

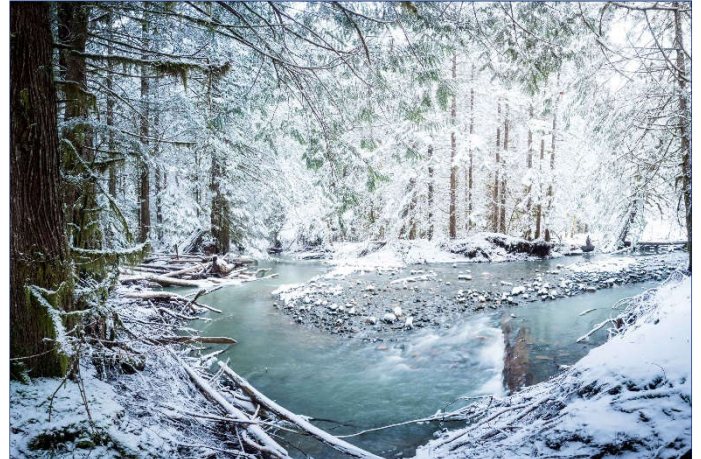


Bylaw Information Update

Happy New Year! Winter is a great time of year to enjoy all that Cumberland has to offer with friends and family.

This newsletter includes an update on Village efforts to reduce conflict between solid waste and bears, along with information on business licensing, snow and ice control, fire safety and more.

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



Perseverance Creek

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

With the winter conditions now in full effect it's important for people to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property. Village of Cumberland Prevention of Public Nuisances Bylaw No. 870, 2007 states that:

7 (d) Every owner or occupier of real property within the Village abutting on any paved sidewalk shall remove and keep clear at all times all snow, ice and dirt from the paved sidewalk which abuts or fronts upon such building or land.

BACKYARD BURNING

Yard waste fires are no longer permitted in the Village following a February 2017 amendment to **Fire Protection Bylaw No. 988**.

Backyard **recreational fires are still allowed** but require a permit. Permits are available free of charge at the Village Office or online at cumberland.ca.

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.

BUSINESS LICENSES

The Village of Cumberland defines business as “a commercial or industrial undertaking of any kind or nature, or the providing of professional, personal, or other services for the purpose of gain or profit”.

The type of business conducted will dictate whether a standard business licence or an intercommunity business licence is required.

Individual fines can run as high as \$1000 per day for conducting business without a licence. For more information, review **Business License Bylaw No. 896**.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY

With the colder weather comes increased use of woodstoves and other heating appliances. The Village of Cumberland and the Cumberland Fire Department would like to remind people to check their chimneys and stovepipes for bird nests, creosote and other debris that may clog or even catch fire.

Please inspect carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms regularly. Make a habit of checking and changing batteries when the time changes in the spring and fall. This will help ensure that your detectors are operating properly.

Make and practice escape plans with your family. Every second counts!





BEARS and SOLID WASTE

The Village would like to thank residents for their efforts in making solid waste less available to bears.

In 2016, an average of 5.5 homes in Cumberland put out their solid waste early each week. In 2017, this number was reduced to 1.25. These efforts will help prevent future generations of bears from becoming habituated to solid waste.

If bears don't have solid waste to eat, they will maintain a natural food based diet. This is healthier for them, and will ultimately reduce human-bear conflicts that can lead to relocation or other measures.

There are two ways residents can help:

1. Ensure that garbage is stored properly until the morning of solid waste pickup.
2. Call Conservation at 1-877-952-7277 when you see a bear in town.

Calling conservation officers early when bears start forming bad habits is vital. It gives officers more options to protect bears and to avoid having to destroy them.

For more information see **Solid Waste Bylaw No. 1003**.

RENOVATIONS or MAINTENANCE?

Cumberland's **Building Bylaw No. 949** *"applies to the design, construction and occupancy of new buildings and structures, and the alteration, reconstruction, demolition, deconstruction, removal, relocation, occupancy, and change of occupancy of existing buildings and structures."*

When work needs to be done on your house or a structure or on your property, consider whether a permit will be required. Maintenance does not require a permit, but many other projects do. Plan ahead and get the proper permits to avoid delays and fines.

If unsure about permits or other regulations, speak with a Village building inspector or planner prior to starting work. Often staff can help residents avoid common problems, for a smoother and more cost-efficient project.

RESIDENTIAL USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

The use of recreational vehicles or other vehicles for living or sleeping, except as temporary accommodation in a recreational vehicle park or campground, is not allowed within the Village of Cumberland.

No recreational vehicle, bus, or boat shall be used as a dwelling or for residential use while located on any lot.

TRAILER and RV PARKING

In January 2017 Council passed the new **Streets and Traffic Bylaw No. 951**. 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/recreational vehicle or camper on a highway (*including boulevards*) unless it is attached to a vehicle except:
 - (a) Contractor trailers parked not more than 72 hours consecutively within 40metres of an active construction site.
 - (b) Recreational vehicles/trailers (*Section 45*) parked for not more than 48 hours and within 20 metres of the owner's 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

