

# DEER SUBMISSIONS

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IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL

April – September 2014

## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:29 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Contact Us - Submission

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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**Your Name:**  
William Jesse

**Your Email Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Message:**  
The mayor of Oak Bay has continually stressed his concern for safety especially incidents involving vehicles. The CRD has determined that Cadboro Bay Road near the golf course is the biggest accident area in the CRD. On January 18 a group of Oak Bay residents met with the mayor who stated that there would be no cull if the accidents were eliminated or lessened. At that meeting we asked that better signage, lower speed limits and enforced policing be done on that stretch of road to help the cause. At the moment there is ONE warning sign on that 1.2 kilometre section of road which has been there for years. And today, after 4 months after our initial meetings nothing has changed except for some police enforcement. If the mayor is serious about the accidents why is he waiting so long to have preventive measures put into place?

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## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** Carl Schwenger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 8:58 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Encounter with an aggressive deer

Hello,

I am writing to advise that I was stalked by a large doe while walking my dog this evening between approximately 2000-2030. We were walking south on Runnymede Place in Oak Bay. The deer followed us to where Runnymede Place meets Runnymede/Mountjoy avenues, down Mountjoy to Central Ave and east along Central to the block between Falkland Road and Victoria Ave where the beast finally called off the chase.

While I understand the need for does to protect their young, my dog showed no interest in the deer and soon as we encountered it we crossed the road and beat a retreat. Our withdrawal seemed to have no effect at all, rather the deer stalked us in a very threatening manner until we seemingly vacated its 'territory'.

The whole experience served as another example for me of why I stand with those who believe deer need to be controlled/culled in urban Victoria.

Regards.

Carl

Carl Schwenger  
[REDACTED]

Victoria | BC | [REDACTED]

## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** Jeff Weightman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 8:51 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Us - Submission

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 5:06 PM  
**To:** crdreception  
**Subject:** Contact Us - Submission

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**Your Name:**  
Deborah Carnes

**Your Email Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Message:**  
I have lived in Gordon Head for the past eleven years. We have owned a dog or dogs for all that time. We currently own two small rescue dogs from Mexico. Until this year, although I have routinely seen up to half a dozen deer per day on our street, I have never been afraid. Now I am afraid to walk the dogs, afraid to leave the house "unarmed".

Incident # 1:

Last Tuesday, June 16th at about 9 p.m. I took the dogs for a walk and did my usual loop through Gordon Point Estates. As I was coming around the loop, I saw two does (one mature, and one which looked like last year's fawn) on someone's front lawn. I immediately crossed the street (away from the deer). The larger doe started to walk very purposefully towards us. I headed up the hill with the dogs, looking for a possible escape route. All

I could see was a small parked car, so I went to the front of the car and hid there with the dogs. The deer followed and waited at the opposite side of the car. Whenever I looked through the windows to see if she had left, there she was, still waiting. I couldn't figure out an escape plan. Luckily at that moment a car pulled up with a woman by herself at the wheel. "Quick! Hop in the back!" she said. I didn't need to be asked twice. I opened the door, and the dogs and I jumped in. She drove us a couple of blocks and let us out. When I started to explain what was going on with the deer, she said, "I know. I saw the whole thing. That's why I jumped in my car to come and help you."

Incident # 2:

I was telling my daughter what happened with the deer. She said, "Mom, on the way to class (at University of Victoria) I came to a 'little old lady' in the middle of a crosswalk, holding her dog in her arms and screaming. There were two does, one on either side of her. I was late for class because I got her into the car and drove her home."

Incident # 3:

Thursday, June 18th I was one house away from our house, just completing a walk with our dogs. Suddenly there was a doe with two tiny fawns. As soon as she saw me she bounded in my direction. I screamed and ran into the neighbour's driveway and hid behind their car. She decided to take her fawns and head in the opposite direction.

Now I walk with a walking stick. I'm not sure if it will protect me but it's better than nothing at all. When I have time, I drive the dogs to an off leash area to walk, or I head up Mt. Doug (where I've never seen a deer).

What will it take for something to be done about the deer situation? Every year there are more deer in our neighbourhood. I am upset that it has become frightening to go for a walk. Please figure out a plan.

Yours truly,

Deborah Carnes

[REDACTED]  
Victoria, BC

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## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 4:18 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Deer in Oak Bay

To Whom It May Concern

My letter is in regards to the Oak Bay deer cull. First of all I along with many others strongly oppose it. The mayor has stated concerns about safety which I agree is paramount. However despite the high numbers being thrown out regarding deer deaths deer/vehicle accidents are relatively low.

From the end of August 2013 until year's end there were 9 deaths resulting from vehicle/deer accidents. This year until the end of May there have been 6 and a possible seventh.

Deer counts on 5 days in April showed 94 deer. It is possible some may have been counted more than once. It is not scientific. I have seen very few deer this year.

A cull of 25 deer will make no difference. It is fact that to be successful a cull must take place annually and I do not think the taxpayers of Oak Bay are very much in favour of that.

Apparently the Clover traps which were to be used are not available but the mayor is looking into having Oak Bay build their own. This is not how I want my tax dollars spent. I further understand that the pilot project will be ending in September and funding will not be available. I do not feel that the CRD should fund any project for just one or two municipalities.

At the moment from what I have heard the community is very much divided on this project. Going ahead with a cull will cause a lot of anger in Oak Bay.

I am pleading with you to just let it wind down on its own. Oak Bay is taking non-lethal initiatives to control the deer which is what the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources have required.

Sincerely

William Jesse

Oak Bay

## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** The Battles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Fence destroyed by deer last night in Oak Bay  
**Attachments:** fence damage from deer - top view - July 16.JPG; more deer damage July 16.JPG

Just thought I'd send a few photos - we've worked hard to block off access to our yards, but the deer found a way to squeeze in last night, and destroyed a fence on their way to devouring our veggies, flowers, shrubs, trees and more. My address is [REDACTED], and the fence is shared with my neighbour at [REDACTED]. Please find a way to control the deer population.

Pat Battles  
[REDACTED]





## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** Graham Dragushan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:01 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** deer problem in south Victoria  
**Attachments:** urban deer.pdf

I sent a letter to the Planning Transportation and Protective Services Committee of the Capital Regional District in October 2012. I recently reviewed the information on line and was appalled that I found no reference to my letter (copy attached). How many others who were and are fed up with these animals in our communities were virtually ignored?

I will be following this up with my city representatives. What is worse is that I am now dealing with two male deer who I have decided that my garden makes a perfectly good place to bed down. I want them gone. Besides suggesting I spend a large amount of my money building fencing, what good ideas do you have?

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Graham Dragushan

Victoria BC [REDACTED]

*Graham and Jean Dragushan*

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**To: Planning Transportation and Protective Services Committee**

Capital Regional District  
625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, British Columbia V8W 1R7

October 4, 2012

**Re: Urban Deer**

This letter is to declare and state our unequivocal support for the elimination deer by whatever means necessary from all urban areas of the Capital Region. We support the Citizens Advisory Group recommendations to the CRD for non-urban areas, but believe those for urban parts of our region do not go far enough.

We have lost or have suffered damage (this year for the first time) to many garden plants, vegetables and the entire crop of dwarf apples to these animals. They have also left deep hoof-prints, compacting the soil, as well as droppings throughout our garden. The option of "fencing out" these animals is completely impractical, and given that the primary burden of cost and livability would fall on homeowners, is ridiculous to contemplate.

Our enjoyment of our property is now affected by concerns for physical safety in that we may encounter unpredictable deer, particularly females with their young or mature males with antlers. And this concern also has diminished our enjoyment of our urban parks and public spaces such as school grounds, the Ross Bay Cemetery and even the grounds of Government House. We have a friend who has Lyme disease, and her experience with that condition has all but eliminated our interest in enjoying native habitat areas in our urban region.

We support and want urban deer eliminated by whatever means necessary.

Sincerely

*Graham Dragushan*

Graham Dragushan

*Jean L. Dragushan*

Jean Dragushan

CC: Mayor and Council, City of Victoria  
Carole James, MLA Victoria-Beacon Hill  
Hon. Ida Chong, MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head  
Rob Fleming, MLA Victoria-Swan Lake

## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** Treace Alton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 12:12 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Us - Submission

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 7:09 PM  
**To:** Robert Lapham  
**Subject:** Contact Us - Submission

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**Your Name:**  
Robert Laidlaw

**Your Email Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Message:**  
Sir

I am writing to regarding the proposed Oak Bay deer cull. I can safely say that I am in the majority when I say I am very much against and see no reason why it must take place. Deer are not a problem here as shown by a recent count undertaken by the CRD. The mayor is insisting that a cull takes place and is dependant on the CRD continuing with the pilot project for funding. As a lifelong resident of Oak Bay I am asking you to terminate the project as was originally planned.

Thank you.

RJL

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## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2014 4:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Deer Management  
**Subject:** Oak Bay deer cull

I wish to add to the ongoing debate, "to kill or not to kill" the deer in Oak Bay. That is the question.

But should it be a question? Or a debate? Can a cull ever be humane?

In place of a cull, I suggest we try to co-exist with the deer - with the use of effective contraception, road signs that help prevent deer-vehicle collisions, fencing, and deer-resistant plants. Finally, we should encourage governments to demand sustainable forestry practices in order for deer to remain in the forest.

We human animals are supposed to be humane. Let us live up to our reputation.

Dr. Hinda Avery

## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** Robert Lapham  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 12:27 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: No reason

**From:** Jane Ramsay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 10:49 AM  
**To:** Robert Lapham  
**Subject:** No reason

I am a resident of Oak Bay. I do not think a cull of deer is justified on economic or scientific grounds. The Municipality has done very little to enforce traffic slow down and there have been relatively few incidents compared to Saanich for example. I have lived here for 20 years and do not see much change in deer numbers. There is no accurate way to assess population unless a great deal of money is spent. Decisions should not be based on anecdotal evidence or political pressure of a few residents. Sincerely, Jane Ramsay [REDACTED]

## Corey Burger

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**From:** Robert Lapham  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:25 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: deer

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 12:58 PM  
**To:** Robert Lapham  
**Subject:** deer

Sir  
Further to my earlier letter regarding oak Bay deer I found the following in the CRD minutes of june 25 this year;

*Nils Jensen, Mayor of Oak Bay, re agenda item 5: requested an extension of the deer management pilot project until July 2015 in order to fulfill all of the steps. He felt other communities were interested in how the program plays out. The municipality of Oak Bay has followed the CRD terms of reference, which called for a number of steps: the first one being education and feeding and fencing bylaws, **the second being traffic enforcement and speed changes**, and the last step being a cull. The window of opportunity for the final step has been delayed due to a Provincial delay in providing the regulated traps.*

Oak Bay has not followed the terms of reference as specified. There has been nothing done with regards to traffic enforcement or speed changes!

William Jesse  
Oak Bay

## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: Oak Bay deer cull

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August-25-14 4:52 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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## **Corey Burger**

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**From:** steen jessen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2014 12:55 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Aggressive Doe - Falkland Ave, South Oak Bay

Good day,

I'd like to report the presence of an aggressive Doe usually accompanied by a fawn which habituates Falkland Ave between Central and Beach Drive. My wife has encountered this animal numerous times in the last month and the deer has repeatedly followed my wife and Welsh Terrier. It is likely the same animal who threatened our elderly neighbour and her dog to the extent that she was offered refuge by a homeowner on Falkland Ave. I have also encountered such an animal when out on evening walks after 10 PM.

I was advised by Mike Webb that I should start notifying you when these incidents occur in order that you can start to accumulate stats.

Please bring on the cull! You are welcome to place one of the proposed traps on our property which is on the corner of Victoria Avenue and McLaren.

Capt. Steen Jessen, Master Mariner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]