



**Council Member Motion  
For the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of September 17, 2015**

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**Date:** September 14, 2015

**From:** Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe and Councillor Ben Isitt

**Subject:** Advocacy to End Trophy Hunting

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**Background:**

The killing of Cecil the Lion in Zimbabwe on July 1, 2015 has provoked international concern over trophy hunting and the illegal killing and trade of animals for sport.

Organizations including the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have expressed opposition to the hunting of animals for trophy or sport, and suggested that when hunting is practiced for subsistence purposes, it must be carried out in a humane, responsible and sustainable manner, by trained hunters adhering to applicable laws and regulations.

Many residents of the City of Victoria share the view that hunting for trophy or sport is inappropriate, and they believe local government should advocate to other levels of government on matters of public concern. We therefore propose that the City of Victoria place itself on record calling for action by the Government of British Columbia and Government of Canada within their respective areas of jurisdiction to prohibit trophy hunting and the killing and trade of animals for sport.

**Motion:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request that the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting that the Government of British Columbia introduce legislation in the next legislative session to prohibit trophy hunting;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL request that the Mayor write to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of International Trade requesting that the Federal Government introduce legislation in the next parliamentary session to prohibit the transport into or out of Canada of parts of animals killed for the purpose of trophy hunting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Ben Isitt

**Attachments:**

BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Hunting Position Statement



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

**HUNTING POSITION STATEMENT**

The BC SPCA is opposed to the hunting of any animal for trophy or sport, including canned hunts, whether or not any of the meat is consumed.

Where hunting is practised for subsistence purposes, it must be carried out in a humane, responsible and sustainable manner by qualified and experienced hunters, abiding by applicable laws and regulations.

Hunters should make every effort to minimize the infliction of pain or suffering by using techniques that cause instant death. Bow hunting is not condoned by the BC SPCA as it does not meet these criteria. The BC SPCA is also opposed to the hunting of all animals using dogs or other animals (e.g. falconry), due to the stress it imposes on the hunted animal and the risk of injury to the animals involved.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Canned hunt:** A practice that involves the hunting of a contained animal, thereby preventing fair chase (e.g. fencing), or animals that have been bred, raised in captivity and released specifically to be hunted.

**Subsistence hunting:** The intent of hunting only for personal consumption (not commercial gain) to meet the basic food and clothing needs of the hunter or their family without animal parts being used for aesthetic purposes.

*Approved by the Board of Directors – February 7, 2009*