



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

BYLAW NO. 3220

*A Bylaw to prevent, prohibit, and abate nuisances,
noxious growths, and infestations within the City*

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam considers that it is in the public interest to prevent, abate, and prohibit nuisances, to require real property in the City to be cleared of noxious growths and insect infestations, and to require real property in the City to prevent insect infestations;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

CITATION:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Vector Control Bylaw, 1999, No. 3220".

INTERPRETATION:

2. In this Bylaw:

“City” means The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam and the territory or area within the City, as the context requires;

“Council” means the elected Council of the City; and

“Vector Biologist” means an official employed by the City as Vector Biologist, or any contractor who has entered into an agreement with the City to assume the responsibilities of Vector Biologist pursuant to this bylaw, and includes the assistants and employees of the Vector Biologist.

GENERAL:

3. The owners or occupiers of real property, or their agents, must clear their real property of brush, trees, noxious weeds, or other growths
4. The owners or occupiers of real property, or their agents, must prevent infestation by caterpillars and other noxious or destructive insects, including not allowing their real property to become a place where noxious or destructive insects could breed, and must clear their real property of such insects.

PROHIBITION:

5. The owners or occupiers of real property must not cause, allow to be caused, or permit to continue, a nuisance, including a nuisance caused by a rat or mice infestation, on their real property.
6. If the owners or occupiers of real property must not allow their real property, or any building or improvement on their real property, to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could lead to a nuisance caused by rats or mice.

ENFORCEMENT:

7. If the owners or occupiers of real property allow a nuisance to continue on their real property, the City, by its

employees or other persons, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, may enter on the real property and abate the nuisance at the expense of the person who allowed the nuisance to continue.

8. If a person fails to comply with sections 3 or 4 of this Bylaw, the City, by its employees or other persons, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, may enter on the property and effect the compliance at the expense of the person who has failed to comply.
9. If abatement is carried out under section 7, or a person at whose expense compliance is carried out under section 8, does not pay the costs to the City on or before December 31 in the year that the compliance was effected, the costs are to be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property as taxes in arrears.
10. Every person who violates any provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in violation of this Bylaw, or who neglects, omits, or refrains from doing anything required to be done in this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw and is liable to the penalties imposed under this Bylaw.
11. Every person who commits an offence against this Bylaw is liable upon summary conviction to a fine or imprisonment, or to both a fine and imprisonment, not exceeding the maximum allowed, by the *Offence Act* (British Columbia).

VECTOR BIOLOGIST:

12. The Vector Biologist shall administer and enforce this Bylaw.
13. The Vector Biologist may enter at all reasonable times on any real property to ascertain whether the requirements and regulations of this Bylaw are being met or observed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

14. If any part of this Bylaw is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that part shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have been adopted without the severed portion.

Read a first time by the Municipal Council this 28th day of June, 1999.

Read a second time by the Municipal Council this 28th day of June, 1999.

Read a third time by the Municipal Council this 28th day of June, 1999.

Reconsidered, finally passed and adopted by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam this 12th day of July, 1999.

L.M. TRABOULAY
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