



**Council Member Motion
Committee Of The Whole Meeting of May 13, 2021**

Date: May 10, 2021

From: Councillor Andrew and Councillor Loveday

Subject: Resolution to support the pause of recreational hunting of wolves in B.C.

Background:

The District of Oak Bay sent a resolution for consideration at AVICC and UBCM requesting that the Province implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting, pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities.

A backgrounder with journal references accompanies this report.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following resolution originally passed by the Town of Oak Bay:

That AVICC and UBCM request the provincial government to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting on Vancouver Island, pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with the Island's Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on the Island's biodiversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the resident wolf population.

And that Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development expressing support for Oak Bay's AVICC resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Councillor S. Andrew

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Councillor J. Loveday