



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: April 20, 2021

From: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager

Subject: **2021 Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to the “City of West Kelowna Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0285, 2021”.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Economic and financial well-being of the City of West Kelowna

BACKGROUND

The Sterile Insect Release (SIR) Program was launched in 1992 with an initial goal of eradicating the codling moth in the program area. While the goal of eradication has been modified to the “control of the codling moth populations to manageable levels”, the program continues to receive the support of four of the five original regional districts both politically and financially.

The SIR program is funded through two means:

- 1) An annual tax levy on the assessed value of land; and,
- 2) A parcel tax levy on all parcels of land that are in apple and/or pear production.

Bylaw No. 0285 will set the parcel tax to be levied per acre of apple and/or pear trees within the City of West Kelowna.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The parcel tax set by SIR on all parcels of land that are in apple and/or pear production has been \$139.26 per planted acre since 2010. The total amount of the parcel tax levy

for West Kelowna for 2021 is \$10,859, which is up from \$10,339 in 2020 due to additional parcels in the SIR parcel tax roll in 2021. There are no direct financial implications for the City of West Kelowna as the requisition is from another taxing authority (RDCO). However, if Council did not approve the bylaw, the City would still be responsible to the RDCO for the costs of the program, which would have a substantial impact on the budget.

Alternate Motion:

THAT Council not give first, second and third readings to the “City of West Kelowna Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0285, 2021”

REVIEWED BY

Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO

Shelley Schnitzler, Legislative Services Manager/Corporate Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

1. B0285 2021 SIR Parcel Tax Bylaw
2. 2021 OKSIR Parcel Tax Roll – City of West Kelowna