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March 12, 2026

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Dear David Wade:

The City of Winnipeg's pesticide use permit application requesting authorization to use Rozol RTU Field Rodent Bait and Rocon Concentrate Rodenticide for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels at the athletic fields identified in your application has been reviewed. This review was carried out in accordance with the Pesticides Regulation, which prioritizes the protection of human health and the environment.

The application underwent a comprehensive technical review, supported by experts from Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, Wildlife, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, Manitoba Agriculture, Health Canada, and other relevant agencies. All comments and recommendations provided through this process were considered, and conditions have been developed to mitigate potential human health and environmental risks.

Feedback received through the public comment period was also carefully reviewed. Public input, alongside expert analysis, informed the final terms and conditions applied to this permit.

Following this assessment, Pesticide Use Permit No. 2026001-1 is issued to City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space Division. The permit includes numerous terms and conditions intended to reduce identified risks and ensure pesticide use is limited to what is necessary. All pesticide applications must be conducted in full compliance with the limits, terms, and conditions of the permit, and with all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal regulations. All staff responsible for pesticide use must review the permit in advance of any applications.

Permit Duration

This is a one-year permit, valid until December 31, 2026. A new permit application must be submitted for any pesticide use proposed after this date.

Public Notification and Online Posting

This permit requires all public notices published in the newspapers also be posted on your organization's public webpage for the duration of the application period.

Public Transparency and Registry Development

To strengthen transparency, improve access to information, and support ongoing compliance, a public registry webpage has been created. This webpage includes the enclosed Pesticide Use Permit and required reporting documents such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plans and Annual Reports. The registry is intended to provide clear visibility into the City's pesticide use activities and its compliance with permit conditions. You may visit the public registry webpage at: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/index.html.

Annual Reporting Requirements

By March 31, 2027, the permittee must submit the following information:

- Annual Post Seasonal Report
- Annual Summary of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Additional Reporting Requirements as specified in the permit

Community Engagement

To meet the conditions outlined in the permit, the permit holder must maintain an Environmental Advisory Committee to explore future pest management plans and options for control in subsequent years.

This committee will provide guidance to the city on matters related to the management of Richardson's Ground Squirrels, including operational needs, environmental impacts, and available control methods. The committee must include representatives from the City of Winnipeg, community members, local experts, and animal advocacy organizations. It is also responsible for developing a term of reference, which must be approved by the committee and published on the City's website.

Timing of Rozol Applications

It is required that the city ensure that the product Rozol (chlorphacinone) bait is applied prior to the birth of Richardson's Ground Squirrels young of the year, to minimize impacts to nursing litters.

Early Engagement for Future Permits

Given the continued significant interest in this program, we ask that you engage with our department prior to submitting a permit application to ensure sufficient time for reviewing public and technical comments. To ensure adequate time for review, the city is required to apply for a new permit by November 30 of this year.

Appeal Period

Anyone affected by this decision may appeal, in writing, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change at minecc@manitoba.ca by April 13, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding your permit, please feel free to contact Donna Garcia, Pesticide and Agricultural Program Specialist at Donna.Garcia@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-7065.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Agnes Wittmann
Director
The Environment Act

c. Donna Garcia

THE PESTICIDE REGULATION
RÈGLEMENT SUR LES PESTICIDES
PESTICIDE USE PERMIT



Permit No.: 2026001-1
Issue Date: March 12, 2026

In accordance with the Pesticides Regulation 94/88 R, under The Environment Act, City of Winnipeg – Parks and Open Space Division, of 105-1155 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba is hereby permitted to use pesticides on municipal-owned athletic fields and high use pedestrian areas on public property, subject to the conditions listed below.

This pesticide use permit is subject to being cancelled or suspended under Section 9 of the Pesticides Regulation.

DEFINITIONS

“adjacent” means a property that shares a common boundary with, or directly touches, the property in question, including properties separated only by a public right-of-way, such as a road, alley, ditch, or easement;

“buffer zone” means the distance between the point of direct pesticide application and the nearest downwind boundary of a sensitive habitat (aquatic or terrestrial) or other specified setback distance, as specified by the product Pest Control Products Act (Canada) label;

“director” means an employee so appointed pursuant to The Environment Act;

“environment officer” means an employee so appointed pursuant to The Environment Act;

“integrated pest management” means:

- a) planning and managing ecosystems to prevent organisms from becoming pests;
- b) identifying pest problems and potential pest problems;
- c) monitoring populations of pests and beneficial organisms, damage caused by pests and environmental conditions;
- d) using injury thresholds and/or threat of pests to ecological values in making treatment decisions;
- e) suppressing pest populations to acceptable levels using strategies based on consideration of:
- f) biological, physical, cultural, mechanical, behavioral and chemical control in appropriate combinations;
- g) environmental and human health protection; and
- h) evaluating the effectiveness of pest management treatments.

“permittee” means the individual, organization or entity to whom a pesticide use permit has been issued, granting them legal authorization to apply pesticides in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations set out in the permit and relevant legislation;

“spray exclusion zones” means the minimum distance from the boundary of a property owned or occupied by a person who has formally requested exclusion from a pesticide use program, within which pesticide application is prohibited.

- 1) **Expiry:** This permit expires on December 31, 2026.
- 2) **Approved Pesticides:** The permittee must only use pesticides listed in Schedule A of this permit and these must have a valid registration or authorization under the Pest Control Products Act.

SCHEDULE A – LIST OF APPROVED PESTICIDES

Product	PCP#	Active Ingredients		
Rozol RTU Field Rodent Bait	29545	Chlorphacinone	---	---
RoCon Concentrate Rodenticide	27400	White Mustard Seed Powder (<i>Brassica Hirta</i>)	Sodium Alpha-olefin Sulfonate Sodium	---

- 3) **Permit Approved Pesticides Only:** The permittee must only use pesticides that have been reviewed and approved by Environment and Climate Change in accordance with this permit and any amendments.
- 4) **Application Areas:** The permittee must only apply pesticides in the application areas approved in Schedule B of this permit. Any changes to the application areas must be approved in writing by the Director and reflected in a public notice in accordance with Section 6 (c) of the Pesticides Regulation.

SCHEDULE B – LIST OF APPROVED APPLICATION AREAS

Treatment is restricted to the following athletic fields in the City of Winnipeg.

1.	Beryl Watts Park/ Vince Leah Community Centre
2.	Charleswood Place
3.	Fairgrove Bay Park
4.	Shaughnessy Park
5.	St. James Memorial Sports Park
6.	Theodore Niitshotay Fontaine Park
7.	Weston Memorial Community Centre
8.	Woodsworth Park
9.	Valour Community Centre – Clifton Site

- 5) **Treatment Times:** The permittee must conduct treatment activities on the dates specified in the annual public notice. For 2026, treatment activities may occur between March 2 and October 30, 2026, inclusive. Treatment windows for subsequent years will be outlined in future annual public notices.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 6) **Health Canada Registered Pesticides:** The permittee must only use pesticides that are registered under the federal Pest Control Products Act.
- 7) **Follow the Health Canada Label:** The permittee must adhere to the directions, restrictions and limitations specified on the Health Canada-approved product label. Where there is any discrepancy between the product label and this permit, the most restrictive requirements apply.
- 8) **Health Canada Buffer Zones:** The permittee must provide all applicable buffer zones as specified on the product label.
- 9) **Personal Protective Equipment:** The permittee must require all applicators to wear the appropriate protective equipment when handling, mixing, or applying pesticides as specified by the Pest Control Products Act (Canada) label.
- 10) **Ground Application Only:** The permittee must not apply pesticides by aircraft (fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft), drone or remotely piloted aircraft systems.
- 11) **Calibration:** The permittee must confirm that all equipment is properly calibrated prior to application to ensure proper droplet size to minimize drift.
- 12) **Prevent Tampering:** The permittee must confirm that all pesticide products and application equipment used are maintained in secure conditions that prevent tampering or the introduction of spray contaminants.
- 13) **Review and Provide Permit:** The permittee must provide a copy of this pesticide use permit to every applicator operating under the permit and review at the start of the season prior to the first application or treatment.
- 14) **Applicator Licence:** The permittee must require all applicators and contractors to have a valid commercial applicators licence issued by Manitoba Agriculture and provide copies of the licences upon request of an environment officer.
- 15) **Application Records:** The permittee must obtain written records of pesticide applications from applicators and provide records upon request of an environmental officer.
- 16) **Aquatic and Terrestrial Buffer Zones:** The permittee must apply all pesticides according to the Pest Control Products Act product label, including application of appropriate buffer zones where required.
- 17) **Amendment Requests:** The permittee must submit an updated application form to the department prior to making any changes to pesticide products.

- 18) Report all Incidents:** The permittee must report all suspected pesticide incidents to Environment and Climate Change by calling 204-944-4888 (toll-free 1-855-944-4888). The report must include the nature of the event, the time and estimated duration, and the reason for the event. A pesticide incident includes any adverse effects resulting from the use, handling, transportation, storage or distribution of pesticides.

ANNUAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

- 19) Provide Public Notice:** The permittee must annually submit a dated copy of their notification in PDF format to pesticideusepermit@gov.mb.ca at least 15 days before pesticide application. Notices must be published in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, *Winnipeg Sun* and *La Liberté* and as specified in Section 6 (c) of the Pesticides Regulation. The notice must be posted on the City's public webpage for the duration of application program.
- 20) Submit Annual Report:** The permittee must submit an annual post seasonal report in a form approved by the director by March 31 of the year following the date of pesticide application.
- 21) Annual Summary of IPM and Additional Reporting Requirements:** The permittee must maintain an annual summary of all integrated pest management (IPM) techniques applied in the pest management program and collect, document, and report additional monitoring information as part of the annual submission to the director. All records must be retained for a minimum of three years and must be made available for inspection and review upon request of an environment officer. The annual submission must include the following:
- a) Carcass and Non-Target Animal Findings**
 - i) Number of carcasses collected during each 24-hour post treatment inspection period
 - ii) Species (if identifiable)
 - iii) Location where each carcass was found (park location)
 - iv) Date and time of collection
 - v) Disposal method
 - b) Burrow Density and Activity Monitoring**
 - i) Estimated burrow density (active vs. inactive burrows) within each treatment area prior to rodenticide application
 - ii) A record of burrow systems treated, noting retreatment needs where bait consumption indicates persistent activity
 - c) Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Activity Reporting**
 - i) A summary of all IPM methods implemented during the treatment period,
 - ii) Observations of treatment effectiveness, including reductions in rodent activity, and
 - iii) Non-chemical control measures attempted prior to pesticide use
 - d) Submission Requirements**
 - i) These data must be included in the annual report due March 31 of the year following the pesticide application season
 - ii) Records must be retained for a minimum of three years, consistent with existing IPM documentation requirements

RESPECTING SPRAY EXCLUSION ZONES

- 23) Maintain List of Objectors:** The permittee must compile a list of residents who requested a spray exclusion zone(s).
- 24) Provide Spray Exclusion Zones:** The permittee must provide spray exclusion zones for residents who have provided their written objection to the use of pesticides next to their property, as follows:
- a) **General Spray Exclusion Zone:** The permittee must not apply chemical pesticides at or adjacent to the objector's property but does not include mosquito larvicides.

RESPECTING RODENT CONTROL PROGRAMS

- 25) Inspect for Carcasses:** The permittee must inspect the treatment sites for dead or dying rodents at a minimum of twice daily (e.g., once in the morning and once in the late afternoon) for the duration of the active treatment period.
- 26) Inspect for Surfaced Bait:** The permittee must inspect treatment sites at least twice daily (e.g., once in the morning and once in the late afternoon) throughout the active treatment period and ensure that any bait that has surfaced is immediately buried or removed from the site.
- 27) Collect Carcasses:** The permittee must collect immediately any carcass observed at any time, whether during scheduled inspections or incidentally.
- 28) Disposal Requirements:** The permittee must dispose of carcasses in accordance with the product label, which may include securing carcasses in a closed container and transporting them to a landfill or deep burial to prevent scavenger access.
- 29) Report Nests or Dens:** The permittee must, upon discovery or notification of an animal den or raptor nest in, or immediately adjacent to, the treatment area, notify the Environmental Approvals Branch without delay and immediately remove all rodenticide treatments.
- 30) Impacted Non-Targets:** The permittee must report to the Environmental Approvals Branch any observed or reported mortality or impacts to non-target animals associated with the treatment.

RESPECTING SIGNAGE

- 31) Restrictions in Public Spaces:** The permittee must not apply pesticides on sensitive areas, parks, or ball diamonds when occupied by the public. Sensitive areas include the exterior property of a school, hospital and child care centre; municipal playgrounds, picnic areas and dog parks; and provincial parks.
- 32) Public Warning Signs for Pesticide Applications:** The permittee must post public warning signs at any of the following treatment sites:
- a) Schools

- b) Hospitals
- c) Child Care Centres
- d) Municipal playgrounds, picnic areas, and dog parks
- e) Provincial Parks
- f) Ball Diamonds
- g) Parks
- h) Golf Courses Tee Off Boxes
- i) Rodenticide Treatment Sites
- j) Aquatic Application Sites
- k) Structural Pest Control (includes invertebrate pests such as ants, cockroaches, termites, bed bugs, wasps, flies, spiders, mites, ticks, millipedes)

33) Warning Signs: The permittee must have clear and visible warning signs at all primary and common entrances to the treatment area prior to application, during application and for a minimum 24 hours after application. For products or application methods designed to remain active for an extended period (e.g., season-long or multi-week residual applications), signage must remain posted for the full duration that the pesticide is present and active at the site.

Signs must be positioned so they are easily noticed by the public entering the area and must include the following information:

- a) Date and time treated
- b) Pesticide used
- c) Pest being controlled
- d) Applicator's telephone number
- e) Safe re-entry time (if applicable)
- f) A symbol encouraging caution

34) Pet Exposure Instructions on Signage: The permittee must include instructions on all public warning signs posted at rodenticide treatment sites clear and visible instructions on the actions to be taken if a pet is suspected to have contacted or ingested the pesticide. In addition to the standard signage requirements in this permit, each sign must include the following statement:

If your pet may have contacted or ingested this product:

- Seek immediate veterinary attention.
- For rodenticides containing anticoagulants (e.g., Rozol RTU) veterinarians may administer Vitamin K1 as the recommended treatment for poisoning.
- Bring the pesticide product name and PCP registration number to the veterinarian.
- In case of emergency, contact a veterinarian or emergency animal care provider immediately.

RESPECTING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 35) Environmental Advisory Committee:** The permittee shall establish an Environmental Advisory Committee. The Committee will advise the City on matters related to the control of Richardson's ground squirrels, operational considerations, environmental considerations, and available control measures. The Committee shall include representatives from the City of Winnipeg, citizen representatives, local experts and animal advocacy groups. The Committee must have a terms of reference approved by the Committee and posted on the City's website.

CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT

- 36) Revocation:** If, in the opinion of the director, the permittee has exceeded, is exceeding or has failed to meet any specifications, limits, terms, or conditions set out in this permit, the director may revoke this permit.
- 37) Director May Amend:** If, in the opinion of the director, any changes to the specifications, limits, terms or conditions of this permit are required for effective environmental protection and management, the director may amend the permit accordingly and thereafter the licensee shall comply with all specifications, limits, terms and conditions of the permit as amended.
- 38) Transfer Authorization:** This permit is not transferable without the written authorization of the director.

Original Signed By
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Director
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