



January 11, 2021

Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and
Minister responsible for Translink

Sent VIA email ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Heyman:

Re: Implementing a Province-wide Ban on Anticoagulant Rodenticides

As Mayor of the City of North Vancouver and on behalf of Council, I want to congratulate you on your recent re-election and appointment to the Executive Council.

Despite the ongoing pandemic resulting from the novel coronavirus, we cannot slow down on our response to the climate emergency. I'm encouraged by your background in solutions-oriented negotiations and policy. Now more than ever we need bold, progressive action.

On the North Shore we have had several owls consume rat poison and become dangerously ill. The use of anticoagulant rodenticides poses serious threats to B.C. wildlife and ecosystems through primary and secondary poisoning of non-target species, and have the potential to harm children and pets. To address this issue locally, Council passed a motion just prior to the 2020 Provincial election to ban the use of anticoagulant rodenticides within the City of North Vancouver.

The motion contained the following active clause:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Vancouver create a formal ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on all municipal property and take advantage of opportunities to communicate alternative pest control methods to residents and businesses;

AND THAT Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Province of BC requesting that the Province ban anticoagulant rodenticides, and that letter be shared with all other local governments in BC.

I therefore humbly request that the Province consider a B.C.-wide ban and find new ways to address the rodent population that does not threaten the wellbeing of other animals dwelling within urban areas.

I appreciate your consideration. Please contact my staff at mayor@cnv.org if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,

Mayor Linda Buchanan

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