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District of mackenzie

Please add this email to the agenda for next council meeting. I wish to speak on the following

Mike Morris and Bob Zimmer. I ask your support with a strongly worded letter addressed to mackenzies mayor and council regarding their gross negligence in containing their garbage within town.

There are district of mackenzie garbage bins throughout town that are ineffective in containing residential waste. It is an offense under federal law for anyone to knowingly and willfully feed wildlife or leaving out attractant such as garbage unsecured. The district is well aware that their containers are grossly inadequate. At this point their unsecured garbage qualifies as feeding wildlife and endangering the public.

The same laws that created an electric fence at the the landfill are the same laws any citizen in town lives under. These laws can be pursued by threat of fines or court proceedings over unsecured garbage. How severe those fines and charges are would be dependent on the animal being put down or worse someone attacked by a desperate and habituated animal.

There have been many bears shot this year. Several have started at the garbage bins the district are responsible for.

Public safety is a priority and it starts with the district containing what they are responsible for.

A town citizen suggests to provide the trailer parks with individual bin per trailer rather than the large commercial bins for all and replace the commercial bins within town with bear proofed containers. The former they can employ immediately and the latter by next season.

The cost will be much less than facing a lawsuit and perhaps criminal charges over a mauling in town. It's called due diligence and I ask you inform them of that. Thank you.

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