



Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Council

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Dog By-Law Enforcement



DATE: August 18, 2020

TO: Dog Owners

FROM: Chief & Council

Chief & Council is reaffirming Motion #2020-04-20-01

There have been several incidents involving aggressive dogs in the community. **This is the final community notice that will be issued with regards to the Dog Bylaw.**

- 3.1 No owner shall be allowed to breed a female dog on the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Band
- 3.2 Every owner of a dog shall keep the dog safely tethered or penned up or kept in-doors at all times.
- 3.3 A dog need not be tethered or penned up as provided in subsection (1) if the dog:
 - a. Is held on a leash by a person capable of restraining the dog's movements;
 - b. Is being used by a person for the purpose of hunting.
- 3.4 No owner shall allow their dog to remain unfed or unwatered as sufficiently long either to amount to cruelty or to cause the dog to become a nuisance.
- 3.5 No person shall punish or abuse a dog in a manner or to an extent that is cruel or unnecessary.
- 3.6 No owner shall permit a dog to bark, yelp, growl or otherwise annoy or disturb the peace or residents on the reserve.
- 3.7 The council may at any time prohibit the keeping of dogs within any area of the reserve.

The Dog Bylaw permits Chief & Council to authorize the seizure of dogs – as per section 4. The Council has authorized Terry Walkus to enforce the Dog Bylaw and to identify stray dogs in the community.

The Council also authorizes Terry Walkus to take temporary ownership of the stray dogs and surrender the dogs to an outside agency.

EFFECTIVE August 18, 2020 – any dogs off leash, entering the property of other community members, acting aggressively towards community members, other pets, barking excessively, will be removed from the community without further notice.

Approved by:	Chief Paddy Walkus	Councilor Leslie Walkus	Councilor Ed Charlie
	Councilor Sandra Charlie	Councilor Darryl Coon	Councilor Thomas Jack
	Councilor Crystal Walkus	Councilor Dodie Rufus	



Animal Control Bylaw:

A revision to the dog bylaw that affects section 3.2.1

Property Owners are responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any dog waste or excrement on their property and in the community. It is not permitted to have your dog drop waste in your neighbor's yard, community parks or streets.

This is in effect immediately, due to the band staff or contractors required to work onsite, in homes where the dog waste is unbearable. Cleaning up after your pet is part of being a responsible pet owner.

Failure to comply with the animal control bylaw results in your dog being removed and rehomed. Being a respectful dog owner and respectful to band staff or contractors while they work on your property or home is a reasonable request.

Any questions? Call Leslie Dickie – Band Manager – bandmanager@gwanaknations.ca

HOUSING POLICY IN PET OWNERSHIP - ONE DOG PER UNIT – 2 CATS:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE BY-LAWS A LIMIT OF 1 DOG IS PERMITTED. **DOGS MUST** BE RESTRICTED TO THE PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL UNIT, WHETHER THROUGH RESTRAINT, FENCE, KENNEL OR OTHER ENCLOSURE, THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH MUST BE IN KEEPING WITH ALL BC BUILDING CODES AND BAND BY-LAWS.

22.5.7 **THE BREEDING OF ANY ANIMALS IS NOT PERMITTED** WITH WITHOUT THE EXPRESS AND WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GWA'SALA-'NAKWAXDA'XW FIRST NATION



REMINDER - Housing Policy on Yards – Brush & Debris - Tenants shall keep any brush or other flammable debris surround the housing unit to a minimum.

Keeping yards free of debris will reduce mice, rat or other creatures from congregating in your yard or your neighbor's yard.

Mowing your lawn or brushing tall grass is an important job. Tall grass or overgrown trees create slip and fall hazards. Trash can also collect around your house can be dangerous, too. Garbage attracts bears and creates a safety concern for young children and community members.



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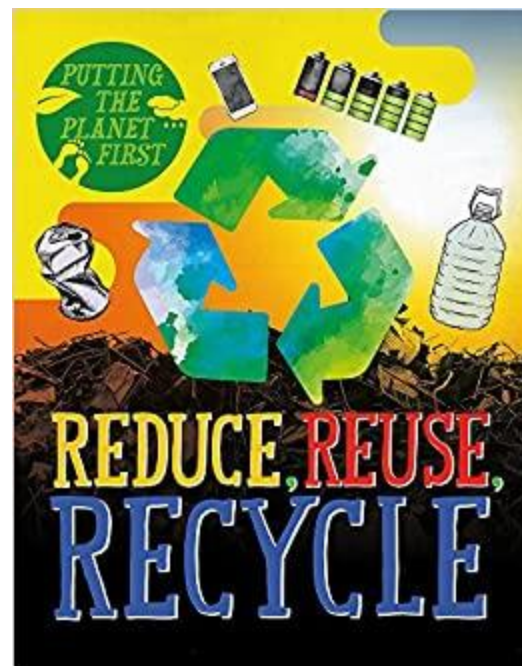
RETIRE your Ride - Are you really going to use that car or boat again? Will you ever find time to fix that boat in your driveway? Contact the Band Manager if you are interested in having old vehicles or boats removed from your property. Both of these large items can be responsibly recycled at no cost to you for removing them from the community.



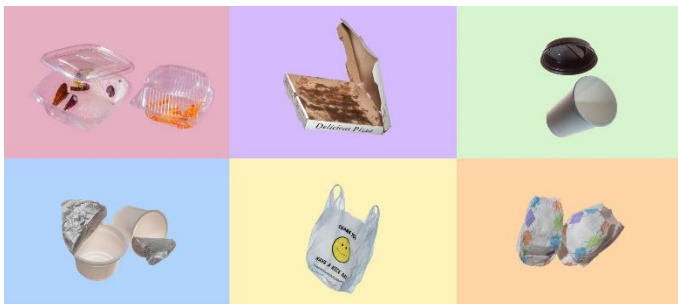
What is Zero Waste?

"Zero Waste is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use.

Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them. Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health."



Reducing the amount of waste, you put in your garbage can – we need to ensure we are recycling everything that is recyclable. Making goals to reduce garbage from two large bags to one large bag is significant.



Do not recycle soiled or dirty take out food containers – plastic containers that have been cleaned can be recycled – check for the recycle logo on the bottom of the container to confirm.

Coffee Cups – because of the film of polyethylene? Making coffee at home, or bringing your own reusable to go mug

Plastic bags – these cause damage to recycling equipment – unfortunately most plastic shopping bags or small plastic bags are not recyclable – develop the habit of using reusable shopping bags or containers when shopping

It is important to recycle clean material as one dirty container can contaminate an entire tote of recycling – a contaminated load will end up in the land fill ☹️

MORE Trash talking.....



Garbage Bins – safety concerns with the Blue garbage bins – Fox disposal will be repairing the broken springs.

Please be sure garbage is put securely into the bin and do not leave garbage bags outside of the bin.

We are researching new ways to provide safety environmentally friendly waste management.

Currently home owners bring their garbage to the big blue bins located throughout the community – there are many issues, such as garbage not being put inside the bin, creating a mess in the neighborhood, attracts bears, hard to open and close if you are not tall enough, has some safety issues

What is curbside pickup - this is how all homes in Port Hardy manage garbage disposal. Once a week garbage cans are place at the end of the drive-way and fox disposal drives by the house and picks it up.

We are just researching ideas and NO decision will be made without community input. If you would like to share your thoughts please fill out this survey and return to the band office by September 15th, 2020 – Your name will be entered into a draw for \$100 gift card at Save on More

What are your thoughts:

Removing the large blue bins from the community	Y	N
Keep one large bin for garbage disposal at the recycle depot	Y	N
Provide individual garbage cans for every house	Y	N
Provide secure storage for individual garbage cans for each house	Y	N
Curbside garbage pickup once per week	Y	N
Curbside recycling pickup once per week	Y	N
Provide Elders assistance for garbage Pick Up	Y	N
Continue to use Fox Disposal for Garbage Pickup	Y	N
Consider contracting Waste Management to a Band Member	Y	N
The contract would mean the BM needs a vehicle – schedule		
Consider purchasing our own garbage truck and hiring an employee	Y	N
This position would become part of public works to manage all waste		

Other Comments:

Name: _____ Contact # _____
