

# DEER SUBMISSIONS

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IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL

February 28, 2013 – May 22, 2013

## Corey Burger

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**From:** Lifeforce <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 8:54 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Lifeforce

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
Be Deer Friendly!

**Message:**  
Say No to BC Deer Bounty and Killings!

Veggie farmers and politicians in Central Saanich, British Columbia (BC) are trying to change various levels of law to kill deer who are being attracted to crops. This could include a bounty on deer, increased kill limits, sharp shooters, and First Nations hunters.

Most people would not make the connection that buying organic fruits and veggies could result in deer being killed. Some Vancouver Island organic growers want this massive slaughter. Some won't even fence their crop lands and won't implement other nonlethal controls.

Please sign and share this new petition:

<http://www.change.org/en-CA/petitions/say-no-to-bc-deer-bounty-and-killings>

Peter Hamilton  
Lifeforce Founding Director

[REDACTED]  
[www.lifeforcefoundation.org](http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org)

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## Corey Burger

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**From:** Mary Lesperance [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 9:09 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Mary Lesperance

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
Deer in the city of Victoria

**Message:**  
Please DO something about the deer problem in the City of Victoria. The number of deer living in Ross Bay Cemetery is increasing! Before we know it, the deer problem will be equivalent to what the rabbit problem at the University of Victoria was! Surely, that should be avoided. The deer are a total nuisance within the city!!!

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Submitted at: 3/11/2013 9:08:58 AM  
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IP: 24.69.78.61

## Corey Burger

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**From:** Charles Hilton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:15 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Charles Hilton

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
-DEER-

**Message:**

It is time for the study to end - we all know what has to be done. We have studied the First Nations for 500 years - still no REAL solution. We have had three residential deer on 1400 block of Vining Street for over a year now. This last week-end we put up the so-called deer fence which today they just walked through. If a cougar is sighted, the police are sent in like now to, [I love this word, DESTROY IT] to KILL it. Why are the cougars here, not rocket science, one word, DEER, their prey. WE ARE THE PROBLEM WE KEEP TAKING MORE AND MORE OF THEIR TERRITORY. How many deer were put out of place for the Bear Mountain development, for what, to play golf. A simple solution, a humane solution, is to TRANQUILIZE them and move them to a forested area, out of the urban area. I have witnessed first hand of deer/moose being hit by trucks, not these light cars of today, it is not a pretty sight. Is this what you are waiting for before taking action. Also you promote rain gardens for whom, the deer! We have had our garden/shrubs etc... eaten by the deer for over a year now. So much for the hundred mile diet.... I could go on but I question who is really listening in this over governed world, like who does the CRD really answer to..... not being elected! I thank-you for your time, take care.

Regards,  
Charles Hilton

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Submitted at: 3/12/2013 2:14:50 PM  
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**Corey Burger**

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**From:** Jeff Weightman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 8:49 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: (CRD Website Submission)

**From:** Margaret Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 1:45 PM  
**To:** Regional Planning  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

The following message was received through the contact form at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca). Neither the name or e-mail address can be confirmed as accurate.

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**Your Name:**  
Margaret Lewis  
**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:**  
Deer Management

**Message:**  
Check out [www.lincolnshirerivendevenson.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirerivendevenson.co.uk) The landowners of Lincolnshire in the UK market venison from culled wild deer. "Deer need to be managed and wild venison is a byproduct of that need." "Left unchecked, wild deer would multiply by up to 30% per year - .... They have no natural predators but their collisions with cars cause .... roads accidents annually." For the full article see the UK Country Living, March 2012 edition.

If the farmers, at least, could cull - sorely needed local food production would be protected.

At some time you will have to bite the bullet and take some action. And you will not be able to please all of the people all of the time. M. Lewis

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## Corey Burger

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**From:** Regional Planning  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 9:12 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: (CRD Website Submission)

**From:** David Smith [<mailto:oceanart@shaw.ca>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 30, 2013 7:02 PM  
**To:** Regional Planning  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

The following message was received through the contact form at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca). Neither the name or e-mail address can be confirmed as accurate.

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**Your Name:**  
David Smith

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
erradication of urban deer.

**Message:**

I came to the Cadboro Bay-Gordon Head area 70 years ago and I can assure you there were no deer in this vicinity. Since 1996 I have seen an enormous rise in the deer population. My garden is one of my most cherished pastimes but I now find that the encroaching deer are making it very expensive to keep my grounds in an attractive state. Why is the GVRD being so gutless in eradicating these useless, stupid animals? Why are the 'DeerSafe' types dictating how the removal of the deer be conducted? To-morrow, following my family's custom at Easter, I have to do a 'mine-clearing' exercise to clear my garden of deer feces before the children can have an egg hunt without fear of contamination from the filth the deer leave. Maybe not a big deal to some, but a ridiculous state of affairs in a modern community! Please, tell me what it is you people are frightened of that you move so slowly in this matter. I say get rid of a few hundred deer now, or be compelled to eradicate a few thousand in the not too distant future, because deer, without controls, just beget more deer.

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Submitted at: 3/30/2013 7:02:16 PM  
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## Corey Burger

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**From:** Jonathan Francoeur [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 07, 2013 2:14 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Jonathan Francoeur

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
Safe, sustainable, human deer management

**Message:**  
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Use deer. Say "no" to weapons in their slaughter.

I don't understand why it's illegal to trap and harvest deer in the CRD. My archery teacher told me that bows were made for killing people, and I assume that so were guns. The latest news to me is that people have been catching deer using snares since forever. Snares are a simple slip knot in a strong rope creating a loop that is secured to an anchor at one end and propped open around a deer trail or path. The deer walks into it thinking it's a branch that can be pushed aside and when the noose tightens around it's neck it gets confused and pulls against it until it breaks it's own neck or is strangled to death.

This is completely safe for humans because we have hands and an understanding about ropes so we can free our selves if caught by mistake. It does not require guns, bows or poisons. It is inexpensive and can be reused many times.

Deer should only be allowed to be snared by licensed hunters and the rules in the hunting synopsis for black tail deer should be observed for this area (season specific). Of course, sex and age will not be possible to control and I believe that it's a reasonable compromise. I also believe that a lot of waste happens when hides are not used and they should be fleshed and tanned for the production of garments. Organ meats should also be eaten and not discarded due to their wonderful diversity of nutrients and other healthy stuff.

If you want to learn more about snares, the consumption and preservation of organ meats and tanning I highly suggest the book "Unlearn Rewild" by author Miles Olsen who will be speaking at Centennial Library on May 30th 2013 at 7PM.

Here are some movies I found online to give an idea of how it works.

hot to tie a snare <http://hunting.wonderhowto.com/how-to/tie-noose-loop-knot-for-trapping-animals-249781/>

how to set a snare <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USRH6iNNUOE>

hot to tie a snare <http://hunting.wonderhowto.com/how-t>

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Submitted at: 4/7/2013 2:13:35 PM

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**Corey Burger**

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**From:** Irene Monroe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Irene Monroe

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
deer population explosion

**Message:**  
moved here 11 years ago, never saw a deer here till about 5 years ago, increasing sightings every year. Saw 6 in our neighbourhood the other day (oak bay / victoria border). Have put up deer fencing, increased fence heights but to no avail. They still manage to eat our mature plants, new buds and bulbs, and ruined our entire vegetable garden last summer in spite of deer fencing. PLEASEPLEASE do something. Cull them, use or sell the meat, they're healthy - they ate all my kale, spinach, lettuce - they're better fed than we are. Garden is now replaced in part with gravel, and we are the "city of garden" and encouraged to plant vegetable gardens. Please conduct a cull. They have become pests.

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Submitted at: 4/8/2013 10:22:06 AM  
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IP: 108.172.51.150

## Corey Burger

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**From:** T Hunter and D Godfrey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 21, 2013 7:27 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Deer Concerns

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to register my concern about the recent rise of urban deer in my area of central Oak Bay. When I first moved here 12 years ago there were absolutely none. Now they are a frequent and recurring pest. Clearly the deer bring us a simple choice - Lyme disease and cougars, or culling. In the absence of any natural limit to their numbers culling is the only rational alternative. I encourage you to proceed with this immediately.

Thank You

David Godfrey ([REDACTED])

## Corey Burger

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**From:** T Hunter and D Godfrey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2013 1:05 PM  
**To:** Deer Management; obcouncil@oakbay.ca  
**Cc:** Oak Bay News  
**Subject:** urban deer

RE URBAN DEER:

I am appalled at the CRD and the municipalities refusal to deal with the urban deer pest population.

Exposing your citizens to deer carried Lyme Disease a serious and debilitating illness, is totally reprehensible. Why are the animals which spread Lyme Disease allowed to roam our gardens and streets?

Many people face illnesses or chronic conditions that lower their resistance. Municipalities are there to keep are streets and lands safe and clean for their us.

You have utterly failed to protect your citizens and their pets by letting deer spread infected feces and Lyme Disease ticks invade our parks and communities.

Allowing the destruction of our fragile native species oasis parks, like Uplands in Oak Bay, by damage from concentrated deer populations, gives the lie to all the CRD and municipal noise and pretty pamphlets on their efforts to support native plant species.

As well, we have seen many near accidents with deer, cars and bicyclists, making it clear that at some point we are going to be facing injuries to people.

And not just on the roads. The very busy public foot path on Henderson Lane has seen several near miss serious accidents with frightened deer pelting along it.

Why are you waiting?

In our own case, as homeowners, it has been a nightmare for us these last 3 years as deer - up to four at a time, destroy our cherished trees, plants and vegetables, in our front and back gardens.

In the front we have had to deer proof our fruit trees and plants into three big swathes of netting which are still under constant attack - which leaves bits of netting floating out to catch in your feet or glasses, precipating trips and falls.

While in the back garden which is fully netted around our boundary, we now have to have a second set of barriers inside those barriers. Nothing stops the deer - they put their heads down and rip the outside netting or pull it down from its 7 foot height and jump over it.

The deer have destroyed our garden and native plants and eaten all (thousands)of the seedling Garry Oaks we used to give away. They have made it impossible to grow vegetables.

We have spent over \$700 trying to keep them out - and nothing works.

When we want to go into our own back garden - which is invaded on average, twice a week, we first search out the window, and then going out, pick up a rake for protection and search around carefully for deer, to avoid provoking an attack on ourselves - when we startle hidden deer they bolt wildly or threaten us, especially when they are protecting does. This is not what we had in mind when we created a wild garden habitat in our back garden.

I know that some householders, especially those with dogs do not have the problems we have, and don't understand how awful it is to live under siege like this.

But surely the goals of protecting human and pet health, growing ones own fruit and vegetables, feeling safe in your community, and nourishing a viable workable natural garden are important goals for everyone - it is what the communities within the CRD promote - they just don't do it.

Yours,

Terri Hunter, 

## Corey Burger

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**From:** Anne Carin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 04, 2013 2:08 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Deer in Oak Bay

I live at [REDACTED] in Oak Bay.

The deer problem is out of control and unacceptable.

There is a group of 7 deer living next door at [REDACTED], which is a large empty lot.

We suffer from wanton destruction of small trees and ornamental shrubs.

Deer feces on our lawn prevent our small grandchildren playing there.

At dusk, we have had several near collisions in my driveway.

We have given up growing vegetables.

We have written off an investment in tulips and hydrangeas.

Fencing our property is not feasible.

Next year there may be twelve or more.

What is the threshold of damage or loss of life before action will be taken?

Barry Carin

## Corey Burger

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**From:** Anita Parris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 8:15 PM  
**To:** Deer Management

I am writing because I am extremely disappointed with the slow decision process regarding the violation of my property because of the deer in Oak Bay.

We built a new house 7 years ago and planted several fruit trees, 3 maple trees, a dogwood tree and a lilac bush only to have them devoured every year by the deer! Shall I mention the plants that we have planted only to have them destroyed too. This year I have decided not to spend any more money on our garden which makes me very unhappy. I love my garden and especially love my flowers. I enjoy sitting on my patio admiring my beautiful flowers and feel very lucky to be able to pick them and to enjoy them in my house. Now they are gone.

Day after day we are haunted by the deer. We have put up a deer fence only to have them somehow break through. We live in a friendly neighborhood and find fences very unwelcoming and don't want to put a permanent fence because we are plagued with deer.

What can be done to solve this issue? Why are we allowing the deer to destroy our neighborhood not only by eating our food and plants but by spreading disease. Also, they are dangerous to our animals and children. They have no fear for humans. I am waiting for the day for them to charge and hurt someone. Is that what it will take to make a decision on culling them?

I grew up in Victoria "The City Of Gardens" (or should I say City Of Deer?) and have spent many hours driving around our beautiful Beach Drive water front admiring the beautiful gardens. When I drive around now I hardly see any gardens but I have on many occasions seen deer.

I find it ridiculous and unbelievable that the City of Victoria is spending money on moving and fencing the rose garden in Beacon Hill Park because of the deer. I can think of many other useful ways of spending that money. Cull the deer - feed our homeless and provide for our food banks.

I also drive out to our local farms every weekend to stock up on fresh organic vegetables that have delicious flavors. We are so lucky to be able to drive such a little way to pick up healthy fruits and vegetables. Why are we letting the deer destroy our food and the livelihood of our local farmers and the beautiful land that has been set aside for farming for many, many years?

I would appreciate a response and a quick decision on how to deal with these pests.

Anita Parris