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From: "Lisa Helps (Mayor)" <LHelps@victoria.ca>
Date: March 17, 2021 at 3:31:32 PM PDT
To: Chris Coates <ccoates@victoria.ca>
Subject: FW: City of Victoria: Council Motion Letter - Rodenticides

For agenda for information.

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"It is not an either / or world. It is a real world." – Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., *Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories That Heal*

From: Mary Polak
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 2:21 PM
To: "Lisa Helps (Mayor)" <LHelps@victoria.ca>
Cc: Lucas De Amaral <LDeAmaral@victoria.ca>
Subject: RE: City of Victoria: Council Motion Letter - Rodenticides

Reference: 372621i

March 16, 2021

Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
and Councillors
City of Victoria
Email: mayor@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor Helps and Council:

Thank you for your letter of February 19, 2021, regarding the use of anticoagulant rodenticides and requesting a ban on their use in B.C. I share your concerns regarding the protection of wildlife in our province and I appreciate that you requested action on this important topic.

I am aware that anticoagulant rodenticides pose unintended risks to wildlife in B.C. through primary and secondary poisoning. I am also aware of reports in 2020 regarding owl deaths as a result of their use. My ministry maintains a commitment to protect wildlife from adverse impacts

resulting from pesticide use. Ministry staff are taking action to address risks associated with the use of these products, including increasing compliance verification of current Integrated Pest Management Regulation requirements; raising awareness with rodenticide users on the impacts of misusing rodenticides; coordinating with provincial wildlife experts and Canadian Wildlife Service staff; and developing education materials for the public and pest control operators to better manage rodents within an integrated pest management system.

I have asked ministry staff to develop options for improvements to how rodenticides are regulated in B.C., including consideration of bans, and I will write back to you with details on our next steps once they have been determined.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and participating in our efforts to protect wildlife.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister

cc: Lucas de Amaral, Correspondence Coordinator, City of Victoria

From: Lucas De Amaral <LDeAmaral@victoria.ca>
Sent: February 22, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: City of Victoria: Council Motion Letter - Rodenticides

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Good morning,

Please see attached for a letter from Mayor Lisa Helps to Minister Heyman.

Sincerely,

Lucas de Amaral
Correspondence Coordinator

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