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**From:** Lisa Cran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 11:29 AM  
**To:** Leclair, Elisha  
**Cc:** Legislative Services; LeBrun, Sean  
**Subject:** Re: Advisory Committee to Bear Awareness Agenda Schedule  
**Attachments:** 240612\_Certified\_Products\_List.pdf

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Hi again,

Attached is the list of IGBC bear resistant carts.

As someone who is an unpaid volunteer on the committee with a full time unrelated job, and whose wages I am giving up to be on the committee, I do not have a lot of available time to call each of these companies to research the ideal bin. I hope that someone from city staff, such as the waste department has been or will be tasked with this research requirement.

We need a fully automated bin, one that is idiot proof, as there will always be some people who just won't get on board if they have to manually lock their own bin. Also the week link is on garbage pick up day. If bins are manually left unlocked they will be breached on garbage pick up day. This is also the issue with an opt out program. Even if people are diligent about securing their garbage, the week link is on garbage pick up day. Bears will learn the schedule.

One of our volunteers had spoke with one of the bin suppliers, I cannot find the email referring to which company, however, they had the ability to manually disengage the locking mechanism in winter so that it would reduce any issues of freeze up. The down sideto this is if people don't re-engage the lock in a timely manner It increases the risk is bears accessing it.

Another of our volunteers reached out to Anchorage solid waste and Toter bins in October 2023:

Anchorage's solid waste department.

They use Toter bins and they generally work well

My Alaska contact indicate a problem in that they can collect rain water because of a groove the lid fits into. They bought the bins several years ago.

Also, the lid can freeze occasionally with snow and cold in the winter.

I've now talked to the Toter company about the bins.

The bins have been redesigned and no longer get water inside.

Freezing has rarely been a problem but my contact is going to talk to one of their engineers about solutions.

The bins would be around \$250 US +\$48 shipping.

Toter has offered to send up a sample bin to us

Sincerely,  
Lisa Cran

On Wed., Jul. 10, 2024, 5:20 p.m. Lisa Cran, REDACTED wrote:

Hello here are links to the documents we prepared for the city regarding bear smart status. To be shared with the group prior to next meeting. Thank you

Sincerely,  
Lisa Cran

On Fri., Jul. 5, 2024, 3:10 p.m. Leclair, Elisha, <[Elisha.Leclair@princegeorge.ca](mailto:Elisha.Leclair@princegeorge.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the responses that were submitted. Based off the responses received the meetings are split between Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate as many schedules as possible.

While a full representation of the committee is preferred, we recognize that prior commitments may create a conflict in your attendance of some of these meetings.

Please take note that we will hold two back-to-back meetings on July 24 and 25, 2024 as we were unable to confirm quorum for either August 7 or 8.