



The Bear Facts: It Takes a Community to Keep Bears Wild

A flurry of reports to the BC Conservation Office Service, and the actions taken, indicates that this year is shaping up to be a bad year for conflicts between people and bears in the Bulkley Valley. But the outcomes for the remainder of the season bears are active need not be undesirable, or even disastrous, for people or bears. Most conflicts with bears are preventable. But it takes an engaged and dedicated community to keep bears wild.

In a given year, various factors can contribute to an increase in the frequency and intensity of conflicts between people and bears, such as a decrease in well-used natural food sources like berry crops or salmon runs that they usually rely on, or an increase in the number of young bears that have recently left their mothers, and are learning to find food on their own.

With the unusual weather this year, the odds are that some berry crops will be poor. It's a bad mix for people and bears when bruins are challenged to find natural foods, and people offer up easy alternatives. Late summer and fall are typically the most challenging time of year for human-bear conflicts in the Bulkley Valley. So if major actions are not taken now, the situation could get much worse. If everyone who reads this recruits their friends and neighbours, and asks them to pass these messages along too, maybe, just maybe, we can turn what's looking like a rough year into one that's worth celebrating. Here are a few tips as reminders:

- * **Garbage:** Store garbage in garbage bags in a sealed garbage bin in a secure building. Put garbage out for pickup in the daylight hours on the morning of pickup. Don't let it sit outside overnight. Wash garbage bins frequently.
- * **Bird Feeders:** When bears are active, take bird feeders down, and store bird food in a secure building.
- * **Gardens & Fruit Trees:** Harvest vegetables and fruits as soon as possible. Don't let fruit fall and sit on the ground.
- * **Compost:** Compost effectively. See this website: (<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/SolidWastePublications/HerestheDirt.pdf>). If bears are interested in compost, as an interim measure, limit composting to leaves and grass clippings. Poorly composting fruit, in particular, will be attractive to bears.
- * **Pet Food:** Store pet food in airtight containers in a secure building. Feed pets indoors. If you feed pets outdoors, remove leftover food as soon as they are finished.
- * **Barbecues:** Burn excess grease off the grill. Wash the grill after each use. Clean all areas where grease is trapped. Ideally, store your barbecue in a secure building like an enclosed garage. Otherwise, use a barbecue cover, and store it in a sheltered area that is out of the wind.

For more information about preventing conflicts with bears and other wildlife species visit these websites:

Province of B.C.: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife>

WildSafeBC: <https://wildsafebc.com/> WildSafeBC also hosts the Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (W.A.R.P.) for information about wildlife reports in your area.

Conservation Officer Service: To report a serious wildlife conflict, call toll free 1-877-952-7277.



Mayor Repen invites any residents who have questions or concerns to feel free to contact him. He can be reached at mayor@telkwa.ca or 250-846-9008 or 250-261-8688



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Municipal Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Closed all Stat Holidays.

Maintenance Shop & After Hours
Emergencies : 250-846-9144
Bylaw Enforcement: 250-846-5212
Fire Dept. Emergencies: 911

Council meetings are typically held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, or the Tuesday following a Statutory Holiday. We are now on our summer schedule, with only one meeting in August and in September. The next regular Council meeting is August 14th at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Agendas may be viewed at the Village office or on our website at www.telkwa.ca



For more information on what's happening in Telkwa visit our website:

www.telkwa.ca



You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



TELKWA READING CENTRE

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 3 - 5 P.M.

THURSDAY 3 - 5 P.M. & 7 - 9 P.M.

SATURDAY 2 - 4 P.M. 250-846-9286

The Telkwa Reading Centre now has a facebook presence. Take a peek and stay informed of upcoming events happening for little and big book lovers. The Reading Centre will be launching a new book club this fall. We are currently looking for people whose habits include reading books, drinking hot beverages, meeting new friends and enjoying stimulating conversation. In other words, we want you! If you wander over to talk to one of our lovely volunteers, they will kindly add you to our list. You can also message us on facebook or call 250-846-9286. Evening to be determined. Only a few spots left! If you happen to have any leftover books from a garage sale or are simply looking to call your literary herd, we do gratefully accept donations.

Juniper Health & Fitness has opened the studio and classes are running! Check out the summer schedule at www.juniperhealthandfitness.ca where you can sign up for a variety of classes including bootcamp, core, HIIT and yoga. Watch for our GRAND OPENING this September when we will be opening the 24 hour access gym and offering even more classes! For information and updates, check out Juniper Health and Fitness on Facebook. Questions? Call or text Joni @ 778-210-0567

Pancake Time!!

Mark your calendar for September Labour Day Weekend - there will be pancake breakfasts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 2nd to 4th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fuel up before catching some Demolition Derby action or enjoying some baseball.



TELKWA MUSEUM NEWS by Doug Boersema

Did you know? **Aug. 3, 1907 The Bulkley Pioneer Messengers McKay, Faulkner, and Peterson** have just struck a rich vein of copper on the north fork of the Telkwa, about 25 miles from the junction. **The Santa Maria Mine** - There was a high demand for copper in 1914, due to the war effort, so Frank Dockrill and Tom Jefferson opened the Santa Maria mine, just west of Moose Skin Johnny Lake. The government helped with the winter road. The ore was hauled to the railroad in Telkwa by four and six horse teams pulling sleighs. It was then transported to Anyox, north of Prince Rupert, by rail and boat for smelting. The quality of the ore and the war ended at the same time. There is still a month left for you to learn more about mining and its importance to the local economy. Come and meet our summer student, Jonathan Van Assen who can give you a guided tour of the museum and the St. Stephen's Anglican Church. We also want to thank all the people who came out to celebrate Canada Day with us and the Village of Telkwa. A very special thanks to all the people who helped set everything up and take it down again. For church rentals contact Carol Irving at 250-846-5280.

Municipal Appointment (Volunteer) Building Committee

The Village is inviting applications from residents interested in becoming involved in Local Government by participating as a volunteer member of the Building Committee. Appointed members must be willing to attend Committee meetings as required, for an unspecified term. Please submit a letter outlining your name, why you are interested in volunteering for this appointment, and any relevant experience that may apply, to the Village of Telkwa: by email to info@telkwa.ca; by facsimile to 250-846-9572; by mail to PO Box 220, Telkwa, BC V0J 2X0; or in person to 1415 Hankin Avenue, Telkwa, BC.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

The Village of Telkwa is currently seeking volunteers to participate in a Citizens on Patrol program, with the intent to help minimize vandalism in our beautiful community. Please contact the Village office at 250-846-5212.

TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY (Young at Heart Club)

Seniors Activity Centre 250-846-9570 located on Birch Street beside the Community Hall

Activities for August 2017

Aug. 2, Wed. **Bingo** 7 p.m.

Aug. 5, Sat. **Pancake Breakfast** 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
(Adults \$5 / Preschoolers \$3 - Everyone Welcome!)

Aug. 16, Wed. **Bingo** 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Carpet Bowling - taking a break for July & August
See you in September!

Wednesdays - **Sip & Stitch/Painters** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Members welcome anytime. \$10 per year.
Ages 50 and up.

Need to get around? Consider the bus! Transit Information: 250-847-4993

New earlier and later bus services from Telkwa to Smithers!

Bus schedules can be viewed at www.telkwa.ca or www.scsa.ca

