

ILLEGAL DUMPING IN ELECTORAL AREAS

Illegal dumping is a growing concern and results in unsanitary and potentially hazardous refuse deposits in natural areas. Local governments continue to improve recycling and disposal options available to citizens and employ other strategies to deter illegal dumping such as education, surveillance, enforcement, diversion and waiving tipping fees for community clean ups.

In 2019 and 2020, approximately 12% of bylaw services complaints received by the Regional District of Nanaimo were for illegal dumping in Electoral Areas. Several provincial ministries share jurisdiction for addressing the problem of illegal dumping, including the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Three resolutions have been submitted to UBCM since 2011 on this issue (2011 and 2012: Sunshine Coast RD, 2017: Peace River RD). The most recent Ministry response in 2017 notes that there is a working group to address this problem and that there are patrol plans, as well as the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) program. A resolution in this area may assist in enhancing provincial resourcing and optimizing partnerships with local government to continuously evaluate compliance strategies.