



McLeod Lake Indian Band

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Dear McLeod Lake Indian Band Resident;

Re: Notice of Prohibited Activities Regarding Bear Attractants

We write to provide you with Notice of Prohibited Activities on McLeod Lake Indian Band (“MLIB”) Reserve No. 1 with respect to managing bear attractants.

MLIB is providing this Notice of Prohibited Activities pursuant to section 3.1(c) of the *McLeod Lake Indian Band Trespass Law*. This Notice of Prohibited Activities is to inform MLIB Residents that in order to do our part to keep our community members safe, it is up to MLIB Residents to manage our bear attractants. There have been a number of bear encounters on reserve, and not only is it a safety matter for our community members, but can end up in having to unnecessarily remove a bear, or in the event of a nuisance bear (having it put down).

Prohibited activities on MLIB Reserve No. 1:

- **DO NOT USE FIREARMS OR TRY TO REMOVE THE BEAR YOURSELF;**
- Do not leave garbage outside including in sheds and in the garbage box, except on the day of garbage pickup, and then garbage may only be left outside if it is inside a garbage box;
- Do not feed the animals (squirrels, birds, etc.) including by birdfeeder, except from November 1st to April 31st when animal feed may be put outside using a secure birdfeeder only; and
- Do not hang meat for butchering outside longer than is necessary, butcher meat in a timely manner, and clean-up site afterwards

Why are these activities prohibited?

- Removing the bear without appropriate training is dangerous to yourself and others in the community
- Bears are attracted to food, edible products, pet food, seed, compost, grease, oil, antifreeze, paint and petroleum products and can smell these attractants from a long distance (they have a better sense of smell than dogs!) we must keep our land clean to discourage bears
 - In one instance, a MLIB resident left peanuts outside to feed the squirrels and birds. It accumulated over the years, and now a bear sow and cubs will not leave.

What are the consequences?

- If any person fails to comply with this Notice of Prohibited Activity, they may be charged under the *McLeod Lake Indian Band Trespass Law* and prosecuted pursuant to the *McLeod Lake Indian Band Enforcement and Prosecution Law*, which may result in a fine or other punishment at the discretion of Chief and Council

If you have any questions, please call Tania Solonas, MLIB Enforcement Officer at (250) 988-1223, or email tsolonas@mlib.ca.

Let's do our part to keep our community a safe place to live, work and play!