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## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

May 6, 2016

- Tiana Jackson, a resident outside of Dawson Creek locates bear cub on side of the road. There is no sign of mother, and bear cub is moving around and alert.
- While in car, Tiana contacts RCMP, who take information. A Conservation Officer calls Tiana back, and says it would take an hour and a half to arrive.
- Tiana calls brother, who lived nearby, and he shortly after arrives at the scene with his fiancée. All parties remain in the cars.
- After at least another half hour, neither has seen any sign of a mother. The bear cub begins leaving the area, and despite making calling noises, no mother or other bears come.
- Concerned for the safety of an apparently orphaned cub, the group uses a sleeping bag to catch the cub, and kept his head covered. The bear is being transported to Tiana's house, where he would be in a kennel awaiting the CO to arrive.
- The CO calls to ask for an update, and this information is relayed. Without asking for more details, the CO states that he would "destroy" the bear. The CO has still not given his name.
- Tiana, distraught by the statements of the CO, calls her fiancé, who in turn contacts the SPCA. They forward the residents to a wildlife rehabilitation centre, who say they could take the cub, and have volunteers able to transport the bear.
- At their home, the cub is placed in a 10' x 10' kennel in the backyard. The bear eats grass, and drinks water provided (no human food was provided).
- The CO eventually arrives and is told the rehabilitation centre would accept the cub and transport him. The CO states bears cannot be rehabilitated with other bears, nor can they be rehabilitated alone.
- Despite pleas from Tiana, the CO gives an injection to the bear. When he collapses, he is taken to the CO's truck. The CO will not say if the injection is a tranquilizer or a lethal injection.

June 6, 2016

- The Fur-Bearers file a complaint with the Conservation Officer Service regarding the incident.

June 23, 2016

- The Chief Conservation Officer writes to The Fur-Bearers to acknowledge receipt of the complaint, and that it would be accepted for further consideration.

January 13, 2017

- A Notice of Discipline Authority's Decision regarding the complaint is issued (signed by Deputy Chief Conservation Officer Aaron Canuel), stating that "the evidence does not support the complaint that Officer Kneller abused his legislated powers and acted outside the scope of his authority."

February 7, 2017

- Counsel for The Fur-Bearers write to the Chief Conservation Officer requesting a review of the first decision, and sets the basis for the disagreement with the decision.

March 14, 2017

- The Fur-Bearers receive a letter from Chief Conservation Officer Doug Forsdick stating that there was insufficient evidence to overturn the first decision.

August 2, 2017

- A petition seeking a judicial review of the decision was filed on behalf of The Fur-Bearers.