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**2. MOTION - INVASIVE SPECIES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

**MOTION – PROGRAMME DE BÉNÉVOLAT POUR LA LUTTE CONTRE LES  
ESPÈCES ENHAUVISSANTES**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approve:

1. That as part of the 2023 budget process, Public Works consider the requirement for one full-time equivalent (FTE) position for the management of an invasive species stewardship program, and;
2. That, subject to approval of the necessary staffing, Public Works coordinate development of the invasive species volunteer program with Legal Services, Ottawa Public Health and Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development to ensure all necessary legal, health and safety and natural environment considerations are included in the program.

**RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ**

Que le Conseil municipal approuve ce qui suit :

1. Que dans le cadre du processus budgétaire de 2023, la Direction des travaux publics étudie la nécessité de créer un poste équivalent temps plein (ETP) pour l'administration du programme de gérance des espèces envahissantes;
2. Que la Direction générale des travaux publics, sous réserve de l'approbation de la dotation en personnel nécessaire, coordonne la création du programme de bénévolat pour la lutte contre les

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**espèces envahissantes avec les Services juridiques, Santé publique Ottawa et la Direction générale de la planification, de l'immobilier et du développement économique pour s'assurer que toutes les considérations relatives au droit, à la santé, à la sécurité et à l'environnement soient prises en compte.**

#### DOCUMENTATION / DOCUMENTATION

1. Committee Coordinator's Report, Office of the City Clerk, dated 6 April 2022 (ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0003).

Rapport Coordonnateur de comité, Bureau du greffier municipal, daté le 6 avril 2022 (ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0003).

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management, 19 April 2022.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité permanent de la protection de l'environnement, de l'eau et de la gestion des déchets, le 19 avril 2022.

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**Subject: Motion - Invasive Species Volunteer Program**

**File Number: ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0003**

**Report to Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste  
Management on 19 April 2022**

**and Council  
27 April 2022**

**Submitted on 6 April 2022 by Christopher Zwierzchowski, Committee  
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**Ward: City Wide**

**Objet : Motion – Programme de bénévolat pour la lutte contre les espèces  
enhavissantes**

**Numéro du dossier : ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0003**

**Rapport au Comité permanent de la protection de l'environnement, de l'eau et de  
la gestion des déchets le 19 avril 2022**

**et au Conseil municipal  
le 27 avril 2022**

**Soumis le 6 avril 2022 par Christopher Zwierzchowski, coordonnateur des  
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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

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## **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council approve:**

- 1. That as part of the 2023 budget process, Public Works consider the requirement for one full-time equivalent (FTE) position for the management of an invasive species stewardship program, and;**
- 2. That, subject to approval of the necessary staffing, Public Works coordinate development of the invasive species volunteer program with Legal Services, Ottawa Public Health and Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development to ensure all necessary legal, health and safety and natural environment considerations are included in the program.**

## **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité permanent de la protection de l'environnement, de l'eau et de la gestion des déchets recommande au Conseil d'approuver ce qui suit :**

- 1. Que dans le cadre du processus budgétaire de 2023, la Direction des travaux publics étudie la nécessité de créer un poste équivalent temps plein (ETP) pour l'administration du programme de gérance des espèces envahissantes;**
- 2. Que la Direction générale des travaux publics, sous réserve de l'approbation de la dotation en personnel nécessaire, coordonne la création du programme de bénévolat pour la lutte contre les espèces envahissantes avec les Services juridiques, Santé publique Ottawa et la Direction générale de la planification, de l'immobilier et du développement économique pour s'assurer que toutes les considérations relatives au droit, à la santé, à la sécurité et à l'environnement soient prises en compte.**

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## **BACKGROUND**

At the 22 March 2022 meeting of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management (SCEPWWM), Councillor Cloutier introduced the following Motion for the Committee's consideration at its next regular meeting:

### **MOTION N<sup>o</sup> SCEPWWM 2022 22-01**

Moved by Councillor J. Cloutier:

**WHEREAS a variety of invasive species are currently present in Ottawa, and due to their aggressive nature, can reduce the usability of outdoor spaces and impact components of Ottawa's ecosystem;**

**WHEREAS invasive species management represents a financial cost to municipalities, in addition to the ecological and recreational impact;**

**WHEREAS the Public Works Department manages invasive species programs for the Wild Parsnip plant and the Emerald Ash Borer beetle to help limit their spread, and those programs are currently managed within existing staff resources;**

**WHEREAS there are additional invasive species present in Ottawa, and community volunteers, if provided the training and tools needed to properly manage invasive species, can play a role in managing invasive species in their communities;**

**WHEREAS community volunteers can identify invasive species more quickly in their own communities, and early detection and monitoring of invasive species growth supports better long-term control;**

**WHEREAS a volunteer-based program to address invasive species locally would require Public Works to develop and implement a comprehensive stewardship program including training and best practices for the removal, disposal and site restoration for the wide variety of invasive species in Ottawa, development and**

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implementation of a process for approvals and monitoring, and require an FTE to manage the overall program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that as part of the 2023 budget process, Public Works consider the requirement for one full-time equivalent (FTE) position for the management of an invasive species stewardship program;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, subject to approval of the necessary staffing, Public Works coordinate development of the invasive species volunteer program with Legal Services, Ottawa Public Health and Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development to ensure all necessary legal, health and safety and natural environment considerations are included in the program.

## **DISCUSSION**

The above was introduced as a Notice of Motion by Councillor Cloutier at the SCEPWWM meeting of Tuesday, 22 March 2022, for consideration at the Committee's next meeting. The Motion will now be before Committee for consideration at its meeting of Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Rural Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

## **CONSULTATION**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022; no public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

## **Staff Comment (Public Works Department)**

The Public Works Department is supportive of this motion and welcomes the opportunity to more formally support community associations and residents with

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invasive species management. In order to create the invasive species volunteer program as outlined recommendation 2, staff would require the full-time equivalent (FTE) position detailed in recommendation 1.

### **Councillor's Comments (J. Cloutier)**

Councillor Cloutier is aware of this report and will be prepared to speak to it at the Committee meeting.

### **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This report is city-wide in nature.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022; no Advisory Committee consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to Committee and Council's approval of the recommendations of this report.

### **INDIGENOUS, GENDER AND EQUITY IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Indigenous, Gender and Equity Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Risk Management Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

### **ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

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This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Asset Management Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Parks and Forestry Services of the Public Works Department will include a 2023 budget pressure of \$125,000 for 1 permanent FTE as part of its 2023 draft operating budget.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Accessibility Impacts have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Environmental Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

### **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 19 April 2022. No specific Term of Council Strategic Priorities have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

### **DISPOSITION**

Staff will take direction from Council as appropriate.

\* Note: With the concurrence of Councillor Cloutier, a minor amendment was made to the wording of the Motion and report recommendations pursuant to the City Clerk's Delegated Authority as set out in Schedule C, Subsection 7 of *Delegation of Authority By-Law* (being By-Law No. 2022-29).