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Kate Barchard, Manager of Administration Services/ Corporate Officer
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VIA EMAIL: kbarchard@pittmeadows.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Barchard:

**Consent to Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service
Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021 – Amends Bylaw 1164, 2012**

At its April 30, 2021 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of Metro Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver) gave three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021*; directed staff to seek consent of at least 2/3 of the participants to amend the service by adding the City of Richmond, and following that, forward the Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

Section 346 of the *Local Government Act* applies to municipal participating area approval and therefore a council may give participating area approval by consenting on behalf of the electors to the adoption of the Bylaw.

I respectfully ask that this matter be included on Council agenda. A sample resolution is set out below for your convenience:

“The Council of City of Pitt Meadows consents to the approval of the adoption of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021* on behalf of the electors; and directs staff to notify the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board of its consent.”

Please provide a response in the form of a Council resolution to my attention by Thursday, June 3, 2021.

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If you have any questions with respect to the proposed bylaw amendment, please contact me by email at Chris.Plagnol@metrovanancouver.org or by phone at 604-432-6338.

Sincerely,



Chris Plagnol
Corporate Officer

CP/sn

cc: Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment
Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment

Encl: 1. Report dated March 11, 2021, titled "Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021 – Amends Bylaw 1164, 2012" (*Doc# 44200400*)
2. Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021 (*Doc# 44208333*)

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor & Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: March 11, 2021 Meeting Date: April 7, 2021

Subject: **Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021 – Amends Bylaw 1164, 2012**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021*;
- b) direct staff to seek consent of at least 2/3 of the participating member municipalities to amend the service by adding the City of Richmond to the Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program, and following that, forward the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021* to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MVRD provides the service of preventing and abating the nuisance caused by mosquitoes to participating member jurisdictions. The MVRD Mosquito Control Service Bylaw provides the authority to do so. Since 2012, when the bylaw was last amended, the Metro Vancouver Mosquito Control Program has served five member municipalities: City of Coquitlam, City of Maple Ridge, City of Pitt Meadows, Township of Langley and the City of Surrey.

On March 8, 2021, the City of Richmond terminated its service agreement with Vancouver Coastal Health for a number of services, including mosquito control (Attachment 2). As a result, the City of Richmond is without a service provider and has requested that Metro Vancouver provide mosquito control services under the terms of the Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program. A bylaw amendment is required to add the City of Richmond as a “Participating Area” under the bylaw.

Staff will fulfill all legal obligations required to amend this service including seeking consent of at least 2/3 of the participating member municipalities to amend the service and seeking the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities before presenting to the Board for consideration of final adoption and entering into a service agreement with the City of Richmond as a new Participating Area.

PURPOSE

To consider an amendment to the MVRD Mosquito Control Bylaw to add the City of Richmond as a Participating Area in the Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program.

BACKGROUND

In 2005, the GVRD established the service of mosquito control administration and coordination by an establishment bylaw. Since that time, Metro Vancouver has overseen the administration of contracted mosquito control services for those member municipalities wishing to be part of the

program. Since the bylaw was last amended in 2012, the program has served five member municipalities: City of Coquitlam, City of Maple Ridge, City of Pitt Meadows, Township of Langley and the City of Surrey as the Participating Areas.

The current contract for mosquito control services is with Morrow BioScience Ltd and contract administration is undertaken by Regional Parks staff. The services provided by the contractor are summarized on the information sheet, Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program (Attachment 3).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Participating Areas

The City of Richmond is without a mosquito control contractor and has expressed interest in becoming a Participating Area as part of the Metro Vancouver Nuisance Control Program. Under the terms of participation, the City of Richmond would receive the services of Metro Vancouver's contracted service provider to:

- monitor river levels, temperature, rainfall and snow pack levels
- monitor numbers of larval mosquitoes in water bodies
- apply natural occurring bacterial larvicide to water bodies
- monitor numbers of adult mosquitoes to gauge effectiveness of treatment
- provide public education and perform community outreach

Metro Vancouver's contractor has capacity to add the City of Richmond to the program without causing any reduction of service to the five existing Participating Areas. All costs of the program are borne by the Participating Areas.

As this is an amendment of an establishing bylaw, there are consent provisions to consider under the *Local Government Act*, including seeking the consent of at least 2/3 of participating member municipalities to amend the service and seeking the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.

The Amending Bylaw is before the Board for first, second and third reading. Once third reading is given, the Amending Bylaw will be circulated to participating members to obtain their consent to the adoption of the Bylaw to include Richmond as a prospective participating area to the service. At least two-thirds consent of participants is required before the Amending Bylaw can be considered for adoption by the Board. Once consent is obtained, the Amending Bylaw will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. If approved by the Inspector, the Amending Bylaw will be presented to the Board for consideration of final adoption. With the Board's final approval, Metro Vancouver will be able to enter into a service agreement with the City of Richmond as a new Participating Area.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) That the MVRD Board:
 - a) give first, second and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021*;
 - b) direct staff to seek consent of at least 2/3 of the participating member municipalities to amend the service by adding the City of Richmond to the Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program, and following that, forward the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021* to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.
- 2) That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 11, 2021, titled “Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021 – Amends Bylaw 1164, 2012” and provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to Metro Vancouver. The Participating Areas must pay the entire cost incurred by the District to provide the mosquito control services in each year that the services are provided. Such costs will be apportioned by the District among the Participating Areas, according to the usage of the mosquito control services by each Participating Area.

CONCLUSION

With the recommended bylaw amendment, the City of Richmond will join the Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program as a Participating Area. Metro Vancouver would enter into an agreement for service with the City of Richmond that mirrors the agreements in place for the five member municipalities. Once this service agreement is in place, the City of Richmond will commence to receive the services of Metro Vancouver’s contractor as outlined in the report.

Attachments (44529678)

1. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021 – Amends Bylaw 1164, 2012*
2. City of Richmond Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated March 8, 2021
3. Metro Vancouver Nuisance Mosquito Control Program

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**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1320, 2021
A Bylaw to Amend Greater Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service
Bylaw No. 1164, 2012**

WHEREAS:

- A. Metro Vancouver Regional District's Board of Directors (the "Board") adopted the "Greater Vancouver Regional Mosquito Control Service Bylaw No. 1164, 2012" on March 30, 2012 (the "Mosquito Control Service Bylaw");
- B. The City of Richmond has advised that it wishes to participate in Metro Vancouver Regional District's service for preventing and abating the nuisance caused by mosquitoes; and
- C. The Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to amend GVRD Mosquito Control Service Bylaw No. 1164, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1. The official citation of this bylaw is "Metro Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021". This bylaw may be cited as "Mosquito Control Service Amending Bylaw No. 1320, 2021".

Amendment of Bylaw

- 2. The Mosquito Control Service Bylaw is amended as follows:
 - a) Section 3 is amended by inserting ", City of Richmond" after "City of Surrey".

Read a first time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Read a second time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Read a third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Passed and finally adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer