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Attachment 1 to Councillor
De Baeremaeker's motion
moved on March 18, 2014
Licensing and Standards
Committee on Item LS27.2

Attachment 1: Course Outline for Wildlife Operators

1. Public / Personal Health & Safety

- Understanding zoonotic diseases to ensure that the wildlife control technician can identify and remove diseased / sick wildlife thus preventing further outbreaks and the spiraling costs of disease control (i.e. raccoon feline distemper)
- Utilizing protective measures aimed at avoiding disease transfer from animal to people
- Protecting public health through standardized education and information
- Understanding the role of The Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC), The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Toronto Animal Services
- Instruction provided on the importance of personal protective equipment (PPE), personal hygiene and the safe use of ladders, working at heights, equipment, tools etc.
- Steps for the proper handling and disposal of contaminated materials and dead animals
- Highlighting the advantages of Tetanus and Rabies vaccinations
- Familiar with the Ministry of Labour's Occupational Health & Safety Act

2. Professional and Humane Conduct

- Understand basic behaviour and biology of common wildlife species
- Work for the protection of wildlife and promote harmony between wildlife and the public
- Offer reasonable pricing for the work performed and delivery of service that guarantees customer satisfaction
- Use devices that do not cause suffering or unnecessary death
- Apply methods that only involve humane deterring, repelling, evicting or excluding and in a manner that keeps animal families together
- Utilize acceptable heated baby reunion boxes when reuniting offspring with their mother
- Do not use cage or box traps on the outside of a building structure (i.e. only to be used on the inside of a working / living space) to avoid exposing the animal to inclement weather
- Implement control measures that address the root cause of the wildlife problem and prevents reoccurrences
- Monitor all work in progress in a timely fashion (i.e. traps, one-way doors, baby reunion boxes, etc.)
- Keep detailed records of all work performed including date and time of job activities
- Deliver sick, injured or orphaned wildlife to a licensed rehabilitator, animal services or veterinarian for care or euthanasia, if necessary.
- Provide the client with a detailed written description and cost of the work to be performed, together with the applicable warranty, company name, address, phone number and the wildlife operators license number

3. Legal Requirements

- Be compliant with all federal, provincial and municipal laws governing wildlife (i.e. OMNR's Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act; Endangered Species Act; Migratory Bird Act; MOE's Pesticides Act; OSPCA Act etc.)
- Obtaining necessary permits to deal with protected wildlife
- Correctly identifying endangered and threatened species
- Adhering to building codes (i.e. screening of chimneys)
- What is the public legally permitted to do for the control wildlife on their property
- Euthanasia and who is authorized to perform the task
- Following environmentally regulations regarding proper carcass disposal
- Rabies vector species and the role of the OMNR's Rabies Unit