

A Bylaw to Provide for the Eradication of Rats

WHEREAS by Section 3 of The Pest Control Act, the Minister of Agriculture may by order published in the Saskatchewan Gazette declare any animal, insect or disease that he deems likely to be destructive of or dangerous to any crop, grain, livestock or other property to be a pest for the purpose of the said act; and

WHEREAS the said Minister has by order published in the issue of the Saskatchewan Gazette for July 5, 1956, declared rats to be a pest for the purposes of the said Act; and

WHEREAS the Council of the municipality is of the opinion that rats presently appearing or likely to appear within the municipality constitute a problem requiring the application of the said Act; and

WHEREAS power is vested in the Council of the municipality by Section "12" of The Pest Control Act, to enact by-laws for the control of any pest to which such Act relates:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Eldon No. 471 enacts as follows:

1. For the purpose of this by-law the expression:

"department" means the Department of Agriculture for the Province of Saskatchewan;

"municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Eldon No. 471;

"owner" includes every person who owns, occupies or controls land within the municipality.

2. Every owner of land within the municipality shall take the following measures to destroy, control and prevent the spread of rats on his land:

(a) he shall provide suitable bait stations wherever required on land or other premises owned, occupied or controlled by him according to the recommendation of the department.

(b) he shall keep the said stations continuously stocked with an adequate supply of bait according to the recommendations of the department.

(c) he shall take necessary precautions to protect humans, livestock and other animals from the bait.

(d) he shall remove or destroy or alter any harborage or potential harborage for rats and shall do so in a manner recommended by the department.

(e) he shall report to the pest control officer of the municipality the existence or suspected existence of rats on land or other premises owned, occupied or controlled by him in the municipality and shall take such measures to destroy, control and prevent the spread of such rats as may be recommended by the department.

3. The Council of the municipality shall obtain and keep on hand a supply of bait recommended by the department as suitable for the destruction of rats, in quantities deemed sufficient for eradication; and the Council of the municipality shall supply the bait to an owner of land within the municipality on his request and on such terms and conditions as the Council may deem advisable.

4. This Bylaw shall remain in force until repealed.

READ THREE TIMES by unanimous vote, and passed by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Eldon No. 471 at Maidstone in the Province of Saskatchewan this 2ND day of JUNE A.D., 1982.

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