

8. TWO YEAR PROGRAM TO OFFSET COSTS FOR PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS WHICH REQUIRE INSPECTION DUE TO SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLANS

PROGRAMME DE DEUX ANS POUR COMPENSER LES COÛTS LIÉS AUX SYSTÈMES SEPTIQUES PRIVÉS DEVANT ÊTRE INSPECTÉS DANS LE CADRE DE PLANS DE PROTECTION DES SOURCES D'EAU

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Direct staff to work with the Ottawa Septic System Office to develop a two year program to offset costs for private septic systems which require inspection as a result of the Source Water Protection Plans; and**
- 2. Approve that a budget be established for this program not to exceed \$50,000 per year and operate within the existing budget envelope for the Rural Affairs Office; and,**
- 3. Approve that any further extension of the program beyond the initial two years require subsequent Council approval.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU COMITÉ

Que le conseil :

- 1. Charge le personnel de collaborer avec le Bureau des systèmes septiques d'Ottawa en vue d'élaborer un programme sur deux ans de compensation des coûts liés aux systèmes septiques privés devant être inspectés dans le cadre de plans de protection des sources d'eau;**

- 2. Approuve l'établissement d'un budget pour la mise en œuvre de ce programme, n'excédant pas 50 000 \$ par année et puisé dans l'enveloppe actuellement destinée au Bureau des affaires rurales;**
- 3. Approuve que soit exigée l'approbation du Conseil pour toute prolongation du programme au-delà des deux premières années.**

DOCUMENTATION / DOCUMENTATION

1. John L. Moser, Acting Deputy City Manager report dated 19 June 2015 / Rapport du Directeur municipale adjoint par intérim daté du 19 juin 2015 (ACS2015-PAI-PGM-0115).
2. Extract of Draft Minutes, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, 2 July 2015. / Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 2 juillet 2015.

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**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales
2 July 2015 / 2 juillet 2015**

**and Council / et au Conseil
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**SUBJECT: TWO YEAR PROGRAM TO OFFSET COSTS FOR PRIVATE SEPTIC
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**OBJET: PROGRAMME DE DEUX ANS POUR COMPENSER LES COÛTS LIÉS
AUX SYSTÈMES SEPTIQUES PRIVÉS DEVANT ÊTRE INSPECTÉS
DANS LE CADRE DE PLANS DE PROTECTION DES SOURCES
D'EAU**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Direct staff to work with the Ottawa Septic System Office to develop a two year program to offset costs for private septic systems which require inspection as a result of the Source Water Protection Plans; and**
- 2. Approve that a budget be established for this program not to exceed \$50,000 per year and operate within the existing budget envelope for the Rural Affairs Office; and,**
- 3. Approve that any further extension of the program beyond the initial two years require subsequent Council approval.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales recommande au conseil :

- 1. De charger le personnel de collaborer avec le Bureau des systèmes septiques d'Ottawa en vue d'élaborer un programme sur deux ans de compensation des coûts liés aux systèmes septiques privés devant être inspectés dans le cadre de plans de protection des sources d'eau;**
- 2. D'approuver l'établissement d'un budget pour la mise en œuvre de ce programme, n'excédant pas 50 000 \$ par année et puisé dans l'enveloppe actuellement destinée au Bureau des affaires rurales;**
- 3. D'approuver que soit exigée l'approbation du Conseil pour toute prolongation du programme au-delà des deux premières années.**

BACKGROUND

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, at its meeting of 5 June 2015, received the following Notice of Motion to be considered at a subsequent meeting:

“Whereas there is a requirement through the Raisin South Nation Source Water Protection Plan to complete septic inspections on private septic systems within Wellhead protection areas; and,

Whereas the Ottawa Septic System Office is equipped to conduct these inspections and will be completing them in other municipalities; and

Whereas costs for these inspections within other municipalities are being offset by provincial grants which larger municipalities such as Ottawa are not eligible for,

Therefore be it resolved that Staff be directed to work with the Ottawa Septic System Office to develop a two year program to offset costs for private septic systems which require inspection as a result of the Source Water Protection Plans; and,

Therefore be it further resolved that a budget for this program, not to exceed \$50k per year be established within the existing budget envelope for the Rural Affairs Office; and,

Therefore be it further resolved that any further extension of the program beyond the initial two years require subsequent Council approval.”

DISCUSSION

Planning and Growth Management

Through an agreement with Planning and Growth Management, the Ottawa Septic System Office (OSSO) is the septic system regulator for the City of Ottawa, enforcing any rules and regulations defined by provincial law as stipulated in the Ontario Building Code. Given this ongoing arrangement and the organization's expertise, inspection of private septic systems as required by the Source Water Protection Plans is best accomplished through the OSSO. The Rural Affairs Office has an existing budget for OSSO to provide this service.

The proposed funding would be provided for septic inspections by the OSSO only, not the cost of any repairs or upgrades to any private septic systems that may be required as a result of the inspections.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has implications for some residents

CONSULTATION

Councillor G. Darouze introduced this as a Notice of Motion at the 5 June 2015 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Councillor G. Darouze introduced this as a Notice of Motion at the 5 June 2015 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and is in favour of the recommendation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to adopting the recommendations outlined in this report. Conservation authorities are authorized to administer the provisions of the Ontario Building Code relating to septic systems pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Building Code Act. Municipalities have the broad authority to regulate septic systems and other matters relating to services public health pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No risk management implications have been identified for this report, as it is for information only.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funds required to develop the program are available within Rural Affairs Office operating budget.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

This report is administrative in nature and has no associated accessibility impacts.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

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DISPOSITION

Staff will take appropriate action based on the recommendations made by the Committee.