



Seymour Valley Community Newsletter

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In an effort to move forward from the speed humps, and the sometimes regrettable and disrespectful interaction they caused between neighbours, the Board of the Seymour Valley Community Association would like now to encourage every resident to focus on the future in a positive way and to work toward the betterment of our community. There are still many issues that may affect our quality of life, so please read this notice and find out how to become involved in any of the ongoing committees.

Riverside Traffic Safety Committee

Michele Payne

The survey conducted by MarkTrend not only indicated 64% wanted the speed humps removed, but gave us strong indications from residents about what they wish to pursue in terms of improving safety and addressing traffic concerns in the area. For example, there was 85% approval for enforcing the speed limit and having better signage. Also, speed van monitoring to visually remind drivers to check their speed received 73% support. Clearly the majority of residents accept that 50K is a reasonable speed and the Board simply asks on behalf of all residents that drivers respectfully obey this limit.

The Board has struck a committee to continue working on the most broadly accepted ideas, with Andrew Karlstrom (929-9704) as Chair. The committee has already met for two productive sessions, and will likely evolve over time as new traffic safety projects are investigated. Physical traffic calming measures such as chicanes, traffic circles, and humps received less than 24% support of the residents, so these will not be pursued. If you would like to see a complete copy of the survey, please contact an SVCA Board member.

Our Mission

To develop and implement solutions and improvements that address pedestrian and vehicle safety for the betterment of our neighbourhood

Long-Term Direction...

A proper concrete sidewalk on one side has frequently been requested by residents at previous meetings and the AGM. Although not specifically surveyed, many residents wrote comments regarding sidewalks and parking concerns in the survey. The whole issue of sidewalks, pedestrian safety, and the substandard state of Riverside Drive, that serves the volume of vehicles and pedestrians that it does, must now be addressed. On December 17th, Mayor Bell did instruct District Staff (Mr. Gavin Joyce) to make sidewalks on Riverside Drive a priority in the District Sidewalk Budget. This will require investigation first, and later on, much effort from the whole community so please be prepared to participate in future discussions about improvements to our area.

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Upcoming Meetings

Bear Network	Apr 18
FONVCA Meeting	Apr 18
Billboard Council Meeting	Apr 18
Riverside Traffic Safety Committee	Apr 23
Seymour Local Plan	Apr 24
LSCR Public Input	Apr 25
SVCA Executive	May 1

Initiatives...

• renewed RCMP presence & ticketing of speeders	Phil Holland	924-1087
• co-ordination of Speed Watch Vans and development of an informing process for recurrent speeders.	Michele Payne Steve Barclay	929-4444 929-0622
• periodic speed & traffic volume monitoring via Traffic Sensors to enable the committee to gauge the effectiveness of projects & achievement of goals	Bill Maurer Ann Solheim	929-9224 929-6436
• development of signage at the entrance to our neighbourhood & along Riverside and development of road markings	Ann Solheim	929-6436
• investigating no passing rule along Riverside	TBA	

Many hands make light work, so please call the designated contact to volunteer your time.



District Bear Smart Program Call for Volunteers!

Barb Murray

Spring is here and so will be our mountain forest Black Bears---and they will be HUNGRY for the garbage they fed on all last year! If the berry crop is poor more bears will be on our doorsteps. Lets be BEAR SMART!

Last year the NV District Bear Network Line [990-BEAR\(2327\)](tel:990-2327) reported over 230 calls. Calls in each Block Watch Area were as follows: Seymour Valley-North & South reported 87, Capilano reported 28, Delbrook 27, Upper & Lower Lynn Valley 55, Montroyal 12, Princess 19. Deep Cove reported 2? The main bear attractant reported was GARBAGE, especially when dirty diapers were involved - 90 calls. The next factor reported was BIRDFEED and PEANUTS - 15. The third was availability of FRUIT and BERRIES - 7. Another

118 residents called in to report a bear and assist us in identifying the bear.

It is believed that 5 to 7 bears roamed through our backyards over the season though we have no way of knowing the exact numbers or the bear population on our mountains. Unfortunately, two bears were killed on Nov. 10 '2001 by the authorities, one on Plymouth in South Seymour and one on Hoskins in Lower Lynn Valley, and they both were well known to the residents. The authorities said they had no choice but to destroy these healthy bears.

The District is working at becoming designated 'Bear Smart' by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (WLAP). The criteria for this designation starts with assessing bear issues and contributing factors and conducting an on-going educational campaign with the residents, schools and busi-

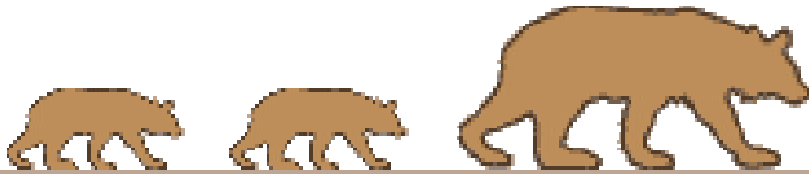
nesses in the area. This season and next, through education, we can go a long way to reducing human-bear conflicts. Whistler, Revelstoke, Canmore, Kamloops and Prince George are all at different phases of their programs with considerable success.

We live in Bear Country and the District can become a model using their enlightened approach to wildlife management. We all agree it is not necessary or acceptable to manage our nuisances with a gun.

We can do better and IT IS possible to Co-Exist with our Black Bears. We need volunteers from each community association to take up the campaign and help our bears stay out of trouble. Volunteers for the Bear Smart Program would need to attend one or two meetings over the season (May-Nov), distribute pamphlets/flyers, report bear sightings, etc... whatever schedules allow.

Please CALL Barb Murray, volunteer for the Bear Network, to get involved or for more information at 604-924-0807 or email:

bears@seymourvalley.ca or murrlaw@telus.net



Issues Contact List

Issue	Contact	Phone	Forum
Traffic	Andrew Karlstrom	604-929-9704	traffic@seymourvalley.ca
SVCA Organization	Bill Maurer	604-929-9442	svca@seymourvalley.ca
Bear Awareness	Barbara Murray	604-924-0807	bears@seymourvalley.ca
Block Watch	Glen Parker	604-929-8450	blockwatch@seymourvalley.ca
LSCR Monitoring and Advisory Committee	Willy Schuurman	604-924-3704	lscr@seymourvalley.ca



Proposed Black Bear Management Bylaws

Bill Maurer

District Council requested a report from staff to make recommendations for Black Bear Management in the District. Kevin Bell, Section Manager - Urban Parkland has been soliciting input for this report from interested residents and has circulated draft versions for community input. The following recommendations are being presented to council in the May/June timeframe.

1. That the Senior Park Ranger and Parks Trail and Habitat Coordinator be designated as Deputy Conservation Officers.
2. That staff be asked to draft a bylaw restricting Bear Food Attractants on residential properties.

3. The District of North Vancouver budget funds for the information, education and monitoring program in the amount of \$15,000 through an increase of 75¢ to the solid waste user fee, resulting in a single family user fee of \$160.75.
4. That due to costs (\$33,355) and work duties, the District of North Vancouver reject the hiring of a seasonal Conservation Officer.

The following recommendation will not be proposed this year:

5. That staff be asked to change the Waste Removal Bylaw in Section 6 (Waste Collection Regulations) to restrict the placement of domestic containers for pick up to no earlier than 5:00 a.m. on the collection day.

For further information, contact Kevin Bell, Section Manager, Urban Parkland, bellk@dnv.org.

Newsletter Delivery / Funding

If there are any 10 to 14 year old children that would be interested in delivering future community newsletters please call Bill at 929-9442.

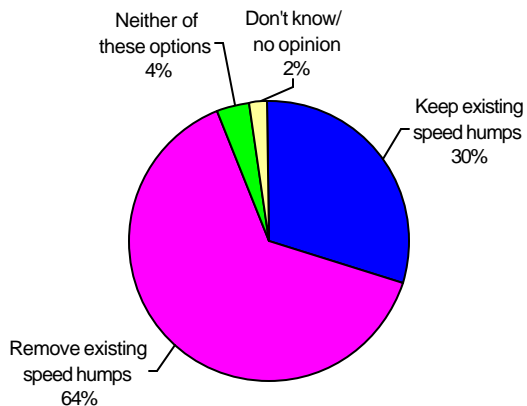
The board would like to thank the resident that has graciously funded this issue of the newsletter.

Please help us with funding further newsletters by sending donations to Michele at 929-4444.

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Survey Summary

Overall Preference for Speed Humps



Preference for Alternative Traffic Calming Solutions

