



Bylaw Information Update

Spring has sprung! As warmer weather arrives, so do great outdoor activities for people, pets and wildlife.

This update highlights new and existing bylaws that are intended to help all residents enjoy the outdoors and spring activities safely – including information on updated backyard burning regulations, roadside produce stands, bears and solid waste, and the storage of trailers and campers on Village property.

We hope you find some value in this information. Please contact Village staff if you have any questions or concerns.



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NEW! BACKYARD BURNING

Yard waste fires are no longer permitted in the Village following a February 2017 amendment to Fire Protection Bylaw No. 988. There will not be another spring yard waste burning period.

Backyard **recreational fires are still allowed** but require a permit. Permits are available free of charge at the Village Office. Recreational fires must:

- Be no larger than 0.5m in diameter
- Be contained within a CSA-approved fire appliance or a fire ring fitted with a screen
- Be at least 1.5 metres from any vegetation or combustible material
- Be at least 3 metres from any structure or fuel tank

Heavy smoke can disturb your neighbours. Burn clean wood and do not burn garbage or any prohibited material.

FIRE COMPLAINTS

To report any fire complaints, call 911. If it is not an emergency, tell the 911 operator that it is a fire non-emergency. Callers will then be connected to the local fire department duty officer.

NEW! ROADSIDE PRODUCE

The 2016 zoning bylaw permits people living in many residential areas to sell their home-grown produce near the road side. Please be aware there are guidelines, including:

- The produce stand cannot be on the highway (includes streets, shoulders and boulevards)
- The stand must be located on the same lot where the produce is grown
- The stand cannot create excessive traffic that interferes with free-flowing traffic
- Vendors must purchase a Village of Cumberland business license

VANDALISM

In 2016 the Village spent over \$20 000 to repair graffiti and other vandalism damage. This equates to roughly a **1% tax increase**. Please call 911 to report any suspicious behaviour.

This includes damage to several trees in Village Park. To keep our public trees healthy:

- Don't tie dogs to trees
- Don't lean or chain bikes to trees
- Leave branches and bark on trees

These guidelines are especially important for young trees.





BEARS and WILDLIFE

The best way to keep wildlife wild and our families safe is by not allowing animals to become human-habituated.

When wildlife becomes comfortable with humans, that's when problems happen. Wildlife should not have access to human foods (including garbage or chickens), watched or photographed in close proximity, or allowed to take up residence in populated areas or buildings.

Once wildlife becomes human-habituated it is often very difficult to get it to revert back to being fully wild. This often results in the destruction of the wildlife for safety reasons, especially in the case of bears and cougars.

One main way the Village tries to discourage bears from becoming human-habituated is by closely regulating solid waste with the **Solid Waste Bylaw No. 1003, 2014**.

SOLID WASTE

9 Every owner of a premises served by a solid waste collection system must:

- (1) (e) store all garbage, organics and recyclable materials in an animal-proof location or in animal-resistant containers until the scheduled collection day,
- (l) set out for collection on the scheduled collection day by 8:00 a.m. and on no other day all garbage containers, organics containers and recycling containers.

Store all waste items inside or in animal-proof containers until collection day. Items must be at the curb by 8 am on collection day.

TRAILERS AND CAMPERS

The Streets and Traffic bylaw was last updated in 1970. The Village of Cumberland has grown and changed a lot since then. In January 2017 Council passed the new **Streets and Traffic Bylaw No. 951**.

The Village would like to urge residents to review the new bylaw. There are many changes to keep our community healthy and safe.

Here are some key sections:

43 No person shall leave or park a trailer or recreational vehicle on a highway (*including boulevards*) unless it is attached to a vehicle except:

- (a) Contractor trailers parked not more than 72 hours consecutively within 40 meters of an active construction site.
- (b) Recreational vehicles/trailers (*Section 45*) parked for not more than 48 hours and within 20 meters of the owner's destination property for loading/unloading.

44 No person shall leave any trailer on the highway, whether attached to a motor vehicle or not, for longer than 72 hours.

Trailers and RVs can only be parked on public property for a limited time, in certain locations, and for certain purposes.

If you have any bylaw-related questions or concerns, please contact the Village of Cumberland at 250-336-2291 or email info@cumberland.ca.

Full copies of the bylaws highlighted in this newsletter are available from the Village upon request. Electronic copies are available at cumberland.ca.

