

Halton experiencing a rise in rabies cases

Halton Region Health Department urges residents in Oakville and the region to avoid contact with raccoons, skunks and other wild animals, after another case of raccoon strain rabies was found in a skunk in Burlington recently.

The health department received test results from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on Feb. 13, confirming raccoon strain rabies in a skunk. This is the 10th confirmed case in Burlington since Oct. 4.

Rabies is a viral disease that causes severe damage to the brain and spinal cord, and if untreated before symptoms appear will lead to death. The virus is spread through the saliva of an infected animal, usually entering through a bite or scratch.

Anyone who comes in physical contact with a raccoon or other wild animal should see a physician immediately and contact the health department by dialing 311, Dr. Daniela Kempkens, acting medical officer of health (MOH) for Halton Region, said in a press release.

Halton Region, as well as neighbouring communities, are experiencing a higher-than-average number of rabies cases, and we want residents to be aware of rabies and know how to protect themselves from wild

and stray animals.

Dimitra Kasimos, manager of Enteric and Vectorborne Disease Program for the Region of Halton, said the increase in rabies cases originates from Hamilton.

In December 2015, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) notified the Ontario Ministry of Health that a sick raccoon captured in Hamilton had tested positive for rabies.

This was Ontario's first raccoon rabies case since 2005. Kasimos said the raccoon came from New York state likely hitching a ride to Ontario on a transport truck or train.

As a result, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry started raccoon rabies vaccine baiting operations in Hamilton, with hand baiting in the areas where the first positive raccoon was found, and later aerial baiting.

Kasimos said Halton Region Health Department would continue to monitor the situation. So far, all of the cases of raccoon rabies have been found in the Aldershot area of Burlington.

After someone is exposed to rabies, Halton Region Health Department says timely use of the rabies vaccine can prevent the rabies illness.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills adopted By-law 2017-0009 on February 24, 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that By-law 2017-0009 is a By-law to extend the period of time during which Interim Control By-law 2016-0006 will be in effect by one year, expiring on February 28, 2018, unless repealed by Council at an earlier date. Council has the authority to extend the period during which Interim Control By-law 2016-0006 will be in effect to a total period not exceeding two years from the date of its original passage which was February 24, 2016.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or a person who objects to a or part of By-law 2017-0009 may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk no later than 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 2017. The Notice of Appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal and be accompanied by a fee of \$300.00 (certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance). If you wish to appeal to the OMB, an appeal form is available for download from the OMB website at www.omb.on.ca. Only individuals or corporations or public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED BY-LAW:

The purpose of By-law 2017-0009 is to extend the period of time during which Interim Control By-law 2016-0006 will be in effect by one year, expiring on February 28, 2018, unless repealed by Council at an earlier date. The purpose of Interim Control By-law 2016-0006 is to control the erection of or alterations resulting in any alterations to existing structures within defined areas of the Town of Halton Hills for a period of one year until the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study has been completed.

The purpose of the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study is to examine whether the Town's Official Plan and zoning By-law are effective in maintaining the character and integrity of the town's mature neighbourhoods and propose recommendations for amendments if necessary.

Further inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the Planning and Infrastructure Department at the City Centre or at (905) 873-2604 ext. 2302 or russhana@haltonhills.ca.

Date at the Town of Halton Hills this 23rd day of February 2017.

Steve Burley MCI/RPP
Manager of Planning Policy



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BY-LAW NO. 2017-0009

A By-law to extend the period of time during which Interim Control By-law 2016-0006 will be in effect, beyond its original expiration date of February 28, 2017.

WHEREAS on February 20, 2016, Council for the Town of Halton Hills enacted Interim Control By-law 2016-0006 to control the erection of, or alterations resulting in, any large scale single detached dwellings within the defined areas of the Town of Halton Hills for a period of one year;

AND WHEREAS Section 38(2) of the Planning Act provides that Council, within the duration of the period of time specified in the By-law, may extend the period of time specified in the By-law, provided the total period of time does not exceed two years from the date of the passing of the By-law; and

AND WHEREAS the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study was initiated and is in the stage of proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law recommendations, and it is in the best interests of the Town of Halton Hills to extend the period of time specified in the By-law until the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study is completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Interim Control By-law 2016-0006, as amended, is hereby further extended by one year, expiring on February 28, 2018, unless repealed by Council at an earlier date.

2. This By-law shall come into force and shall be in effect immediately upon its passage, and shall be in effect until February 28, 2018, unless repealed by Council at an earlier date.

BY-LAW 2017-0009 passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 23rd day of February, 2017.

Paul R. Schrette
CAYOR - RICK SCHRETTE

Victoria Jones
CITY CLERK - VICTORIA JONES