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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **June 22, 2000**

FROM: **City Solicitor** FILE: **0554-002**

SUBJECT: **Renewal of SPCA Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council renew the agreement made the 19th day of February, 1997 between the City of Surrey and the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as amended by a letter dated June 26, 1998 (the "Agreement") for a further two-year term at an increased contract amount of 1%.

INTENT

It is the intent of this report to obtain Council's authorization for continuation of the animal control, regulation and shelter services currently provided by the SPCA to the City under the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

DISCUSSION

The Agreement was entered into as of January 1, 1997 for a term of three years ending December 31, 1999. Article III, 3.02 provides that the parties may agree to renew the Agreement for a further two year term for payment amounts to be negotiated by the parties. Under the current Agreement, the amount paid to the SPCA by the City in 1999 was \$497,110.00.

The SPCA and City staff have met and have proposed that the Agreement be renewed for a further two years with a 1% cost of living allowance increase on last year's payment amount, making the 2000 and 2001 payment amounts equal to \$502,081.10 each.

Under the Agreement, the SPCA agreed to make certain facility upgrades and has done so. They have installed a new phone system which allows for remote access, and have substantially renovated both the interior and exterior of the facility. They have also installed a new computer system. By exercising the renewal option, the SPCA is required under the Agreement to spend a further \$64,000.00 on upgrades to the facility.

Currently, the City owns the land upon which the shelter is located and under the Agreement, the SPCA is granted a license to use the facility. The SPCA and City staff have been discussing the potential acquisition by the SPCA of another suitable site for the City's shelter, as the current site may not be suitable in future years. The new site would be purchased outright by the SPCA from the City, subject to Council's approval, and the SPCA would build the new facility.

CONCLUSION

In order to maintain its current level of animal control, regulation and shelter services, it is recommended that the City renew the Agreement with the SPCA for a further two year term at an increase of 1%.

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