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Dear Mayor and Council,

The wide-spread use of poisons in rodent control is killing our wildlife and harming greenspaces and waterways. Municipalities can play a key role in reducing rodenticide use and educating residents on preventative and alternative control measures.

Taking action to address which pest control measures are used on municipal property can make a significant change and show leadership on environmental, animal welfare and public health issues in local communities. Multiple municipalities passed motions in summer 2020 to ban rodenticide use on all municipal properties – I am now asking you to do the same for our community.

The BC SPCA is dedicated to supporting humane pest control and has spent years developing research partnerships, setting evidence-based wildlife-friendly standards through its AnimalKind accreditation program for wildlife and pest control companies, and working with municipalities to make local change. Each community has a role in preventing the suffering of animals and this action taken by the Mayor and Council will be supported by the BC SPCA, other environmental and animal organizations, and residents.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Munro