

Report to Council



Date: October 24, 2016
File: 0610-50
To: City Manager
From: City Clerk
Subject: Regional District of Central Okanagan Starling Control Program Service Area Establishment Bylaw
Report Prepared by: S. Horning, FOI-Legislative Coordinator

Recommendation:

THAT the City of Kelowna hereby consents to the Regional District adopting Regional District of Central Okanagan Starling Control Program Grant Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1393.

Purpose:

To seek Council's consent for the Regional District to continue the Starling Control Program in the Central Okanagan.

Background:

In 2010 and 2013, the Regional Board approved support for the starling control program managed by the BC Grapegrowers' Association, and each time adopted an establishment bylaw for a 3-year period. Support for the program was contingent upon both the North Okanagan and Okanagan Similkameen Regional Districts providing a minimum of \$25,000 in funding. Both regional districts approved support for the service and adopted establishment bylaws with no end date. Regional District staff is recommending that the Central Okanagan adopt an establishment bylaw with no end date as well.

The participating partners in the Central Okanagan's bylaw are the City of Kelowna, District of Peachland and District of Lake Country. Central Okanagan West and Central Okanagan East Electoral Areas provide their support through their electoral area grant in aid fund. In addition, over the past six (6) years, the City of West Kelowna has provided their apportionment of funding directly to the BC Grapegrowers' Association. Consent for the new bylaw is being sought by the Regional District from all municipalities and electoral areas.

The new establishment bylaw provides the option for participating partners to withdraw from the service by providing at least a 16-month notice in writing prior to September 1st in any given year. This would allow the Regional Board time to consider the merits of continuing the service, and should that not occur, the Regional Board could provide sufficient notice to the BC Grapegrowers' Association and the other regional districts that the funding would be ending the following year.

The Regional Board gave the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Starling Control Program Grant Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1393, first and second readings at its regular board meeting on October 13, 2016. A copy of the Regional District's Bylaw No. 1393 is attached hereto. Once municipal consent is received, the Bylaw will go back to the Regional Board for third reading and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

Internal Circulation:

Financial Planning Manager

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Act, Section 338.

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Establishment bylaw must be adopted prior to the end of December.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The maximum financial contribution to the BC Grapegrowers' Association is \$25,000. Administrative overhead at the lowest level is added in accordance with the RDCO policy. In 2016, the rate was 4.9%. The Bylaw is written as 'the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service shall not exceed \$30,000'.

The apportionment of funding, including overhead, in the 2016 budget is as follows:

- City of Kelowna - \$17,855
 - District of Lake Country - \$1,922
 - District of Peachland - \$837
 - Central Okanagan West Electoral Area - \$612
 - Central Okanagan East Electoral Area - \$543
- = \$21,769

(Cost sharing is on the basis of assessed values by area.)

City of West Kelowna's contribution was \$4,284	+	<u>4,284</u>
Total:		<u>\$26,053</u>

The Starling Control program has been in place for several years and there are no budgetary concerns from the City of Kelowna's perspective.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Existing Policy:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

Stephen Fleming, City Clerk

Attachment:

Regional District of Central Okanagan Bylaw No. 1393