



**University
of Victoria**

To the Property Owner,

Re: Esquimalt Urban Deer Research Project

The Township of Esquimalt and the University of Victoria, with the guidance of wildlife biologists and scientists, are undertaking an Urban Deer Research Project in Esquimalt. This project is aimed at understanding urban deer ecology and developing a non-lethal population management strategy for deer in urban environments. The IC does not harm the animal, but results in fewer fawns, which should reduce the overall population over time.

You can access more information on this project at www.acmelab.ca/esquimaltdeer.

For the initial phase of this project, we are placing motion-triggered wildlife cameras in a carefully designed placement grid across Esquimalt. Collected images of deer on these cameras will help answer key questions regarding the Esquimalt urban deer population: how many deer are there, what is the population structure, what are their movement patterns, and how far do they range. What we learn from this research will guide our efforts to stabilize and reduce the Esquimalt deer population.

Your property has been identified as a valuable location for our fact-finding efforts, and we are requesting permission to place a camera at a mutually agreeable location on your property.

We are sensitive to your privacy and it is important that we choose a location that minimizes taking pictures of people or vehicular traffic. **Any images not related to deer are superfluous to our needs and will be deleted from all records.**

After the camera unit has been activated, a member of the team will need to check it on a monthly basis to replace the batteries and download the images.

The University of Victoria and Township of Esquimalt would very much appreciate your support towards this important component of this research project. **Please contact us at your earliest convenience, to let us know if you are willing to host a camera.**

Email: acme.labuvic@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

The Esquimalt Urban Deer Project Team