



**DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
AGENDA FOR THE
BEAR SMART COMMITTEE MEETING
12:00 PM TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2026
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MS TEAMS**

We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people, Gilakas'la

PAGE	A. CALL TO ORDER	
	B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED (or amended)	
	<i>Motion.</i>	1. 2.
	C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES	
3 - 5	1. Minutes of the Port Hardy Bear Smart Committee meeting held April 14, 2026. For adoption.	
	<i>Motion.</i>	1. 2.
		BEAR SMART COMMITTEE - 14 Apr 2026 - Minutes
	D. DELEGATIONS	
	1. Christina Kuzma-Wells, WildSafeBC Port Hardy Community Coordinator. Re: Introduction.	
	E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
6	1. Port Hardy Bear Smart Action Item Report. Re: April 14, 2026. For information.	
		PHBS Action Report - April 2026
	F. CORRESPONDENCE	
	None in agenda package.	
	G. NEW BUSINESS	
	None in agenda package.	
	H. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS	
	Committee members to provide a verbal update.	
	I. STAFF REPORTS	
	None in agenda package.	
	J. NEXT MEETING DATE	
	September 8, 2026 at 12:00 pm.	
	K. ADJOURNMENT	
	<i>Motion.</i>	1.



**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
BEAR SMART COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD APRIL 14, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL HALL**

We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people, Gilakas'la

PRESENT: Sarah Salter, Chair and Candy Nomeland

ALSO PRESENT: Heather Nelson-Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, Louisa Bates, Deputy Corporate Officer, and Deke Witt

REGRETS: Councillor Treena Smith and Lise Levesque

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Salter called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm and respectfully acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED (OR AMENDED)

BSPH 2026-07 Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the April 14, 2026 agenda of the Bear Smart Committee meeting be approved as presented.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Port Hardy Bear Smart Committee meeting held February 17, 2026.

BSPH 2026-08 Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Bear Smart Committee meeting held February 17, 2026 be adopted as presented.

D. DELEGATIONS

None.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bear Smart Committee Action Item Report. Re: February 2026.

Discussion included:

Bear Smart Network-

- Invitation distributed to Committee to attend next Bear Smart Network meeting; meeting held April 8th.
- Meeting summary included in agenda; future invites to be forwarded accordingly.

2. 2026 Bear Smart Week Wrap Up.

Discussion included:

- Social media campaign launched online; content received high exposure with lots of likes and shares.
- Activity sheet distributed to local schools prior to spring break.
- Featured advertisement in the North Island Eagle.

3. WildSafeBC Community Coordinator - Port Hardy Update.

Discussion included:

- Application for WildSafeBC Community Coordinator position approved for 2026.
- Port Hardy Community Coordinator posting open until April 24th.
- Should receive an update after the posting closes.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Deke Witt to Port Hardy Bear Smart Committee.

BSPH 2026-09 Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the Bear Smart Committee recommend to Council that Deke Witt be appointed to the Bear Smart Committee.

H. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

1. Discussion included:

- Overview of upcoming community events.

ACTION: Staff to distribute list of upcoming community events to Committee members for consideration of a booth to conduct public outreach and engagement.

I. STAFF REPORTS

None.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

BEAR SMART COMMITTEE
April 14, 2026

June 9, 2026.

K. ADJOURNMENT

BSPH 2026-10 Moved

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Port Hardy Bear Smart Committee Action Item Report- April 2026					
Meeting Date	Meeting Item Description	Description	Follow-Up Status	Staff Responsible	Comments
May 17 2023	Volunteer Recruitment Plan	Staff to email Chair about Volunteer Recruitment Plan - Ongoing volunteer testimonials & softer adverts.		Heather Nelson-Smith	Next Community Registration Night tentatively scheduled for September 2026.
21-Oct-25	Bear Smart Network	Staff to reach out to Bear Smart Network coordinator about meeting dates and ask if group has recommendations on increasing engagement.	Complete	Louisa Bates	Future meeting invites to be forwarded to Committee members as received.
13-Jan-26	WildSafeBC Community Coordinator	Port Hardy WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for 2026 season.			Introduction on agenda.
14-Apr-26	Community Events	Staff to forward list of upcoming community events to Committee for consideration.	Complete	Louisa Bates	Forwarded.
14-Apr-26	Appointment of Deke Witt to Bear Smart Committee.	Staff to bring Committee recommendation forward to Council for consideration.	Complete	Louisa Bates	