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To: Highlands Mayor and Council

From: Councillor McLean

The deadline for resolutions to AVICC for this year is this Thursday Feb. 06, 2020.

I offer the following resolution to be submitted to AVICC by the deadline by staff from Highlands Council for your consideration.

And, I will be happy to discuss it further at the Council table, (if added as a late item), I just wanted to provide it to you in advance of the Council meeting on Monday so you have time to read it, and I acknowledge there might be edits needed etc.

FYI, I have spoken with staff in the past and it costs Highlands approximately \$100-\$150.00 per carcass to be picked up and disposed of by our road contractor.

And further a BC Conservation Officer has advised me in the past that this situation occurs throughout rural BC.

Proposed Resolution

Title is: **Recovering municipal costs for clean-up of unlawful disposal of carcasses or wildlife parts from hunting.**

Whereas BC's small and rural governments are incurring clean-up costs in relation to some hunters means of disposal of wildlife on municipal lands or, on or about lands that people might be present, which is an offence under a provision of the Wildlife Act.

And whereas discarded wildlife are an defined attractant to potentially dangerous wildlife and therefore a potential danger to people and domestic animals when some hunters continue to dispose of the remains from hunting on or about land where there are likely to be people; this human activity then becomes a clean-up cost(s) to a local government.

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be requested by AVICC and UBCM to cost share revenue funds from hunting with impacted local governments to recover the costs incurred by a municipality to clean-up after hunter(s) have discarded wildlife on municipal lands.

And be it further resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province of BC to establish a policy and implement a provincial program to compensate municipalities for clean-up of discarded wildlife from hunting and also that the Province of BC investigate improved language and clear direction regarding disposal in Provincial Hunting legislation and Regulations to assist in preventing this hunting violation.