



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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Directed To:	Mayor and Members of Council	Attachments:	
Department:	Public Works	Policy References:	
Prepared By:	Mark Beggs – Manager of Roads and Parks		
Subject:	West Nile Larviciding Program 2017		

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives for information that the Town will participate in the 2017 West Nile Virus Larviciding and Surveillance program in partnership with the Windsor Essex Health Unit and other neighboring Municipalities for a cost of approximately \$5,000, which is budgeted for in the 2017 Budget.

REPORT:

As in previous years, the Windsor Essex Health Unit is conducting a comprehensive surveillance and larviciding program for the West Nile Virus. With the support of the local Municipalities, this program has been a success and Dr. Gary M. Kirk, the Medical Officer of Health, is recommending that the local Municipalities continue with the program to decrease the risk of the West Nile Virus to people in the Windsor – Essex County area.

Windsor & Essex County communities have selected Pestalto Environmental Health Services Inc. as the Consultant/Contractor for the Larviciding program for the 2017 season. The Town of LaSalle has committed to participating in the 2017 program.

Typically, the WNV program runs for a total of 11 weeks, beginning in July and ending mid – September depending on weather. Several high-risk areas are treated for mosquitoes. These areas include catch basins, standing water sites, and lagoons.

The Ministry of Health has announced that funding for this program will be similar to the arrangements in 2016. Municipalities are required to pay for the entire program up front, and once the budget is approved the Health Unit will reimburse the Municipalities. The typical cost of the entire program is \$130,000 of which the Town of LaSalle is responsible for approximately 10% of the total cost (\$13,000). The Health Unit then covers 75% of the cost and each

municipality is responsible for 25% of their respective costs. \$5,000 has been budgeted for 2017.

Throughout the season, Pestalto provides updates of the surveillance program, and any positive tests found. Reports that Public Works receives will be forwarded to members of Council throughout the year for their information.

Respectfully,



Mark Beggs,
Manager of Roads and Parks

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