

<p>8. KANATA NORTH MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM SPECIAL LEVY</p> <p>PROGRAMME DE LUTTE CONTRE LES MOUSTIQUES DE KANATA-NORD - PRÉLÈVEMENT SPÉCIAL</p>

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Receive the results of the community-wide vote on the proposed continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Control Program and related area-specific levy; and**
- 2. Approve the continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Nuisance Program special levy from 2020 through 2023 for the area identified in Document 1;**
 - a. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary by-laws for Council's enactment;**
 - b. Direct the Chief Financial Officer to administer the special levy for the amount identified in Document 2, from 2020 through 2023 for the area identified in Document 1; and**
 - c. Delegate the authority to the General Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Ward Councillor, to award, finalize, execute and manage the contract to GDG Environment.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil ce qui suit :

- 1. Prenne acte des résultats du vote tenu à Kanata-Nord sur la poursuite du Programme de lutte contre les moustiques nuisibles et le prélèvement spécial associé; et**

2. **Approuve la poursuite de l'imposition d'un prélèvement spécial pour le maintien du Programme de lutte contre les moustiques nuisibles de Kanata-Nord de 2020 à 2023 dans le secteur indiqué au document 1;**
 - a. **Demande à l'avocat général de préparer les règlements requis aux fins d'adoption par le Conseil;**
 - b. **Demande à la cheffe des finances d'assurer la gestion du prélèvement spécial pour le montant identifié au document 2, visant le secteur indiqué au document 1, de 2020 à 2023; et**
 - c. **Délègue au directeur général des Travaux publics et de l'Environnement la responsabilité d'octroyer, de conclure, de signer et de gérer le contrat à attribuer à GDG Environnement, en consultation avec l'avocat général et la conseillère de quartier.**

DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

1. Councillor J. Sudds report dated 24 January 2020 (ACS2020-OCC-GEN-0007).

Rapport de la conseillère J. Sudds, daté le 24 janvier 2020 (ACS2020-OCC-GEN-0007).

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Finance and Economic Development Committee, 4 February 2020

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des finances et du développement économique, le 4 février 2020

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Finance and Economic Development Committee
Comité des finances et du développement économique
4 February 2020 / 4 février 2020**

**and Council
et au Conseil
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**Ward: KANATA NORTH (4) / KANATA
NORD (4)**

File Number: ACS2020-OCC-GEN-0007

SUBJECT: Kanata North Mosquito Control Program Special Levy

**OBJET: Programme de lutte contre les moustiques de Kanata-Nord -
prélèvement spécial**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Receive the results of the community-wide vote on the proposed continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Control Program and related area-specific levy; and**

- 2. Approve the continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Nuisance Program special levy from 2020 through 2023 for the area identified in Document 1;**
 - a. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary by-laws for Council's enactment;**
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 - c. Delegate the authority to the General Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Ward Councillor, to award, finalize, execute and manage the contract to GDG Environment.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des finances et du développement économique recommande au Conseil ce qui suit :

- 1. Prendre acte des résultats du vote tenu à Kanata-Nord sur la poursuite du Programme de lutte contre les moustiques nuisibles et le prélèvement spécial associé; et**
- 2. Approuver la poursuite de l'imposition d'un prélèvement spécial pour le maintien du Programme de lutte contre les moustiques nuisibles de Kanata-Nord de 2020 à 2023 dans le secteur indiqué au document 1;**
 - a. Demander à l'avocat général de préparer les règlements requis aux fins d'adoption par le Conseil;**
 - b. Demander à la cheffe des finances d'assurer la gestion du prélèvement spécial pour le montant identifié au document 2, visant le secteur indiqué au document 1, de 2020 à 2023; et**
 - c. Déléguer au directeur général des Travaux publics et de l'Environnement la responsabilité d'octroyer, de conclure, de signer et de gérer le contrat à attribuer à GDG Environnement, en consultation avec l'avocat général et la conseillère de quartier.**

BACKGROUND

Under Section 326 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, City Council may pass a by-law to establish a special levy for a designated area that receives a benefit or special service.

On February 10, 2016, City Council approved a Councillor's Report (ACS2016-CMR-FED-0001) submitted by Councillor Marianne Wilkinson. This report recommended a levy for special services for a four-year Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Program and a three year research program, commencing in 2016, in accordance with Section 326 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, subject to a majority vote from those who will be charged for these programs and who submit ballots.

At its meeting of February 24, 2016, City Council received a Memorandum from Councillor Marianne Wilkinson, entitled "Addendum to the "Nuisance Mosquito Control Program and Mosquito Research Program" (ACS2016-CMR-FED-0001) Report," which indicated that a majority of responding residents supported the levy. At the same meeting, Council approved Motion No. 27/5 to enact the levy for special services for a four-year period, approve the three-year research program, and delegate authority to staff to award a contract to a service provider.

On October 9, 2019, City Council approved a Councillor's Report submitted by Councillor Jenna Sudds (ACS2019-OCC-GEN-0008) that initiated a community-wide vote to determine whether there was support for the continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Control Program and related area-specific levy. The proposed continuation would take place from 2020 until 2023.

As was previously communicated on both Ottawa.ca and Kanata North.ca and at several public meetings, in October 2019 the City evaluated results from an open and transparent procurement process and GDG Environment was selected to administer the program for the cost outlined in Document 2, should Council authorize its continuation. The continuation of the program would be funded by an area-specific levy on the tax bill of benefitting property owners within the area outlined in Document 1, consistent with the approach taken over the four-year trial period.

If Council approves the special levy in Ward 4 (Kanata North), staff estimates that the costs of the program will result in a levy of approximately \$16.85 per year for the average residential property.

DISCUSSION

Voting Information and Process

On December 30, 2019, the Office of the City Clerk mailed ballots and information packages to 13,150 residential property owners in the catchment area denoted in Document 1. The information package included background on the matter, information on how to vote, a ballot and a prepaid return envelope.

The ballot question was: Do you support a levy to continue the Kanata North Mosquito Control Program?

The voting period was from January 2, 2020 until January 22, 2020 at 4 p.m. Property owners had two options to cast their vote:

1. Online at ottawa.ca using a unique ballot identification number that was included on the ballot; or
2. Mailing a completed ballot to the City of Ottawa, 110 Laurier Ave. W, using the prepaid envelope included in the package.

Only (1) ballot, either online or by mail, per household was permitted.

Community Vote Results

By 4 p.m. on January 22, 2020, the Office of the City Clerk received 4808 ballots – 1,778 paper ballots and 3,030 online votes, with a participation rate of 37 percent through mail-in ballots and 63 percent through online voting. Providing an added online option proved to be an effective way to ensure residents had an opportunity to engage on this matter.

Community Vote Results	
'YES' to the Levy	3,764
'NO' to the Levy	984
Blank Ballots	8

Spoiled Ballots	52
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The results were previously published to Ottawa.ca on the evening of January 22, 2020.

Based on the public support demonstrated in the community-wide vote, this report recommends that Council approve the continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Control Program and related special levy.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONSULTATION

The 90-day public consultation period began on October 10, 2019 with launch of an online consultation platform.

Additionally, Councillor Sudds held two public meetings on this matter. The first was held at the Mlacak Centre on November 12, 2019. The second was held at the Richcraft Recreation Centre on November 19, 2019.

The 90-day public consultation period concluded with a three-week voting period, overseen by the Office of the City Clerk.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

I am happy to see a substantial increase in participation and technology tools being leveraged by the City to connect with residents directly.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to adopting the recommendations outlined in this report. Council holds the authority to impose a levy for special services pursuant to Section 326 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

In the event Council approves the recommendations in the report, the service provider who receives the contractor will have to comply with the *Pesticides Act* and apply for the appropriate permits from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If a special levy for the continuation of the Mosquito Nuisance Program in Ward 4 (Kanata North) is approved by Council, all annual costs for the program will continue to be covered by an annual special levy raised from all of the assessed properties in the defined area. The annual levy for the average residential property is estimated to be \$16.85 per year.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

The levy voting process was conducted with regard for the needs of residents with disabilities and in accordance with the standards and principles set out in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Information on the levy and voting process was posted publicly on the Ward Councillor's website, ottawa.ca and the City's social media accounts.

The voter information package and ballot were design in accordance with CNIB's *Clear Print Accessibility Guidelines*.

Voters had the option to submit their ballot by mail or through an online engagement tool (Engage Ottawa). Engage Ottawa is compliant with the web accessibility standards set out in the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation under the AODA.

Communication supports were actively offered and provided throughout the levy voting process and for the ballot itself, upon request. This included support by the Office of the City Clerk, both by telephone and by email.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Councillor's Report approved by Council on October 9, 2019 (ACS2019-OCC-GEN-0008) outlined various environmental conditions in Ward 4 (Kanata North). The report

also states that researchers from the University of Ottawa found no measurable impact on the environmental indicators they set out to measure.

Should Council approve continuation of the program, the service provider would have to continue to comply with the *Pesticides Act* and apply for the appropriate permits from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and the research performed by the University of Ottawa will continue as described in the RFP.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (*Held on file with the City Clerk*)

Document 1 – Special Levy Catchment Area

Document 2 - Kanata North Mosquito Nuisance Control Program Costs

DISPOSITION

Staff to prepare the necessary by-laws for Council's enactment.