

**TO:** CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE  
**SUBJECT:** REGULATION OF LEG HOLD TRAPS  
**PURPOSE:** To provide information requested by Council.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Sharon Capadouca, 4736 Curr Place, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3X9

**REPORT**

Council, at the regular Council meeting held on 1997 October 27, received Mrs. Sharon Capadouca as a delegation who expressed concern regarding the use of leg hold traps and snares to capture raccoons in Forest Glen Park over the past two years. Arising from the presentation Council resolved to request staff to prepare a report addressing the banning of leg hold traps in Burnaby. This report provides the information requested by Council.

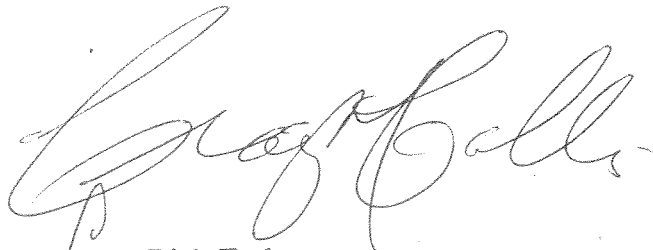
Trapping and the use of leg hold traps is regulated by the Province under the *Wildlife Act*. The use of leg hold traps is permitted under certain circumstances. For example, on private property leg hold traps without teeth may be used with the property owner's or occupant's permission. On any property, leg hold traps cannot be placed within 200m of a dwelling.

The City Solicitor has advised that as the Province of British Columbia regulates trapping and the use of leg hold traps, including the permitted use of leg hold traps in certain circumstances, the City cannot enact a bylaw that conflicts with the Provincial legislation.

The Burnaby Parks Regulation Bylaw restates the requirements of the *Wildlife Act* by prohibiting the trapping or snaring of any animal in Burnaby parks without authorization from the Parks Department.

Staff have undertaken a coordinated effort to deal with the illegal use of leg hold traps. This effort involves working with Provincial Conservation Officers from the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks, the S.P.C.A., the Wildlife Rescue Association and local residents.

To date, information notices have been posted and distributed in the affected neighbourhood and the S.P.C.A. has posted a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the illegal trapper. Education programs have been undertaken in local schools by the Wildlife Rescue Association and an article is scheduled for the 1998 Spring edition of *Information Burnaby*.



for Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Animal Shelter Superintendent  
Director Recreation and Cultural Services  
City Solicitor