review

Council recently completed a comprehensive review of the Wildlife Attractant Control Bylaw. As a result of this review, Council has decided that amendments to the City's current Bylaw was required in order to aid in reducing human-wildlife conflicts within the City. These amendments included the following proposed changes to the way residential solid waste is currently stored on site prior to being picked up by the City's contractor on regular collection days:

- **A person must place refuse to be picked up for collection on the refuse collection day designated for the real property in either metal or plastic bins with a secure lid, and**
- **A person must not place refuse to be picked up for collection on the refuse collection day designated for the real property before 5:00 a.m. the morning of the day of collection.**

In addition to these changes, Council has also endorsed the doubling of current fines for those found guilty of any offences under the proposed Bylaw. While it is not the intent of the City to impose these fines, but rather see a reduction of human / wildlife conflicts within City limits, extra Bylaw Enforcement activities will be undertaken to ensure these new practices are implemented by residents. As such, this notice is provided to residents of the City of Rossland that effective upon the anticipated adoption of the City's new Wildlife Attractant Control Bylaw (expected on August 15, 2016); the above-noted practices will be required.

Davies Sales and Service Ltd., the City's Solid Waste Contractor, is also aware of these new practices and have provided some suggestions for residents looking to purchase metal or plastic bins with a secure lid to comply with the Bylaw:

- Ensure the container is suitable for the amount of garbage you plan to dispose of,
- Look for storage bins or cans that will allow for easy transport to your current collection pick-up location (i.e. those with wheels or handles)
- Look for storage bins or cans that will allow for easy removal of bags, and
- Bags placed in storage bins or cans without stickers will not be picked up.

Numerous resources exist on information and strategies on how to effectively reduce wildlife interaction in our community, including at the following link:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict>

For further information on this matter, please feel free to contact the City.