



BOARD REPORT

TO:	Chair and Directors
SUBJECT:	Golden/Area A and Revelstoke/Area B Mosquito Control Programs – 2025 Budget Amendments
DESCRIPTION:	Report from Ben Van Nostrand, General Manager, Environmental and Utility Services, dated June 27, 2025. A report to request budget amendments to support the 2025 mosquito control season.
RECOMMENDATION #1:	<p>THAT: the Board authorize an amendment to the 2025 Five Year Financial Plan for the Golden/Area A Mosquito Control Program to reallocate \$100,000 from the existing Operating Reserve Fund to the Operating Budget for 2025, as a contingency for additional treatments as necessary.</p> <p><i>Corporate Vote Weighted</i></p>
RECOMMENDATION #2:	<p>THAT: the Board authorize an amendment to the 2025 Five Year Financial Plan for the Revelstoke/Area B Mosquito Control Program to reallocate \$50,000 from the existing Operating Reserve Fund to the Operating Budget for 2025, as a contingency for additional treatments as necessary.</p> <p><i>Corporate Vote Weighted</i></p>

SUMMARY:

High water and multiple rain events in the mosquito control program areas of Electoral Area A and B have created an unusually large amount of new mosquito habitat. This has resulted in recommendations from the mosquito control contractors to increase the number of planned treatments, which will result in budget implications. The purpose of this report is to authorize budget amendments to reallocate funds from existing operating reserve funds to the operating budgets, for both programs, in 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The amount of mosquito habitat fluctuates dependant on the weather and the amount of flooding that occurred during the spring. Areas throughout the CSRD were substantially flooded in the spring of 2025, resulting in excellent conditions for mosquito breeding. The mosquito control program is forecasted using normal year over year weather and habitat conditions in order to approximate the number of treatment events necessary. As a result of the existing conditions within the program areas, the mosquito control program contractor has recommended increased treatments which may be needed and will result in a need to access the operating reserve funds.

POLICY:

Pursuant to the Local Government Act, the utilization of reserve funds must be endorsed by a Board or Council.

FINANCIAL:

For Golden/Area A, the recommendation is to transfer \$100,000 from the existing operating reserve fund for additional treatments. The current balance of the operating reserve fund as of June 30, 2025, is \$225,666.05. Making \$100,000 available for additional treatments means that if the contractor makes recommendations for additional treatments, staff have the funds available in the budget to approve.

For Revelstoke/Area B, the recommendation is to transfer \$50,000 from the existing operating reserve fund for additional treatments. The current balance of the operating reserve fund as of June 30, 2025, is \$73,061.64. Making \$50,000 available for additional treatments means that if the contractor makes recommendations for additional treatments, staff have the funds available in the budget to approve.

Should there be no further need for treatments in 2025, or not all the funds are required, any residual amount will be returned to the respective operating reserves during the 2025 year end budget review process.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

A budget amendment is required to access reserve funds to fund potential additional mosquito control treatments in the Golden/Area A and Revelstoke/Area B mosquito control programs in 2025 as needed.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Upon Board approval, the mosquito control contractor will be advised to proceed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The contractor will be notified to proceed upon Board approval.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

That the Board endorse the staff recommendation(s).

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

1. *Endorse the Recommendation(s).*
2. *Deny the Recommendation(s).*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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