

Subject: Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Control Program (Councillor Curry)

File Number: ACS2024-OCC-GEN-0002

**Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee on 5 March 2024
and Council 6 March 2024**

Submitted on February 22, 2024 by Councillor Cathy Curry, Kanata North, Ward 4

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Ward: Kanata North (4)

**Objet : Programme de lutte contre les moustiques nuisibles (Conseillère
Curry)**

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Rapport présenté au Comité des finances et des services organisationnels

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et au Conseil le 6 mars 2024

**Soumis le le 22 février 2024 par la Conseillère Cathy Curry, Kanata Nord, Quartier
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS)

That the Finance and Corporate Services Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Receive the results of the community-wide vote on the proposed continuation of the Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Control Program and related area-specific levy; and**
- 2. Approve the continuation of the Kanata North Mosquito Nuisance Program special levy from 2024 through 2027 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 annual amounts identified in Document 2, from 2024 through 2027 for the area identified in Document 1; and**
 - c. Delegate the authority to the General Manager of Public Works, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Ward Councillor, to award, finalize, execute and manage the contract to GDG Environment.**
- 3. That the Finance and Corporate Services Committee direct that the report be submitted to Council for consideration at its meeting of March 6, 2024.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des finances et des services organisationnels recommande au Conseil :

- 1. De 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. D'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 2024 à 2027 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 les montants annuels identifiés au document 2, visant le secteur indiqué au document 1, de 2024 à 2027; et**
 - c. Délègue au directeur général des Travaux publics 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.**
- 3. Que le Comité des finances et des services organisationnels demande que le rapport soit examiné par le Conseil lors de sa réunion prévue le 6 mars**

2024.

BACKGROUND

The City of Ottawa has at its disposal two known mechanisms for community-based funding of special projects known as Special Area Levies: first, pursuant to [Subsection 326\(1\) of the Municipal Act, 2001](#), and second, Local Improvement Charges pursuant to [Ontario Regulation 586/06, “Local Improvement Charges – Priority Lien Status.”](#)

On February 24, 2016 Council considered report [ACS2016-CMR-FED-0001](#) and approved a levy for special services in order to establish the Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Control Program. The program commenced in 2016 and concluded in 2019.

On October 9, 2019 Council approved report [ACS2019-OCC-GEN-0008](#) recommending that a community-wide vote in Kanata North be conducted in order to determine support for the continuation of the Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Control Program and its area-specific levy. On February 12, 2020 Council approved report [ACS2020-OCC-GEN-0007](#), receiving the results of the community-wide vote and approving the subsequent area-specific levy required to fund the program. The program commenced in 2020 and concluded in 2023.

On December 6, 2023 Council approved report [ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0163](#) allowing for a community-wide vote to be conducted in order to help determine support for the continuation of the Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Control Program and its area-specific levy.

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 \$20.26 per year for the average residential property, based on the 2024 costs.

This report presents the results of the community-wide vote and consultation, recommends the Program’s continuation, and directs Staff to finalize a contract with the preferred proponent, GDG Environment.

DISCUSSION

In early January 2024, Public Works mailed ballots to 13,999 residential property owners within the catchment area over which the area-specific levy would be applied. Voting was conducted online on the City of Ottawa’s Engage Ottawa [page](#).

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

The voting period commenced on January 16, 2024 and closed on February 6, 2024 at 4 p.m. EST. The voting was administered and overseen by Public Works.

Accommodations were also made for those wishing to submit a ballot via phone.

Community Vote Results	
'YES' to the Levy	3,320
'NO' to the Levy	721
Spoiled Ballots	13

The results were published to the [Engage Ottawa page](#) on February 14, 2024.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS

Public Works staff will be available at the meeting to respond to questions if required.

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 \$20.26 per year.

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*.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The report and its recommendations are the Councillor's.

CONSULTATION

Previous Councils have adopted a [Consultation Process](#) with which Councillor Initiatives – including area specific levies – should comply. Such policies last only the duration of

the Term of Council in which it was approved and is therefore not currently enforce. The consultation process carried out here has been consistent with past practice.

The consultation period began on December 15, 2023 with notice provided in the Councillor's newsletter. Community Associations were notified directly.

The Councillor's Office held two public consultations and three open houses. The first public consultation was virtual, [recorded](#), and held on January 11, 2024. The preferred proponent, GDG Environment, was present, along with City staff from Revenue Services and the Councillor's Office. Approximately 30 individuals attended the meeting.

The second public consultation was in person and held on January 15, 2024 at the Richcraft Recreation Complex. The preferred proponent, GDG Environment, was present, along with staff from the Councillor's Office. Approximately 25 individuals were in attendance.

The Councillor's Office also hosted three open houses at the John G. Mlacak Community Centre on January 19, January 25, January 31 over which a total of 20 individuals attended. Along with the vote, these engagement sessions revealed widespread support for a nuisance mosquito control program.

Concerns were expressed as well with the principal being the establishment of a performance review mechanism accessible to residents.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report does not impact the Term of Council priorities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Catchment Area Map

Document 2 – Costs

DISPOSITION

With Council's approval of this report staff will implement the recommendations of this report.

**Note: A Minor correction was made to this report further to the City Clerk's Delegated Authority, as set out in Schedule C, Section 8 of Delegation of Authority By-Law 2023-67. the report was corrected with respect to wording for the Department comment section.*