

Request for Council's Consideration			
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Date of Council Meeting: 22 September 2020			
Subject: Residential Rodent Rebate Pilot Project			
Motion for Council to Consider: That Regional Council request a staff report examining the possibility of a pilot program providing rebates for rodent control on residential properties.			
Reason: As a port city, rodents are a consistent problem for the residents of HRM. Halifax Water and HRM have investigated multiple avenues for abating rodent problems including sewer baiting, construction mediation and continue to intervene with problem properties through the Charter's dangerous and unsightly by-law enforcement, however rodents continue to be an issue. This program would allow residents to receive a small reimbursement for recognized pest control services on residential properties.			
Niagara Falls implemented a residential rodent rebate program in 2018. They require residents to apply for the program in advance, a by-law inspector confirms the infestation (and that no other bylaw issues need to be remedied). The resident then submits their receipts and a form completed by the resident and service provider to receive a rebate of up to \$200 per property, per year. They provide approximately 35 rebates per year, and only about 5 – 10 have been repeat applicants.			
Outcome Sought: Staff report detailing the feasibility and possible effectiveness of a residential rodent rebate pilot program.			
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