

Report from Planning and Building Services, Director and Financial Management Services, Director

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Subject: Residential Rat Control Rebate Program Funding for 2018

Recommendation

That the Budget Standing Committee (BSC) approve the allocation of \$20,000 for the Residential Rat Control Rebate Program pilot for 2018 be funded from the Miscellaneous Expense account within the approved 2018 operating budget.

Background

At its meeting of March 19, 2018, Council approved the Residential Rat Control Rebate Program with a maximum eligible rebate for the services of a licensed pest control expert of a maximum of \$200 or fifty percent (50%) of the cost to a maximum of \$200 per residential property on a one-time basis. Council further directed staff to find funds of \$20,000 to begin this rebate program in 2018 and to report same to the BSC. This report addressed the funding source.

Report

The funding requested by Council in 2018 for the Residential Rat Control Rebate Program is \$20,000. As this program was not included in the 2018 approved operating budget Staff have reviewed accounts and determined that this expenditure could be accommodated in the Miscellaneous Expense account. The Miscellaneous Expense account is budgeted at \$40,000 for unanticipated expenses/projects that occur in the year. There is currently \$20,000 available within this account to fund the Residential Rat Control Rebate Program this year.

Financial Implications

Utilizing the funds available in the Miscellaneous Expense account permits this rebate program to be implemented in 2018.

Conclusion

There are adequate funds in the approved 2018 Operating Budget to fund \$20,000 for the Residential Rat Control Rebate Program.

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