



Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association (AHHRA)

'Applewood Residents Caring for our Community'

Monday, April 19, 2021

Dear Mayor Crombie, City Councillors and Commissioner Geoff Wright,

Re: Report – “Construction Pest Control Program for City of Mississauga Projects”

Dated March 18, 2021

At the March 31, 2021 General Committee meeting the above report was presented with recommendation for its approval. At the April 7, 2021 Council meeting the matter was formally voted on and approved by Council.

Thank you, Commissioner Wright, to you and to the staff at the City's Transportation and Works Department who worked on this for your efforts and time in the creation of this new program. As well, Thank you to all City Council members for your approval for this much needed City program; and, for your support to this rat concern at the Region of Peel Council meetings on Sept. 10 & Oct. 8, 2020.

The summer of 2020 was a very busy and stressful one for many residents in the Applewood area as well as in other parts of Mississauga where not only did residents have to deal with the ongoing pandemic but also with the reality of dealing with unwelcomed rats on their properties. One main reason for the appearance of rats around people's homes was/is because of rat displacement resulting from City and Region's construction projects.

With the new **Construction Pest Control Program for the City of Mississauga** now in place, it is hoped that this displacement of rats will be effectively addressed, and residents will not be impacted further by this problem as a result of future city projects. It has been learnt that the Region of Peel has also began a similar program for its construction projects in working alongside and supporting this Rat control effort for all Peel residents.

Moving forward, and as has been requested in email communication with Councillor Fonseca since Summer of 2020, the matter of further measures to be taken in preventing and deterring rats from burrowing on residential properties to be included with specific language references using the word 'rats' in the City's Property Standards By-law #41 on Pest Prevention as well as with Animal Services is anticipated.

Thank you again for this new program. Along with the Region's rat control construction measures, Rat Control Subsidy Program and other educational steps which began in January 2021 of bringing awareness of this rat issue and what is being done collaboratively, it is great to see how the staff of the City and Region are working together with all of us – the residents - in responding to best practices for the best possible elimination of rats from people's properties.

Kind Regards,

Members of the Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association