

Subject: Re: BEARS

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Hi Liz - I heard the same news story. All I want to know is, just where am I SUPPOSED to keep my garbage between pick-up days? Like thousands of other District residents, my house does not have a garage or a basement so our bin sits at the side of our house. Is my family expected to construct an expensive enclosure like the gentleman in the Grouse Woods neighbourhood who had his "bear proof" enclosure ripped apart by a big bruising bruin within a week of its construction? I really resent these threats of hefty fines. My family sits on a piece of land about 7,000 sq. ft. That's all we've got. The bears can freely occupy 95 percent of the rest of this vast province.

-Brian

Elizabeth James wrote:

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Greetings:

Heard on CKNW while driving home today: "People who do not dispose of their garbage, will soon find themselves on the wrong side of a \$575 fine. The Province has announced that it will be adding XX#'s of conservation officers, two of which are to be on the North Shore. People who leave out garbage, windfall fruit and other bear attractants will be fined under the new legislation."

So there you have it. Don't rid the urban area of an overpopulation of nuisance animals - which to be fair, the District is trying to do - just tax the people one more time. We're getting to be a police state - in every way but sending the real criminals to jail.

Never mind, when the governments have squeezed out the last dime and we're all living in no pet hi-rises, no lawns to have weedkillers on, no exercise in case we mess up the trails, and we're all living on vitamin pills, they'll have to stop.....won't they?

Cheers,
Liz

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