

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To: **Crows Nest Hardware Ltd.**
“the Owner”

Grant Allan Tkachuk
“the Owner”

Kevin Allan Tkachuk
“the Owner”

RE: Those premises located in Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Alberta and municipally described as: **Allied Ace Hardware Blairmore, 12823 20 Avenue, Blairmore, AB.**

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. The location harbored a serious mouse infestation, which impacted an adjoining business. Live mice ran openly (minimum 5 times at least 3 different locations near the inspectors) during a short conversation in the basement stock area. Three dead mice were found in the upstairs retail and basement stock areas. Pest control measures used were not adequate. A large quantity of spilled pet food and bird seed was upstairs and downstairs, often with rodent feces, which sustained and attracted mice. The loading bay overhead door had a large gap underneath it which allowed pests to enter.
- b. Customers and staff were exposed to living and dead mice, and mouse feces. Rodent feces and urine were abundant in the upstairs pet food retail area and the basement stock area. A strong musty odor was noted upstairs and downstairs.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, Alberta Regulation 243/2003 exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. The location harbored a serious mouse infestation which impacted an adjoining business. Live mice ran openly (minimum 5 times at least 3 different locations near the inspectors) during a short conversation in the basement stock area. Three dead mice were found in the upstairs retail and basement stock areas. Pest control measures used were not adequate. A large quantity of spilled pet food and bird seed was upstairs and downstairs, often with rodent feces, which sustained and attracted mice. The loading bay overhead door had a large gap underneath it which allowed pests to enter. This is a contravention of

section 2(1) of the Public Health Act Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, 2003 which states that: No person shall create, commit, or maintain a nuisance.

- b. Customers and staff were exposed to living and dead mice, and mouse feces. Rodent feces and urine were abundant in the upstairs pet food retail area and the basement stock area. A strong musty odor was noted upstairs and downstairs. This is a contravention of section 2(1) of the Public Health Act Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, 2003 which states that: No person shall create, commit, or maintain a nuisance.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
 - a. A comprehensive written pest management plan is required to be submitted to this office for review. The plan shall include a comprehensive strategy for controlling pest infestations, ongoing monitoring, and pest identification response actions. The plan will also require, but is not limited to, detailed records of actions taken and certified pest control technician reports. The Owner is advised to consult a licensed pest control technician to support the development and implementation of the plan, which needs to encompass both the interior and exterior of the entire building.
 - b. Employ rodent extermination devices and treatments appropriate to the severity of infestation. They shall be applied in compliance with applicable pest control device legislation.
 - c. Ensure all rodent droppings, dead mice, and nesting materials inside the building are properly disposed of, and areas are safely cleaned and sanitized.
 - d. Ensure all potential rodent attractants, such as spilled animal feed and seed, are properly cleaned. Where applicable, rodent proof containers can be used to store feed materials. Disrupt rodent harborage locations such as pallets, debris, and retail stock as often as necessary to ensure proper pest activity monitoring.
 - e. Thoroughly investigate and seal rodent entry points such as the bay door.
 - f. Demonstrate to AHS that the rodent infestation has been adequately addressed and controlled.

2. The work referred to in paragraph 1 shall be completed by
 - a. A comprehensive written pest management plan is required to be submitted to this office for review by **February 24, 2025**.
 - b. Employ rodent extermination devices and treatments by **February 24, 2025**.
 - c. The rodent droppings, dead mice, and nesting materials must be removed and cleaned/sanitized by **February 24, 2025**.
 - d. The rodent attractants and feed, and harborage materials must be cleaned, organized and/or removed by **March 3, 2025**.
 - e. The rodent entry points must be sealed by **March 10, 2025**.
 - f. The rodent infestation must be controlled by **April 7, 2025**.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Alberta, Feb 6, 2025.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Kevin Allan Tkachuk on January 28, 2025, at 10:30 am.

Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

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 b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

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