

Bear/Human Conflict Management

2. Prepare a bear/human conflict management plan that is designed to address the bear hazards and land-use conflicts identified in the previous step.

Develop strategies to resolve bear hazards and potential bear/human conflict areas.

Identify preferred wildlife movement corridors around the community and any work required to restore natural corridors that may have been interrupted by human activity/development (e.g., this may require moving existing facilities to other, less intrusive areas).

Direct the removal of cover by brushing vegetation to reduce hazards (e.g., removing brush around portions of parks, school yards, golf courses and in areas adjacent to residences in high-risk attraction areas).

Develop a community landscape plan that avoids the use of fruit trees and other plants that may act as attractants and calls for the removal of existing fruit trees that are causing problems. Include specific strategies to address bear management associated with any landfill closures or electric fence installations.

Assess the costs of the various bear management strategies and make recommendations on a budget cycle to finance implementation of the plan.

Implement a process for overseeing the implementation of the bear/human conflict management plan (e.g., establish a bear/human conflicts committee).

3. Revise planning and decision-making documents to be consistent with the bear/human conflict management plan.

Include consideration of important bear habitat/use areas in all land-use decisions documents.

Avoid development in prime bear habitat so as to reduce/eliminate the potential for bear/human conflicts.

Revise the Official Community Plan to reflect the bear/human conflict management plan.

Implement restrictive covenants consistent with the revised OCP.

Revise land zoning consistent with the revised OCP.

Revise components of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan pertaining to the community (in cooperation with the regional district) to be consistent with the bear/human conflict management plan.

Revise any other planning and decision-making documents that may have an impact on bear/human conflicts to be consistent with the bear/human conflict management plan.

