

Motion

Agenda Number: 20.1
Date: February 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Fonseca
Seconded by Councillor Dasko

Whereas Regional Council at its meeting on October 8, 2020 approved a 12-month Rat Control Rebate Pilot Program and a Construction Abatement Program (Resolution 2020-812);

And whereas, the Region of Peel implemented a Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program (the “pilot program”) that started January 1, 2021 and was set to end on March 31, 2022;

And whereas, the pilot program findings were outlined in the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the March 24, 2022 Regional Council agenda titled “Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program”, and staff recommended Council the subsidy portion of the program end due to the low uptake and to instead focus on rat prevention education;

And whereas, Regional Council noted that community focus on COVID-19 may have been a factor in the low resident participation and approved a motion to extend the residential Rat Control Rebate Pilot Program until November 30, 2022 (Resolution 2022-193);

And whereas, based on the report findings, the current program may not be meeting the needs of the community, but a modified program should be developed to proactively manage rat populations;

And whereas, an annual operational cost of \$350,000 is required for continuation of the pilot program in 2023;

And whereas, \$200,000 in capital funds remain available due to lower than expected uptake in subsidy payments;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Region of Peel Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program be further extended until December 31, 2023; and
2. That staff report to Regional Council prior to December 2023 with recommendations for a program to proactively manage rat populations, for implementation in January 2024; and
3. That additional budget of \$150,000 funded by the Tax Supported Rate Stabilization reserve be approved for 2023 to fund the program extension to December 31, 2023; and
4. That additional budget of \$133,000 for one additional contract staff funded by the Tax Supported Rate Stabilization reserve be approved for 2023 for the development of a modified program.