



Corporate *NO: R011*

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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	January 14, 2002
FROM:	City Solicitor	FILE:	0554-002
SUBJECT:	Animal Control Agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the "SPCA") for Animal Control and Pound Services		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the agreement with the SPCA for Animal Control and Pound Services substantially in the form of Appendix "A" as approved by the City Solicitor (the "Agreement").

BACKGROUND

The City issued Invitation to Tender M.S.11.1.1 on November 8, 2001 for the City's Animal Control and Pound Services. Advertisements were placed in the Vancouver Sun, Leader, Now, B.C. Bid and the City's web page. Invitations to Tender were also mailed to lower mainland kennels and shelters that had previously shown an interest. Only the SPCA submitted a Tender.

DISCUSSION

Subsequent to receiving the Tender from the SPCA, staff met with the SPCA to clarify details of the Tender and to negotiate an agreement. The Agreement provides for a continuation of existing service levels summarized below:

- The term of the Agreement shall be for an initial term of three (3) years and may be renewed for an additional two (2) year period by mutual agreement;
- The operating expense rate will increase 7% in the first year from the last year of the previous contract, then 2% in years two and three. These increases are due to increased wages, fuel costs, additional staffing, increased services for barking dogs and the new cat spay/neuter by-law;
- Each party cost shares expenses equally for pathological waste disposal service;

- Enforcement of the barking dog provisions of the anti-noise by-law is undertaken by the SPCA;
- The SPCA carries out enforcement of the spay/neuter by-law;
- An annual dog licensing canvassing program will continue to be conducted by the SPCA. This program has significantly increased revenues for the City;
- Bicycle licensing responsibilities are handled by the SPCA, freeing up City staff resources; and
- Animal Learning Centre is provided for youth camps, school visits, tours etc.

The Agreement allows the SPCA to retain dog license revenues that they collect on the basis of 60% of the amount they sell directly. In year 2001 license revenues increased 38% from the previous year as a result of canvassing by members of the SPCA. The SPCA will accept payments made at the Pound, but are not permitted to actively sell licenses other than during their annual canvassing period. This allows the City to collect the majority of the dog license renewals and retain 100% of these revenues.

There is an option to extend the Agreement for an additional two years subject to mutual agreement. The rates for the fourth and fifth year will be negotiated 90 days prior to the end of year three of the Agreement.

CONCLUSION

Staff believe that the program outlined above will appropriately address the issues presently facing the City with respect to animal control and pound operations. The estimated net expenses and annual revenues associated with the animal control and pound operations are:

Year	Operating Expense Projection	Gross Revenue Projection
2002	\$577,275	\$455,000
2003	\$588,820	\$485,000
2004	\$600,596	\$505,000

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