



COUNCIL REPORT
Finance, Administrative and Protective Services
For the May 14th, 2019 Council Meeting

DATE: April 30, 2019 Bylaw No. 0266, 2019

TO: Jim Zaffino, CAO

FROM: Lisa Siavashi, Revenue, Reporting and Risk Manager

RE: Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 266

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT Council adopt the “City of West Kelowna Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0266, 2019.”

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. 0266 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 since 2010. The total amount of the parcel tax levy for West Kelowna for 2019 is \$13,258.94, which is down from \$13,948.28 in 2018 due to the removal of one property that no longer has farm status. There are no direct financial implications for the City of West Kelowna as the requisition is from another taxing authority (RDCO).

ALTERNATE MOTION

THAT Council rescind first, second and third readings of the “City of West Kelowna Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0266, 2019” and abandon the bylaw.

Implications: if cancelled the City would still be responsible to the RDCO for the costs of the program, which would have a substantial impact on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Siavashi
Revenue, Reporting and Risk Manager



Warren Everton
CFO



Tracey Batten
Deputy CAO

Attachments: City of West Kelowna Sterile Insect
Release Bylaw No. 0266, 2019

Approved for Agenda



Jim Zaffino, CAO

May 7, 2019

Date

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CITY OF WEST KELOWNA

BYLAW NO. 0266

A BYLAW TO IMPOSE A PARCEL TAX UPON OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN
THE CITY OF WEST KELOWNA BEING SERVED BY
THE STERILE INSECT RELEASE PROGRAM

WHEREAS to Section 200 of the *Community Charter* authorizes a local government to impose and levy a Parcel Tax upon the owners of land or real property within the City of West Kelowna being served by the Sterile Insect Release Program.

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the City of West Kelowna in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "City of West Kelowna Sterile Insect Release Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0266, 2019".
2. A Parcel Tax shall be and is hereby imposed and levied upon the owners of land or real property as shown on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this bylaw, being served by the Sterile Insect Release Program.
3. An annual tax shall be levied in the amount of \$139.26 per cultivated acre of apple and pear trees on each parcel or groups of parcels of real property within the City of West Kelowna which are capable of benefiting from the Sterile Insect Release Program.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2019
ADOPTED

MAYOR

CITY CLERK