

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2021 Mar 10

**FROM:** DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

**FILE:** 33000-00

**SUBJECT:** PROVINCE-WIDE BAN ON THE USE OF ANTICOAGULANT  
RODENTICIDES

**PURPOSE:** To respond to correspondence received from the City of North Vancouver and others, regarding implementation of a Province-wide ban on anticoagulant rodenticides.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Committee recommend Council to request the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to implement a Province-wide ban on use of anticoagulant rodenticides.
2. **THAT** the Committee authorize staff to provide educational resources for residents and businesses on alternate methods of rodent control on private properties within the City.

### **REPORT**

#### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2021 January 21, received correspondence sent to the Honorable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change from the City of North Vancouver, and letters from others, seeking support for the implementation of a Province-wide ban on use of anticoagulant rodenticides.

Anticoagulant rodenticide baits are commonly used in pest management practices. These products are known to cause prolonged suffering in both the target (predominately mice and/or rats) as well as secondary non-target wildlife. Secondary wildlife impact occurs when a non-target animal ingests dead poisoned rodents or by hunting and consuming poisoned live ones.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Environment Committee with an outline of current regulatory policies related to anticoagulant rodenticides, to support a Province-wide ban on anticoagulant rodenticides, and to provide the public with educational resources that promote alternative methods of rodent control on private properties.

## **2.0 POLICY SECTION**

The report to support a Province-wide ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan.

### **Goal**

- A Safe Community
  - Community amenity safety –  
Maintain a high level of safety in City buildings and facilities for the public and City staff
- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy environment –  
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability

The Climate Action Framework and Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) align with the Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting and advancing ecosystem health and resiliency.

## **3.0 DISCUSSION**

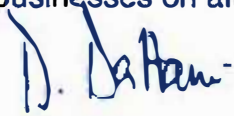
From a regulatory perspective, Health Canada is responsible for registering anticoagulant products for use and to evaluate product safety. It is the responsibility of the provincial government, under the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, to regulate the sale, use, storage, transportation and disposal of these products pursuant to the Integrated Pest Management Act (British Columbia).

Municipalities have jurisdiction to pass bylaws relating to the application of pesticides pursuant to Sections 8(3)(j) and 9 of the Community Charter and BC Reg. 144/2004 (Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation). However, there are limitations on bylaw applicability to residential lands only and relating to regulating cosmetic pesticide use.

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From: *Director Corporate Services*  
Re: *Province-wide Ban On The Use Of  
Anticoagulant Rodenticides*

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In order to ensure consistent application of the ban on anticoagulant rodenticides across the province, staff recommend Council to request the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to implement a Province-wide ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides, and staff be authorized to provide educational resources for residents and businesses on alternate methods of rodent control on private properties within the City.



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