

Resources for Presenting to Local Municipalities on Rodenticide Ban By-Laws

So you want to take action and protect local wildlife and pets from rodenticide poisoning, but are not sure where to begin. Here are some resources to help.

Where to Start

1. Determine how to request and present a delegation to your local City Council or Regional District; this can usually be found their webpage.
2. Use the e-mail or phone number provided to request a delegation (a presentation to city and council); they will let you know when they have a space for you to present.
3. Most presentations allow for 10 min of speaking, followed by a QnA session with mayor and council members; the media may also be present – which is a great way to get the issue known in your local community.
4. In your request to present, all the presentation materials and resources must be provided ahead of time, in order for the council members to be informed.
5. *NOTE- an often underused, but powerful decision mechanism in municipal governance is known as a “Recommendation Option”; use this term as part of your request in order to encourage quick action within City Councils.

Example

Feel free to use this format and resources provided and tweak to requirements of your municipality and/or Regional District. The example provided is the requested format from the City of Revelstoke:

STEP 1- Delegation Request to Revelstoke Council (via e-mail)

A written submission must be filed with the Corporate Officer before 12:00 pm on the Monday the week before the scheduled Council Meeting at the latest (ie: 8 days prior to the meeting date). There is no guarantee the submission will be accepted for the next agenda, so the sooner the request is received, the sooner it will be scheduled.

The submission must include:

Subject matter to be discussed:

Rodenticide use in the Municipality of Revelstoke and recent temporary provincial ban on the use of rodenticides.

The intended proposal or request:

Council utilize the recommendation option to pass a motion on banning the use of rodenticides within the municipality of Revelstoke, and support the Columbia Shuswap Regional District to do the same.

Name(s) of the person(s) who will address Council:

First name & last name, Revelstoke Resident.

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Contact information : e-mail xxxx.xxxxx@gmail.com , phone : 250-XXX-XXXX

All handouts or digital presentations:

- 1) Power Point Presentation
- 2) BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE MINISTER: PROVINCIAL BAN ON RODENTICIDES (submitted by the Vancouver Human Society to MLA's – July 2021)
- 3) Rodenticides – Topic Fact Sheet (National Pesticide Information Center)
- 4) SGAR Factsheet (BC)

STEP 2 – Presentation to Council

Good work! You're halfway there, and you are doing something really amazing for wildlife. Some helpful resources that you may wish to use are available for download with this package, but the main points and request focus are:

- 1) Ensure council is aware that on July 21, 2021, the Government of BC announced a temporary restriction (18 month) on SGAC's and conducting a scientific review on alternative rodent control methods.
- 2) Request council, use a "Recommendation Option' to **Support a Motion to adopt one of the following recommendations and revise local by-laws:**
 - a. Implement a complete ban on the sale and use of rodenticides.
 - b. Impose further restrictions on the sale and use of rodenticides.
 - c. Implement a complete ban with exemptions for certain uses of rodenticides.
- 3) **And - Create a Municipal Pest Control Strategy!**

STEP 3 – Share the news

Let Wildsight, BC SPCA and Vancouver Humane Society know about your presentation to council, and the outcome if possible, so they can add it to their list of municipalities supporting rodenticide bans across BC.

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Keep up the good work!

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