



DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
Office of the Mayor

January 24, 2020

0110 – 20/Mayor

Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Room 112 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Heyman,

Re: Over-population of Grizzly Bears in North East British Columbia

District of Tumbler Ridge Mayor and Council would like to request that a regional study is conducted to address the possible over population of grizzly bears around Tumbler Ridge.

The District has taken many steps over the past six years toward reducing human-bear conflict and has invested a significant amount of money to educate and align with the bear smart program. Steps include a bear hazard assessment of the community and surrounding area through WildSafeBC, educating residents about reducing human-wildlife since 2016, bear-resistant bins have been purchased and distributed to all residential areas in Tumbler Ridge and implementation of "Bear Smart" bylaws.

Council believes that lowering grizzly bear numbers would make the community and back country safer for people and would have a significant impact on protecting the threatened mountain caribou population.

Sincerely,

Keith Bertrand,
Mayor

March 12, 2020