

Sudbury Black Bear Committee

Presentation to Sudbury City Council – March 22nd, 2016

Year in Review 2015 - 16



Need for a Bear Committee

- Failure of blueberry crop in summer of 2015, increased incidence of human / bear interactions
- Higher volume of calls to MNRF, City of Greater Sudbury, Greater Sudbury Police Service and media
- Required coordinated effort / response
- Public expectations from government agencies vs. appropriate response

Committee Membership

- City of Greater Sudbury
 - City Councillor
 - Director of Environmental Services
 - Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives
 - Manager of By-Law & Corporate Security
 - Communications / Media Relations Officer
- Greater Sudbury Police Service
 - Inspector
- Northern Policy Institute
 - Sr. Policy Analyst
- Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Sudbury District Office
 - District Manager
 - Partnership Specialist

Current Initiatives

- Waste by-law (April 1st, 2016)
 - Residential waste pick-up
- MOU – MNRF, CGS & GSPS
- Communications
 - Media releases (CGS, GSPS & MNRF)
- Education & outreach
 - In-service training (2016), Police and City staff

Going forward...

- Anticipate busier than normal spring
 - Likelihood of bears returning to 2015 food sources
- Coordinated communications plan
 - Who to call and most importantly, when (not every bear sighting requires a call)
- Commercial and high density waste management options
- Ongoing education & outreach