



## **Addendum**

### **Regular Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers/Video Conference**  
**10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road**  
**Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1**

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- \*8.4 Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025** **2**  
**To consider a Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw and associated penalties.**

Recommendation

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AND THAT BNE and MTI Amendment (Wildlife and Vector) Bylaw 1281, 2025 be read a first, second and third time.

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Paul Gipps, CAO

**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2025  
**Meeting Type:** Regular Council Meeting

**Prepared by:** Philippa Harding, Manager of Corporate Administration  
**Department:** Corporate Services

**Title:** Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025  
**Description:** To consider a Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw and associated penalties.

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## RECOMMENDATION

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AND THAT BNE and MTI Amendment (Wildlife and Vector) Bylaw 1281, 2025 be read a first, second and third time.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

At the July 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Council passed a motion directing staff to research and report back on implementing a wildlife and vector bylaw. On January 16, 2024 Council reconfirmed this motion and requested the wildlife and vector information be brought forward to a Strategy Session. Council received a [presentation](#) at the April 16, 2024 Strategy Session.

Staff reviewed and brought forward a number of bylaws from other municipalities that covered a wide variety of topics and options ranging from bees to horses. Also included in the review was the WildSafe BC [“Wildlife Attractant Bylaw Toolkit \(2022\)”](#) which is focused on mitigating bear-human interactions and does not include vectors. These sample bylaws and the toolkit assisted Council in narrowing down the scope of a bylaw for Lake Country. Staff also noted that Kelowna and the Regional District of Central Okanagan have included “managing attractants” in their Solid Waste Bylaw as opposed to a separate wildlife and vector bylaw. This was a recommendation of the Regional Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee.

The City of Armstrong Wildlife and Vector Bylaw was noted by Council in the 2021 discussion in that it may be an easily transferable bylaw to suit the District’s needs. In the Armstrong bylaw the “Managing Attractants” section is the same as the “Managing Attractants” section in the WildSafe BC Toolkit. Along with the WildSafe BC Managing Attractants, Armstrong also included vectors and an additional section prohibiting fallen fruit from remaining on the ground for more than three days.

During the 2024 strategy session Council reviewed prohibitions in existing District bylaws. This included the Parks Bylaw, Animal & Poultry Bylaw, Solid Waste Bylaw, Highways Bylaw and Nuisance Bylaw. Council determined that the example bylaw best suited for the District of Lake Country needs was the Vancouver Wildlife Feeding Regulation Bylaw.

When adding a regulatory bylaw with the potential of a fine, the District must also amend the Bylaw Notice Enforcement and Municipal Ticket Information Bylaws. This amending bylaw will include new schedules that lay out the penalties for the infractions contained in the Wildlife and Vector Bylaw.

The Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 760 designates the bylaw contraventions that may be dealt with by Bylaw Notice, establishes the amount of the penalty and the period for payment or dispute of the Notice. The bylaw establishes that the District participates in a Bylaw Notice Dispute Adjudication System to resolve disputes in relation to Bylaw Notices and the legislation establishes a maximum penalty amount of \$500. The dispute resolution system is a more cost-effective administrative system for enforcing minor bylaw contraventions.

The Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 753 enables prosecution by the District of minor to medium contraventions of the District bylaws. The bylaw establishes which offences are subject to municipal ticketing, who can issue the ticket and what penalties may be imposed. The current maximum penalty under the *Community Charter Bylaw Enforcement Ticket Regulation* is \$3000 or \$1,000 for young persons. In the case of a continuing offence, the maximum fine may be imposed for each day the offence continues.

In determining fine amounts, staff used comparisons from seven other municipalities. The comparisons included the sample municipalities that Council viewed at the strategy session in 2024. As mentioned, some municipalities have very robust detailed Wildlife and Vector Bylaws while others limited it to one section in their Solid Waste Bylaw. The sample provided a greater scope of penalties to draw from and showed a variety of amounts that are currently being used which enabled staff to determine penalties suitable for the District. A Comparison Table is attached for Council's information.

While the proposed bylaws implement fines and penalties, enforcement of District bylaws is governed by Bylaw Enforcement and Building Compliance Policy 187 that states the primary objective of enforcing bylaws shall be to obtain voluntary compliance through education, information and effective enforcement based on consistency, education and fairness. Enforcement of bylaw contravention is primarily initiated on a complaint basis except as otherwise set out in the policy. Staff do not anticipate any additional enforcement action although the bylaw will provide an opportunity for education and residents, and, where appropriate, penalties can be issued.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

☒ None

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Staff will work with the Communications team to provide community information on the new bylaw and associated penalties.

#### **ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. THAT the Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025 be referred back to staff for amendments as identified by Council.

Respectfully Submitted.

**Philippa Harding, Manager of Corporate Administration**

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fine Comparable Table.pdf</li> <li>- Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025.pdf</li> <li>- BNE and MTI Amendment (Wildlife Vector) Bylaw 1281, 2025.pdf</li> </ul>
Final Approval Date:	May 14, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services - May 9, 2025 - 10:00 AM**

**Greg Price, Manager of Building and Bylaw Services - May 13, 2025 - 12:38 PM**

**Jeremy Frick, Director of Development Approvals - May 14, 2025 - 8:07 AM**

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer - May 14, 2025 - 9:56 AM**

**Makayla Ablitt, Legislative & FOI Coordinator - May 14, 2025 - 10:55 AM**

### WILDLIFE & VECTOR BYLAW FINE COMPARISONS TABLE

Designated contravention	ARMSTRONG	VERNON	COLDSTREAM	KELOWNA	RDCO
Feed or attempt to feed Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$375.00	\$450.00	\$150.00	XX
Provide, leave or place an Animal Attractant on any property, in a manner that attracts or could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$375.00	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$500.00
Cause, permit or allow the accumulation, storage or collection of an Animal Attractant on any property, in a manner that attracts or could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$450.00	XX	\$500.00
Cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be created by the presence of accumulation of an Animal Attractant on any property	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$450.00	XX	\$500.00
Cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be created by the presence of Wildlife or Vectors on a property	\$100.00	XX	XX	XX	XX
Allow any outdoor refrigerator, freezer, storage container, device or apparatus that contains Animal Attractants to be located or equipped so that it is accessible to Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	XX	\$150.00	XX	XX
Cause, permit or allow the accumulation of any garbage or compost on a property in a manner that attracts, or could attract, or may be accessible to Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	XX	\$150.00	XX	XX
Any building or improvement to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	XX	XX	XX	XX
Any brush, trees, weeds or other growths to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	XX	XX	XX	XX
Any water, whether moving or standing, to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract Wildlife or Vectors	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Any other condition on a property to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	XX	XX	XX	XX

SQUAMISH: \$230.00 for all but “unregistered hens attracting wildlife” = \$500.00

VANCOUVER: \$500.00 for feed or attempt to feed, leave attractants, and fail to comply.

## DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY

### BYLAW 1280

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#### A BYLAW TO PROHIBIT THE ATTRACTING OF WILDLIFE OR VECTORS

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The Council of the District of Lake Country, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

**“Animal Attractant”** means any substance that could reasonably be expected to attract **Wildlife** or does attract **Wildlife** including, but not limited to household refuse, kitchen waste, food or food products, barbecues grills, carcass or part of a carcass of an animal or fish, or other meat, pet food, bird feed, diapers, grease barrels, fruit, oil and other petroleum products, antifreeze, other chemical products and or any other substance or thing prescribed by regulation under the *BC Wildlife Act*.

**“Vector”** means an animal that is capable of transmitting disease or parasites from one animal, plant or source to another including, but not limited to mice, rats, mosquitoes, insects, fleas, cockroaches, bedbugs, racoons and skunks.

**“Wildlife”** means all amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals including large carnivores such as bear cougar, coyote or wolf, excluding any domesticated animal under the control of a human or agricultural animal.

#### 2. PROHIBITIONS

2.1. No person or owner or occupier of property shall:

- (a) feed or attempt to feed **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (b) provide, leave or place an **Animal Attractant** on any property, in a manner that attracts or could attract **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (c) cause, permit or allow the accumulation, storage or collection of an **Animal Attractant** on any property, in a manner that attracts or could attract **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (d) cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be created by the presence of accumulation of an **Animal Attractant** on any property;
- (e) cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be created by the presence of **Wildlife** or **Vectors** on a property;
- (f) allow any outdoor refrigerator, freezer, storage container, device or apparatus that contains **Animal Attractants** to be located or equipped so that it is accessible to **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (g) cause, permit or allow the accumulation of any garbage or compost on a property in a manner that attracts, or could attract, or may be accessible to **Wildlife** or **Vectors**.

2.2. No owner or occupier of property shall cause, allow, or permit:

- (a) any building or improvement;
- (b) any brush, trees, weeds or other growths;
- (c) any water, whether moving or standing; or
- (d) any other condition;

on a property to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract **Wildlife** or **Vectors**.

2.3. For certainty, Prohibitions in Section 2, do not apply to:

- (a) farm operations;
- (b) plants or vegetation growing on property, including natural vegetation, personal gardens, ornamental plants or flowers and products;
- (c) hummingbird and bird feeders on private property provided feeders are inaccessible to **Wildlife** and **Vectors** and the area is kept clean.

### 3. **PENALTIES**

3.1. No person shall do any act or suffer or permit any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw.

3.2. Any person who violates a provision of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) plus the cost of prosecution.

3.3. Each day that the violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

### 4. **ADMINISTRATION, ENTRY AND INSPECTION:**

4.1. Where authorized, Bylaw Officers for the District of Lake Country believe that, as a result of a breach of this bylaw, **Wildlife** or **Vectors** are located on or near the property and have endangered or harmed a person, or presents an imminent threat to the safety of any person, domesticated animal or property; the officer may take steps to prevent, avert, reduce or mitigate the harm or threat or provide assistance.

### 5. **SEVERANCE**

5.1. If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, without affecting the remainder of this Bylaw.

### 6. **CITATION**

6.1. This bylaw may be cited as "Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025"

READ A FIRST TIME this.

READ A SECOND TIME this

READ A THIRD TIME this

ADOPTED this xx day of month, 2025.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

**DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY**

**BYLAW 1281**

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NOTICE AND MTI BYLAWS**

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The Council of the District of Lake Country, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 760, 2010 is hereby amended by:
  - 1.1. Adding Schedule A.23 Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025 attached hereto as Schedule A, in numerical order.
2. Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw 753, 2010 is hereby amended by:
  - 2.1. Adding the following to Schedule 1 as the last row:

Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025	Bylaw Enforcement Officer Manager of Building and Bylaw Services Chief Administrative Officer Public Works Manager Members of the R.C.M.P.
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- 2.2. In sections 3, 4, and 4.i), deleting and replacing the words “Schedules 2 to 23” with the words “Schedules 2 to 24”.
  - 2.3. In section 7, deleting and replacing the words “Schedules 1 through 18” with “Schedules 1 through 24”.
  - 2.4. Adding Schedule 24 entitled “Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025” attached hereto as Schedule B, in numerical order.
3. This Bylaw may be cited “BNE and MTI Amendment (Wildlife and Vector) Bylaw 1281, 2025.”

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READ A SECOND TIME this  
READ A THIRD TIME this

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**SCHEDULE A****SCHEDULE A.23****Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025**

<b>Section No. in Bylaw</b>	<b>Designated contravention</b>	<b>Column A1 Penalty</b>	<b>Column A2 Early Payment Penalty</b>	<b>Column A3 Late Payment Penalty</b>	<b>Column A4 Compliance Agreement Available</b>
2.1.(a)	Feed or attempt to feed Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.1.(b)	Provide Animal Attractant	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.1.(c)	Accumulate Animal Attractant	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.1.(d)	Nuisance created by Animal Attractant	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.1.(e)	Nuisance created by Wildlife or Vectors on property	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.1.(f)	Storage container containing Animal Attractants is accessible	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.1.(g)	Accumulate garbage or compost that attracts Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.2.(a)	Structure that attracts Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.2.(b)	Growths that could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.2.(c)	Water that could attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes
2.2.(d)	Conditions that attract Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	Yes

**SCHEDULE B****SCHEDULE 24****Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025**

<b>Column 1 Section No. in Bylaw</b>	<b>Column 2 Authorized Expressions</b>	<b>Column 3 Set Fine in \$</b>	<b>Column 4 Set Fine in \$ if Paid within 30 days</b>
2.1.(a)	Feed or attempt to feed Wildlife or Vectors	\$100.00	\$50.00
2.1.(b)	Provide Animal Attractant	\$100.00	\$50.00
2.1.(c)	Accumulate Animal Attractant	\$100.00	\$50.00
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