



Bylaw Information Update SUMMER 2018

Summer is here! Get outside and enjoy all that the Valley has to offer.

This issue speaks about increasing risk of wildlife hazards, water restrictions, Cumberland Lake Park use, animal control and more.

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

WATER SPRAY PARK RESURFACING

The water spray park has been resurfaced with a rubber coating to help protect from slips and falls. Come let your feet feel it especially on hot summer days.

BEAR FOOD SHORTAGE WARNING!

The Village has been advised by the BC Conservation Officer Service and by the WildSafeBC Coordinator that the wild berry crops are failing due to the lack of spring rain.

Bears are searching far and wide for food sources. Both the Conservation Officer Service and WildSafeBC are receiving very high call numbers reporting conflicts with wildlife, especially bears, in all areas of the Comox Valley with the exception of Cumberland. However, they believe it is just a matter of time before the bears find Cumberland as well.

The Village is asking all villagers to be extra vigilant this year with food sources. Pick berries and fruit as they ripen. Burn off your BBQ grill after it is used, especially for fatty meats like burgers. Do not place solid waste at the curb until the morning of collection day. Do not compost any fruit, meats, eggs or anything else that would attract bears in your yard. Please take in your bird feeders during the summer and fall. Bird seed is a favorite food of bears as it is very high in calories.



The sun over Comox Lake

OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 water restrictions are in effect in Cumberland from May 1 to September 30 each year.

Stage 1 means that if your home address is an even number, you can only water your lawn with a sprinkler on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If your home address is an odd number, you can water your lawn on Thursdays and Sundays. The restrictions apply from 4 am until 10 am in the morning and 7 pm until 10 pm at night.

There are further guidelines for different types of plants and watering. During stage 1, residents can water trees, shrubs, vegetables and flowers at any time with a handheld container or hose with a shut-off nozzle.

Stages 2 and 3 restrictions are implemented by Village Council depending on the severity of the water shortage.

Stage 2 restrictions are very similar to stage one restrictions, but watering is not permitted on Saturday or Sunday. There are additional restrictions for cleaning exterior surfaces.

In Stage 3, watering and cleaning is further restricted, and some activities, such as watering lawns and washing cars, is prohibited.

For more details, review the Water Conservation Bylaw No. 870, 2005, or search “water restrictions” at cumberland.ca.





ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping affects us all. It is unsightly, often environmentally harmful, and very expensive to taxpayers.

Dumping anything, including tree trimmings, is illegal if not properly disposed of using the proper facilities. Illegally dumped materials need to be cleaned up by the Public Works department, which costs money and takes away from their time maintaining Village infrastructure and providing other community services, including summer community events.

The Village requests your assistance to report any suspicious behavior related to illegal dumping to the Village Office. Photos are a useful tool for staff when investigating complaints, especially photos that include identifying information such as a vehicle license plate.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Bylaw No. 1061, 2017 helps keep our pets safe and happy. Keeping dogs on leash and licenced helps get lost pets back to owners quickly. Dog licences are available at the Village office.

11. An Owner shall not permit, suffer or allow a dog to be at large (*off leash*).

19. No person shall own, possess or harbour an unlicensed dog within the boundaries of the Village.

Keeping dogs out of Village Park helps keep the park clean and safe for you and your children. Dogs are not permitted in Village Park, except in the off-leash dog park. Please do not cut through the park with your dog or tie your dog to the fence inside the park.

Having a dog in the park carries a \$200 fine upon sight of contravention.

CUMBERLAND LAKE PARK

Cumberland Lake Park is a great community asset. On hot summer days the park becomes very active and busy with people and vehicles. The park is owned by the Village and it is important that Village bylaws and signage be adhered to to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of all.

Dogs are not permitted on the beach from May 1 - September 30, and must be on a leash at all times in other areas of the park.

TREE DESTRUCTION

On Sutton Road many trees were recently broken by someone, resulting in costs to taxpayers to replace them. If anyone has any information on this incident or any other vandalism please call the Village office and the police.

WILDSAFEBC COORDINATOR

The Village has partnered with WildSafeBC to have a local WildSafeBC Coordinator for the third year in a row.

Our 2018 Coordinator, Cali Barton, has specialized wildlife training and can answer many questions about wildlife living around Cumberland.

Be sure to look for her at community events and festivals this summer. She can be reached at: cumberland@wildsafebc.com or 250-897-8239.

WATER METER ACCESS

Please keep the water meter lid in front of your residence or business free of vegetation, soil and gravel. This makes it accessible and helps the Village keep the community water distribution system working properly and well maintained.

CONTACT US

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

