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Mayor Derek Corrigan and Council
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
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re: Trapping in Burnaby

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Council,

A raccoon whose paw was painfully crushed in a cuff-style trap in Burnaby caught the attention of all compassionate British Columbians recently.

Details of exactly why this trap was set or by whom may not be known, but the facts of how it played out are clear: a trap was set targeting raccoons in Burnaby, a raccoon was caught and suffered immensely, and even after the trap was removed and he was medicated, he chewed off his own paw. He was humanely euthanized by the dedicated volunteers at Critter Care Wildlife Society in Langley.

This cuff trap, which is considered “humane” by the trapping industry, could be the only one set. Or it could be indicative of other traps in the area, including leg-holds and Conibear-type traps that could injure or kill dogs, cats, or potentially children.

As responsible municipal managers, we ask that you consider writing a by-law setting out additional rules for the use of such traps in your community similar to what Gibsons has done. This could include signage, increased setbacks, or a prohibition. You could also join Surrey, Sechelt, White Rock, Creston, and Vernon in calling on the province to allow for greater controls to prevent tragedies in the future.

The Fur-Bearers, a British Columbia-based non-profit founded in 1953, would be pleased to assist you in these efforts, as well as providing educational information for your community on how to co-exist with wildlife and how to identify humane and qualified experts to remove wildlife from their homes or properties as necessary.

We look forward to your correspondence on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lesley Fox
Executive Director
The Fur-Bearers

CC: Area media

Referred to:
Sustainable City Advisory Committee (2018.06.12)
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Dir. Engineering
Dir. Public Safety and Community Services