

ITEM 3  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 4  
COUNCIL MEETING 93/01/18

TO: CITY MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED SNAKE AND RODENT REGULATIONS  
PURPOSE: To provide the information requested by Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.


REPORT

On 1992 December 14, Council received a report from the Director Finance that provided information about the proposed changes to the Animal Control Bylaw respecting the keeping of snakes and rodents. Arising from the discussion Council requested that staff prepare a report on the effect of a "grandfather" clause to exempt the population of snakes in existence today in Burnaby.

A grandfather clause in the amendment would leave staff with no effective way to deal with complaints respecting the existing snake population. In addition, without an inventory and method of identifying the existing snakes, it would be virtually impossible to determine whether an animal was included in the prohibition or whether it was entitled to the exemption. For these reasons, we would not recommend a grandfather clause.

An alternative to a grandfathering provision is to implement the bylaw changes after an information period. The changes could become effective in a few months during which time the public would be informed of the new regulations. This will provide time for snake owners to make arrangements to relocate snakes if necessary.

If approved by Council, the proposed Animal Control Bylaw amendment respecting the keeping of snakes and rodents would be effective 1993 July 01 (providing a five month information period) and residents would be notified of the changes through the Spring publication of Information Burnaby. The bylaw amendment restricting snakes to two and rodents to four would be forwarded to Council by the City Solicitor in the near future.

  
Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Director Administrative & Community Services  
City Solicitor  
Superintendent - Burnaby Animal Shelter