



# Corporate Report

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council                      DATE: October 11,  
2005

FROM: General Manager,  
Engineering                              FILE: 5280-80  
(WNV), 5280-  
80 (MOSQUITO)

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Service Function for the  
Coordination and Administration of Mosquito Control  
Activities in the GVRD

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## RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the GVRD by-law as attached for the establishment of a service function for the Coordination and Administration of Mosquito Control activities on behalf of member municipalities.

## INTENT

To confirm Council's original approval of a regional by-law for the GVRD to provide a service function for Coordination and Administration of Mosquito Control, primarily relating to communications.

## DISCUSSION

In April 2005, Surrey Council endorsed in Corporate Report No. R063, that the GVRD Board approved the establishment of a Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination function for those member municipalities interested in participating. Consequently, this was followed up by Corporate Report R152 on June 14, 2005, at which time Council approved the actual GVRD by-law. However, because not all of the originally identified participating municipalities in the by-law gave approval to the by law, and because of this plus some other minor housekeeping changes to the by-law, it needs re-approval by all participants. The Chair of the GVRD has now written to all member municipalities requesting them to approve the proposed GVRD by law which will allow for the GVRD to undertake this function on behalf of its member municipalities wishing to participate.

### New Funding for Mosquito Control

The Province, through UBCM, has provided new funding to municipalities for mosquito control. The City of Surrey was granted \$390,000 to conduct preemptive WNV mosquito control. In Surrey, preemptive action consisted of the purchase of necessary materials and the treating of 9,000 catch basins.

## CONCLUSION

A coordinated and consistent approach to public communications and municipal activities relating to mosquito control and WNV is required in order to be effective. Consequently, staff support the establishment of a regional function for the administration and coordination of mosquito control. Council approval of the attached revised GVRD by law is required for the GVRD to complete the steps required to be able to add coordination of mosquito control activities as part of their service function.

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Attachment – GVRD By-law

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