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**REGIONAL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH WILDSAFEBC TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY
OUTREACH AND EDUCATION**

WildSafeBC–SLRD Coordinator to bring wildlife awareness to communities

Pemberton, BC – For the second year in a row, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is working with WildSafeBC to promote wildlife awareness in communities throughout the region.

Following the success of last year’s program, a Community Coordinator will deliver outreach and education programs with the goal of preventing conflicts with wildlife and providing residents with the information they need to keep themselves, and wildlife, safe.

Devin Pawluk is returning as the SLRD’s WildSafeBC Community Coordinator, and is in the position as of April 19, 2021. Through to November, Pawluk will deliver a number of modified WildSafeBC program initiatives including door-to-door outreach, garbage tagging, webinar delivery of the highly-requested WildSafeBC Ranger presentations for school-aged children, as well as their Wildlife Awareness and Safety Education presentations.

“We are pleased to be able to bring back this important program for a second year,” said SLRD Board Chair, Jen Ford. “We had some great success last year, even with the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant a shift in the way some of the programs are delivered. It will be important to build upon that initial success, and to maintain momentum moving forward, so that we can continue to do the important work of reducing human-wildlife conflict.”

WildSafeBC and the SLRD will continue to provide wildlife activity news and tips through social media channels, as the season progresses. Follow @WildSafeBCSquamishLillooetRD on Facebook.

Please report wildlife in conflict to the Conservation Officer Service 24/7 at 1-877-952-7277. Residents can also report sightings of bear, cougar, coyote or wolf in an urban area. These reports are uploaded daily to WildSafeBC’s Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (WARP), available at www.wildsafebc.com/warp. This program allows the public to see what wildlife has been reported in their neighbourhood and be alerted of new sightings.

Residents wanting more information about WildSafeBC, the WildSafeBC Ranger Program and Wildlife Awareness and Safety Education sessions, can contact:

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 42,665 residents (2016 Census).

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