

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANMORE



Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

Members Present

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele (Chair)
Olen Vanderleeden

Members Absent

Sheri DeVito

1. Call to Order

Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Agenda be approved.”

Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on January 12, 2017

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be adopted as circulated.”

Motion Defeated

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Wildlife Interaction**

The Committee discussed the Human Bear Conflict Management Plan. The following points were highlighted during discussion:

- Anmore does not have a big bear problem.
- With the changing demographic and influx of new residents, they may be unaware of Anmore's wildlife environment.
- The key to improving existing bear situations is through communication.
- Six areas within the Plan are believed to be applicable to Anmore: Assessment, Attractants, Enforcement, Communication, Education, and Tracking.
 - Assessment – The Plan assessment seems very formal; not convinced that it is suited or necessary for Anmore although it may work for Buntzen Lake. BC Hydro does a good job using appropriate bear safety measures, such as park signage, perimeter tree outlines and using bear proof garbage cans throughout the park.
 - Attractants – Garbage, berries, feeders, ponds, etc. Anmore has bylaws in place that bring awareness and procedures for residents to consider and follow.
 - Enforcement – Anmore does a very good job with bylaw enforcement relating to garbage regulations and warnings/written communication to residents.
 - Communication – More links to be offered more prominently to residents on the website to include the agencies (WildSafe BC/Bear Aware, etc.), links, resources and information. Communication via social media to be shared annually (at the beginning of bear season).
 - Education – Information sharing with Anmore elementary and middle schools to provide education and raise awareness. Possibility of having WildSafe BC offer a presentation annually or provide written materials for students and their families.
 - Tracking – It may be a good idea to keep a record of phone calls of wildlife sightings (with location) to work together alongside BC Conservation Officers.
- The Village is doing well in the areas of Assessment, Attractant and Enforcement, although improvements should be made relating to Communication, Education and Tracking (as noted above).

The Committee requested that staff expand on Bear Aware and WildSafe BC materials; and tips be shared on the Village website; and that every spring, information and notices be posted on the website, social media pages and sign boards.

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Protective Services Committee recommends that the Village implement strategies to mitigate wild life interactions in the areas of communication, education and tracking – per the minutes of this February 9, 2017 Protective Services Committee Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thiele called the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Approved:

MEETING MINUTES WERE NOT ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele
Chair, Protective Services Committee