



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment**

Feasibility of Licensing Wildlife Control Operators

Date:	March 28, 2014
To:	Licensing and Standards Committee
From:	City Solicitor
Wards:	All Wards
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report provides legal advice with respect to LS27.2, the Feasibility of Licensing Wildlife Control Operators.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Solicitor Recommends that:

1. City Council receive for information the Confidential Attachment 1 concerning the legal feasibility of licensing wildlife control operators; and
2. City Council direct that the Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it contains advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

DECISION HISTORY

For a summary of the decision history, please refer to the March 4, 2014 Staff Report submitted by the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, entitled "Feasibility of Licensing Wildlife Control Operators" to the Licensing and Standards Committee at its March 18, 2014 meeting.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The above-noted staff report advised, in part, that a by-law requiring wildlife control operators to obtain a City of Toronto business licence could be declared invalid for frustrating the Province's legislative intent to exempt this category of persons from any licensing requirements.

Notwithstanding the recommendations contained in the staff report, at its March 18, 2014 meeting, the Licensing and Standards Committee voted to defer both LS27.2 and a related motion to its next meeting on April 22, 2014, which included a recommendation that City Council direct wildlife control operators to be licensed by January 1, 2015.

Confidential Attachment 1 to this Report provides additional comments on the legal feasibility of enacting the proposed licensing by-law, beyond those raised in the March 4, 2014 staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Confidential Information: Feasibility of Licensing Wildlife Control Operators