

ITEM 4

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70

COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 30/72

4. Re: Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound  
and Animal Regulation Bylaw

Appearing on the Agenda for the October 30, 1972, Council Meeting under "Bylaw" is the final draft of the above bylaw.

The bylaw has been amended as directed by Council at its meeting held on September 18, 1972. The following comments are made to clarify the situation:

1. Clause 5 requires that all dogs shall be kept on a leash while on a highway or public place and shall not be permitted to be at large.
2. The Municipal Solicitor does not feel that the Municipal Act permits us to be able to force confinement and control of bitches in season so no clause has been included to do this. The bylaw now becomes a "leash law" in any event so this will not be the problem that it is under the present bylaw.
3. The "proof of ownership" clause has been dropped because the Municipal Solicitor does not feel that we have the right under the Municipal Act to demand such proof. Council may wish to request the Province to amend the Act to provide for this feature but the Solicitor points out that it will be a very difficult clause to administer and could be easily subject to abuse by the staff who are mere human beings.

The Chief License Inspector has read the final draft of the bylaw and advises that it is in order for presentation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the bylaw be given consideration.