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Dead beavers in Maple Ridge prompts reward

Residents, pet owners should be aware of potential danger in community

MAPLE RIDGE – A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the identification and conviction of those responsible for the killings of two beavers near Rannie Rd. by Pitt Lake in Maple Ridge.

The Fur-Bearers, a wildlife protection charity, is offering the reward after learning of two beaver carcasses being found days apart. The first was found on April 28 by a local bird watcher, who discovered a skinned beaver carcass along the Nature Dyke Trail last week. The next day, on April 29, another dead beaver was found, shot and floating in Pitt Lake. Both incidents were reported to the BC Conservation Officer Service (BCCOS).

“The area where the dead beavers were found is a recreational trail used by families, children and people with pets who are out to enjoy nature,” says Lesley Fox, Executive Director of The Fur-Bearers. “There are clear and concerning public safety implications, as well as potential offenses under the Wildlife Act. We’re hopeful this reward will prompt conversation in the community and for someone to come forward to provide information to investigators.”

Anyone with information about these or other potentially unlawful wildlife incidents should contact the BC Conservation Officer Service through their Report All Polluters and Poachers line at 1-877-952-7277 or online (anonymously) at <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>.

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The Fur-Bearers is a non-partisan, registered Canadian charity headquartered in British Columbia. Formed in 1953 to advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement, the organization also works with communities to promote coexistence and mitigate negative encounters with wildlife.

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