

November 25, 2019

To: His Worship the Mayor
And Members of City Council

Re: Community and Protective Services Committee: 2020 Pest Control Officer Appointment

RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – NOVEMBER 7, 2019

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend *Bylaw No. 2009-71* being *The Appointment and Authorization of City Officials Bylaw, 2009* to:

Appoint the following people as Pest Control Officers under *The Pest Control Act* from January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020; unless the officer's employment with the City of Regina is terminated sooner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Russell Eirich	Senior Program Manager, Forestry, Horticulture & Pest Control
Ryan Johnston	Supervisor, Pest Control
Corey Doka	Pest Control Officer

2. That within 14 days of City Council passing the amendments to *Bylaw 2009-71*, that the City Clerk notify the Ministry of Agriculture of the appointment of the Pest Control Officers, as required by *The Pest Control Act*.

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The following addressed the Committee:

- Connie Buchan, representing Off-Leash Dog Park User Group (OLD PUG);
- Lynda Schofield; and
- Debbie Crabbe.

The Committee adopted a resolution to concur in the recommendation contained in the report.

Recommendation #3 does not require City Council approval.

Councillors: Lori Bresciani, John Findura, Jerry Flegel and Andrew Stevens (Chairperson) were present during consideration of this report by the Community and Protective Services Committee.

The Community and Protective Services Committee, at its meeting held on November 7, 2019, considered the following report from the Administration:

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3. That this report be forwarded to the November 25, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

CONCLUSION

The Pest Control Act requires that if a municipality wishes to appoint Pest Control Officers to enforce *The Pest Control Act*, these officers must be appointed by City Council on an annual basis. This report recommends appointing the individuals named in the recommendations as Pest Control Officers for 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Appointment and Authorization of City Officials Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 2009-71 was enacted in 2009 so that the City's various delegations under provincial legislation could be more easily located. In most cases, authority is delegated by position title; but in some cases, like that of Pest Control Officers, provincial legislation requires these appointments to be made by individual and on an annual basis. To find efficiencies, the City had approached the Government

of Saskatchewan (Province) asking that the Act be amended to allow administration to assign these responsibilities by position. The Province declined this request. Therefore, Council must continue to appoint on a yearly basis.

DISCUSSION

The Pest Control Act requires that Pest Control Officers be appointed by City Council on an annual basis.

Administration proposes to have the following persons be appointed as Pest Control Officers for 2020:

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Russell Eirich	Senior Program Manager, Forestry Horticulture & Pest Control
Ryan Johnston	Supervisor, Pest Management
Corey Doka	Pest Control Officer

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications with respect to this report. The individuals appointed are already employed with the assigned duties within the administration.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

Appointing Pest Control Officers by bylaw instead of resolution increases transparency, as such appointments are more readily accessible.

Other Implications

For Regina, regulated pests listed under the Act that are of greatest concern are the Norway Rat and Richardson Ground Squirrel (a.k.a. Gopher). There may be a view that because of appointments being required annually, rodents are an epidemic problem, but this is not the case. Indication from routine rodent inspection for demolition permits are that Norway Rat populations are minimal in Regina. Gophers are more problematic as populations fluctuate from year to year and are largely based on seasonal weather conditions.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Section 14 of *The Pest Control Act* requires the City Clerk to notify the Minister of Agriculture of Council's appointment of Pest Control Officers within 14 days of the appointment. The City will advise the Rural Municipality of Sherwood of the appointments.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendations contained within this report require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE



Tracy Brezinski, Secretary

11/20/2019.