

## BYLAW NO. 4284, 2012

A Bylaw to provide for protection against the spread of contagious, infection, or communicable diseases by animals.

### Consolidated with amendments in Bylaw No. 4680, 2016

**NOTE: This is a consolidation for convenience purposes only and does not have the force of law.**

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to section 8(3)(i) of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26 (the “*Community Charter*”), Council for the City of Coquitlam has authority to regulate in relation to public health;
- B. Pursuant to section 8(3)(k) of the *Community Charter*, Council for the City of Coquitlam has authority to regulate in relation to animals; and
- C. Council for the City of Coquitlam considers that it is desirable to protect the health of the public by requiring owners and occupiers of property in the City to prevent their property from becoming infested by vectors that may spread disease,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Coquitlam, in open meeting lawfully assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

### 1. Name of Bylaw

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 4284, 2012.”

### 2. Definitions

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words have the following meanings:

**CITY** means the City of Coquitlam;

**PATHOGEN** means an organism capable of causing disease in humans, animals or plants;

**VECTOR** means a carrier organism that is capable of transmitting a *pathogen* from one facility, waste source, product or organism to another facility, waste source, product or organism including, but not limited to mice, rats and mosquitoes;

**WILDLIFE** means birds and any mammal not normally domesticated, including but not limited to bear, bobcat, cougar, coyote, foxes, raccoons and skunks;

### 3. Prohibitions

- 3.1 No owner or occupier of property within the *City* shall cause, allow, or permit a nuisance to be caused by the presence of vectors on that property.
- 3.2 No owner or occupier of property within the *City* shall cause, allow, or permit:
  - 3.2.1 any building or improvement;
  - 3.2.2 any brush, trees, weeds or other growths;
  - 3.2.3 any water, whether moving or standing; or
  - 3.2.4 any other condition;on that property to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract a *vector*.
- 3.3 Except as provided in section 3.4, no person shall knowingly or willingly feed, or in any manner provide or furnish access to food or any other edible substance, to any *wildlife*.
- 3.4 Bird feeders must be suspended on a cable or other device and in such a manner that they are inaccessible to *wildlife* other than birds.
- 3.5 Every owner or occupier of property within the *City* must ensure that:
  - 3.5.1 all fruit on trees or bushes be harvested immediately upon ripening;
  - 3.5.2 all fallen fruit from trees or bushes be removed immediately;
  - 3.5.3 bee hives are inaccessible to *wildlife*;
  - 3.5.4 grease containers are inaccessible to *wildlife*;
  - 3.5.5 outdoor refrigerators or freezers are inaccessible to *wildlife*;
  - 3.5.6 dairy products and proteins are not put into compost piles.

**4. Offence**

- 4.1 Every person who violates any provision of this Bylaw, or who causes, permits or allows any act or thing to be done in violation of this Bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw and each day that a violation continues is deemed to be a separate offence against this Bylaw.
  
- 4.2 Every person who violates a provision of this Bylaw, or who causes, permits, or allows an act or thing to be done in violation of a provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects or refrains from doing anything required by a provision of this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the maximum set out in the *Offence Act*, as amended.

**5. Severance**

The provisions of this Bylaw are intended to be severable and, should any part of this Bylaw be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the finding of invalidity will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

READ A SECOND TIME this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

READ A THIRD TIME this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

GIVEN FOURTH AND FINAL READING and the Seal of the Corporation affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_ CLERK