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Municipality of Cumberland Policy 21-06  
Rodent and Raccoon Control Policy

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**Title**

1. This Policy is entitled the "Rodent and Raccoon Control Policy".

**Legislative Authority**

2. This Policy is adopted pursuant to sections sections 2, 3(r),9A, 14A, 48(3), 346, 350 and 352 of the Municipal Government Act.

**Policy Statement**

3. The Municipality of the County of Cumberland carries out rodent and raccoon control activity to maintain properties that are owned or leased by the Municipality, or that are subject to an Order issued pursuant to the provisions of Part XV of the Municipal Government Act respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises. This Policy does not apply to any other property or premises.

Although the Municipality may undertake educational programs to inform and encourage private property owners and occupiers to prevent and eliminate rodent and raccoon infestation problems, the Municipality will not undertake any actions or work on private property unless it is related to the enforcement of a Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Order made by the Municipality.

The rodent and raccoon management approach to be followed by the Municipality will prioritize preventative methods of control and will support long-term management of rodents and raccoons using a combination of techniques.

The Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to create and implement one or more Administrative Procedures to direct staff in the implementation of this Policy.

**Purpose**

4. To set out a framework for rodent and raccoon control in order to protect public health and safety, to preserve ecological sustainability, and to promote livability in our communities.

The four key principles underpinning the Municipality's Rodent and Raccoon Control Policy are accountability, efficacy, health and safety, and sustainability. Whenever rodent or raccoon control decisions are undertaken, consideration of all the below principles will be documented.

**Accountability**

- The Municipality will be accountable to the public regarding its rodent and raccoon activities, including application of pesticides. As such, the Municipality

will develop tools for effectively communicating its rodent and raccoon control activities to the public.

#### **Efficacy**

- The decision-making framework will prioritize rodent and raccoon control actions that are expected to be effective against the identified species under site specific conditions and level of infestation.
- When a pesticide is selected as a suitable treatment, best practices with respect to timing and rate of pesticide application will be determined according to the federally regulated product label. Pesticides will be applied at the lowest effective rate on the product label appropriate to the site conditions and determined level of infestation.

#### **Health and Safety**

- Rodent and raccoon management strategies and action thresholds will be developed that are protective of public health and safety as well as the occupational health and safety of Municipal staff and contractors.

#### **Sustainability**

- The Municipality will promote long-term ecosystem sustainability by prioritizing strategies that minimize negative effects to non-target organisms and preventing the development of pesticide resistant pest populations.
- The Municipality will incorporate the principles set out in this Policy, where feasible, into design and construction standards in project planning and implementation to support long-term management of rodents and raccoons.

Annotation for Official Policy Book

Date of Notice of Intent: October 27, 2021

Date of advertisement advising of Adoption by Council: December 8, 2021

I certify this Policy was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

  
Municipal Clerk

  
Date