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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 10, 2021
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SUBJECT: UBCM Resolution: “Urban Interface Areas” to Address Current Misuse of Toxic Rodenticides

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the UBCM Resolution: “Urban Interface Areas” to address current misuse of toxic Rodenticides is supported for LMLGA consideration:

WHEREAS ongoing reliance on rodenticide does not control pests in the long term, is expensive and creates unnecessary exposure pathways to toxic chemicals in addition to the suffering of target wildlife, and the documented killing of non-target wildlife;

AND WHEREAS current legislation prevents municipalities from enacting bylaws to regulate the use of rodenticides in and around buildings on private property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the province create a new category of applicable land-use sector called “Urban Interface Areas” (in addition to the existing “Forestry” and “Agriculture”);

AND THAT changes to other applicable legislation be made to allow local governments to enact bylaws regulating rodenticide use in the newly created Urban Interface Areas.

REASON FOR REPORT:

Beginning in 2020, many municipalities in BC have banned, or are in the process of banning rodenticides from municipal property, but are unable to implement changes on private (or regional, provincial or federal properties within municipal boundaries), due to legislative limitations.

The goals of policy changes are to:

- Reduce the unnecessary suffering of target wildlife;
- Reduce the unnecessary death(s) of non-target wildlife;
- Promote modern effective and more pest management; and,
- Reduce public exposure to rodenticide poison.

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Based on the review of the existing Provincial legislation and research conducted in the District of North Vancouver (DNV) (the first municipality in BC to ban rodenticides on municipal property), DNV staff suggest that the Province consider making changes to the Environment Reg. (*Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation, BC Reg 235/2008*) and other applicable regulations.

These changes would allow local governments to regulate the use of anti-coagulant rodenticide, with bylaws. To do this, DNV staff are suggesting a new land-use sector be added to the regulation that specifically identifies the urban areas of the Province where the wildlife impacts of rodenticide use are most prevalent.

The Province would then pass additional legislation to authorize local governments to enact bylaws regulating pesticide use only in the urban areas. By limiting the applicability of local government bylaws to the new land use sector the Province would have the assurance that pest management activity in the agriculture and forestry sectors remains unchanged. DNV staff believe this approach provides immediate relief to wildlife that is being unnecessarily impacted but still allows the important agriculture and forestry sectors to adapt their own practices.

DNV staff suggest the Province consider:

1. Creating a new category of applicable land use sector use called “Urban Interface Areas” in addition to the existing “Forestry” and “Agriculture” sectors.
2. Changing other applicable regulations to allow local governments to enact bylaws regulating rodenticide use in the newly created Urban Interface Areas, in particular pesticide use to or inside buildings that are in the Urban Interface Area.
3. Stipulating that pest management conducted in the Urban Interface Areas is to be done using a newly adopted integrated pest management framework that focuses on rodenticide free methods instead of rodenticide bait traps.

Options:

1. THAT the motion as presented in UBCM Resolution: Urban Interface Areas to address current misuse Rodenticides is supported; or,
2. THAT the motion is not supported.

Respectfully submitted,



Megan Curren
Councillor

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