

***BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY***

**POLICY**

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**Policy #04-001**

**Information Notice for Snug Cove Property Owners  
Municipal Policy Regarding Heron Nesting Sites**

The Bowen Island Conservancy advised Council that there are several heron nesting sites located in Snug Cove and that there is a specific nesting site located within the Snug Point area. The Conservancy asked Council to develop a policy for the protection of these heron nesting sites and requested that residents of the Snug Point be made aware of the policy adopted by Council, as follows:

“It was moved and seconded that Council adopt the following policy regarding protection of heron nesting sites on Bowen Island.

1. That between February 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> of after all young have left the nests, heavy equipment such as backhoes and excavators and loud power tools such as chainsaws and jackhammers should not be used within 150 metres of active heron nesting, and further
2. The from February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> (the most sensitive period when courtship, nest building and early incubation takes place) activities that produce irregular loud noise such as hammering, nail guns, and pile driving should be avoided within 100 metres of any active heron nests, and further
3. That no trees are to be felled within 50 metres of active heron nests, and that only trees judged to be safety hazards should be removed and then note between February 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> or after all young have left the nests. CARRIED”

On the other side of this notice is an article that appeared in The Undercurrent prepared by Sue Ellen Fast, President of the Bowen Island Conservancy about heron nesting sites.

This is provided for your information. When you are working in your yard this Summer, please consider the herons nesting in your neighbourhood. If you have any questions about herons, please call Sue Ellen Fast at 604-947-0483 or contact Municipal Hall at 604-947-4255.

Isabell Hadford, Chief Administrative Officer

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