



## Memo to Council

### From the Office of Councillor Meghan Lahti

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Date: September 15, 2020  
Subject: UBCM Late Resolution - Rodenticide Ban

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On September 8, 2020 Council passed the following resolution:

*THAT staff be directed to report back with a bylaw to prohibit the use of rodenticides on all Port Moody-owned properties as recommended in the report dated July 30, 2020 from Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding Rodenticide-Ban Bylaw;*

*AND THAT the City of Port Moody only use the services of companies that do not use anticoagulant rodenticides when providing vector control on private property;*

*AND THAT staff be directed to communicate to residents and businesses in the City of Port Moody Council's direction in this matter, including information regarding the harmful impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides, and provide options for better alternatives that are available;*

*AND THAT Council send a letter to the Province of BC, copying all MLAs, requesting a province-wide ban on the use of rodenticides;*

*AND THAT the recommendations from this report be forwarded to all BC municipalities and submitted to UBCM as a late resolution.*

The intention was to send a late resolution to UBCM for 2020 that supports the ban of anticoagulant rodenticides. As there was no resolution included, I am seeking Council's support in approving the attached resolution to be sent to UBCM as the late resolution. The deadline for submission of this resolution is September 18, 2020.

*That the City of Port Moody submit the Anticoagulant Rodenticides resolution as a late resolution to UBCM as attached in the memo dated September 15, 2020 from Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding UBCM Late Resolution - Rodenticide Ban.*

WHEREAS anticoagulant rodenticides are highly toxic, persistent and bioaccumulative compounds used to eliminate rodent populations that pose serious threats to BC wildlife (including raptors, songbirds, coyotes, snakes, raccoons, owls) and the environment (including aquatic ecosystems) through primary and secondary poisoning of non-target species placing owls and raptors are at a particularly high risk of secondary poisoning because of their dependence on rodents as a food source;

AND WHEREAS anticoagulant rodenticides are an ineffective and counterproductive means of controlling rodent populations long-term because they fail to address the root of the infestation problems (ie access to food, shelter and other attractants) and kill predators that serve as natural and chemical-free methods of pest control (eg. A single owl eats around 1000 rats per year);

AND WHEREAS municipal governments have passed motions to ban the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on city-owned property and have petitioned the BC government to implement a province-wide ban because existing risk mitigation measures implemented by federal and provincial governments are inadequately addressing the threats that anticoagulant rodenticides pose to the environment, wildlife and human health ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Port Moody recommend and promote a Province-wide ban on the sale, purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides, and call for the Minister of Health to Initiate a special review of the regulation of anticoagulant rodenticides.