

Re: LOW COST SPAY-NEUTER CLINIC

Following is a report from the Chief Licence Inspector regarding a proposal to contribute \$17,500 in the form of a grant to the S.P.C.A. for construction of a low cost spay-neuter clinic.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a one-time grant of \$17,500 be approved to the S.P.C.A. for construction of a low cost spaying and neutering clinic on their property at 1205 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver; and
2. THAT payment of the grant be made to the S.P.C.A. on the awarding of a contract for construction of the clinic building.

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4 December 1975

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR  
RE: LOW COST SPAY-NEUTER CLINIC

Council on 16 June 1975 received Item 1, Manager's Report No. 43, 1975 (copy attached), setting out the S.P.C.A.'s proposal to establish a regional low cost spaying and neutering clinic, and adopted the following recommendations:

1. THAT the G.V.R.D. be requested to conduct a study and report on establishing a low cost spay and neuter clinic providing surgical sterilization to any dog owned by a resident of the G.V.R.D., or residents of specified areas within the G.V.R.D.; and
2. THAT a decision on the S.P.C.A.'s request for a grant be deferred until the G.V.R.D. advise if they will undertake a study of low cost spay and neuter clinics.

A copy of the report and the relevant material received on this subject, together with a request that the Regional District submit a report on establishing a low cost spay-neuter clinic, providing surgical sterilization to any dog owned by a resident within the Regional District, or residents within specified areas of the Regional District, was forwarded to the G.V.R.D. on 23 June 1975. The request was referred by the District to its Director of Regional Development to examine alternate methods of providing surgical sterilization clinics, and to consider the Board's role in this and other optional services of an environmental nature.

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No action has been implemented on the study of a regional clinic by the G.V.R.D.

Mr. Homes, Secretary-Manager of the Vancouver Regional Branch, S.P.C.A., advises that rezoning of the clinic site has been completed and that a development permit and building permit have been obtained. Furthermore, tenders for construction have been invited and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded on 18 December 1975. Construction is scheduled to begin during the first week of January 1976, and completion is set for April 1976.

The services to be provided at the clinic would be: surgical sterilization of dogs and cats; medical attention to injured animals when the owner is unknown; and inoculation shots when necessary. The facility would have a capacity of 115 dogs and cats. Staff would be comprised of one veterinarian, two assistants and one receptionist. The estimated number of surgical sterilizations to be performed is 6,000 per year. Every dog that is sterilized must be licenced or the owner must purchase a licence at the time. At the same time, the dog will be tattooed with a permanent identification number and will receive inoculation shots.

The initial scale of charges is:

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|---------------------|----------|
| Spaying - canine    | \$ 25.00 |
| - feline            | 20.00    |
| Castration - canine | 15.00    |
| - feline            | 12.50    |
| Inoculation         | included |

The S.P.C.A. have requested grants in the amount of \$275,000 to finance construction of the proposed clinic. The member municipalities of the G.V.R.D. that have approved grants are:

|                             | <u>Grant Requested</u> | <u>Grant Approved</u> | <u>Per capita (1971 census)</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| *City of Vancouver          | \$ 100,000             | \$ 45,000             | 10.5¢                           |
| District of North Vancouver | 7,500                  | 7,500                 | 13                              |
| District of West Vancouver  | 10,000                 | 7,500                 | 20.5                            |
| **District of Pitt Meadows  | 1,000                  | 1,000                 | 36                              |

\*In addition to their grant, Vancouver will supply building site services for an undetermined amount without charge.

\*\*Not a member of the G.V.R.D.

Additionally, the City of North Vancouver has approved a grant in principle. The amount has not yet been determined.

The S.P.C.A. requests the Corporation to contribute a grant of \$25,000. We believe that 50% of the \$275,000 building fund would be an equitable amount for the member municipalities of the G.V.R.D. to contribute. The 1971 census established the population of the G.V.R.D. as 1,021,794. The per capita rate of 50% of the building fund, \$137,500, is 14¢. Based on this rate and calculated on the Corporation's 1971 population of 125,660, our grant would be \$17,500.

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Mr. Homes advises that, in addition to the grants, they have received \$101,500 in donations from individuals, community groups and other agencies. Excluding Burnaby, 12 municipalities have confirmed that they will contribute to the building fund and two municipalities have requested a further submission from the S.P.C.A. Of these 12 municipalities, eight have not determined the amount that they will contribute. The remaining four contributions have been previously set out.

As stated in our report of 16 June 1975, surgical sterilization would be a very useful addition to our methods of animal control. In my opinion, Council recognized this concept when they adopted the recommendations of the report, and when they approved the recommendation to increase licence fees for unneutered male dogs to \$21. The S.P.C.A.'s proposal will provide a low cost clinic, available to the residents of Burnaby, and will provide us with a comprehensive animal control program.

In view of the G.V.R.D.'s lack of action in implementing studies of municipally or privately operated regional clinics, and lacking specific proposals from other agencies, it is recommended that:

RECOMMENDATIONS

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2. THAT payment of the grant be made to the S.P.C.A. on the awarding of a contract for construction of the clinic building.

  
P. Kenzie  
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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Attach.

cc: Municipal Treasurer

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Re: Low Cost Spay-Neuter Clinic  
Letter dated May 14, 1975 from Mr. C. Jack Homes, Secretary-Manager  
Vancouver Regional Branch, S.P.C.A., 1205 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver.  
(Item 4, Report No. 21, March 24, 1975)  
(Item 11, Report No. 33, May 5, 1975)  
(Item 9, Report No. 37, May 20, 1975)

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Appearing on the Agenda for the June 9, 1975 meeting of Council was a letter from Mr. C. Jack Homes provided in response to Council's request to the B.C.S.P.C.A. to comment on a brief presented to Council on May 5, 1975 by Dr. Malcolm T. Bond, B.C. Veterinary Medical Association, opposing a low cost spay and neuter facility.

Council, at its meeting of May 20, 1975, received a letter dated May 5, 1975 from Lee Davis, Port Coquitlam, commenting on the need to control pet population, and also received Item 9, Report No. 37 which advised that Council would receive a staff report on the matter of Spay-Neuter clinics on June 9, 1975.

Following is the Chief Licence Inspector's report on the subject matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the G.V.R.D. be requested to conduct a study and report on establishing a low cost spay and neuter clinic providing surgical sterilization to any dog owned by a resident within the G.V.R.D., or residents of specified areas within the G.V.R.D.; and
2. THAT Council defer its decision on S.P.C.A.'s request for a grant until the G.V.R.D. advise as to whether or not it will undertake a study of low cost spay and neuter clinics; and
3. THAT a copy of this report be provided to Mr. C. Jack Homes, Dr. Malcolm T. Bond, and Lee Davis.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR  
RE: LOW COST SPAY - NEUTER CLINIC

June 5, 1975

Background:

On January 22, 1973, Council directed that the feasibility of providing a free or low cost spay and neuter clinic be examined and further directed that:

1. The opinion and participation of Veterinarians practicing in Burnaby be sought.
2. The area comprising the Greater Vancouver Regional District be canvassed and invited to participate.
3. The low cost municipally operated clinic serving the Los Angeles area be studied.

With respect to item one, the Vancouver Academy of Veterinary Medicines were not at that time prepared to support the concept of a low cost clinic unless it was subsidized by the participating Municipalities.

With respect to item two, the interested member Municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, together with representatives of the S.P.C.A., and the B.C. Veterinary Association considered the feasibility of a regional low cost clinic and concluded that the first step would require implementation of an advertising programme to create awareness of the responsibilities of pet ownership. The brochure "You, Your Pet and Your Community" was distributed throughout the Greater Vancouver area in 1974.

With respect to item three the S.P.C.A. resolved to conduct their own feasibility study on providing a low cost spay and neuter clinic to serve areas comprising the G.V.R.D., and

some neighbouring areas. Their study resulted in a proposal to build a low cost clinic on the site of their Vancouver Regional office and shelter, 1205 E. 7th Avenue, Vancouver.

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S.P.C.A. Proposal of a Spay - Neuter Clinic:

Cost of constructing and equipping the clinic is estimated at \$275,000. Financing is sought through grants from all members of the G.V.R.D. and other concerned agencies. Cost of land is in addition to the aforementioned amount and will be borne by the S.P.C.A. as their share of the project.

On March 17, 1975, Council received a letter and a brief dated February 20, 1975, from Mr. C. Jack Homes, S.P.C.A., (item 5(d) Correspondence and Petitions), proposing construction of a low cost spay and neuter clinic and requesting a grant of \$25,000 as Burnaby's share of project cost. For information of Council attached is a letter dated March 14, 1975, from Mr. Homes, addressed to the Chief Licence Inspector, which informs of S.P.C.A.'s progress as regards the building program, and comments on funding of the project. Council will note from Mr. Home's letter that the City of Vancouver share is \$100,000.

Mr. Homes further advised that the clinic will be staffed by a qualified Veterinarian, whose services have been arranged, and supporting staff necessary to maintain the quality of performance required to perform surgical procedures. The clinic would be fully equipped to perform surgical sterilization of dogs and cats; provide medical attention to injured animals when the owner is unknown, and provide innoculation shots when necessary. The facilities would have a capacity of 115 dogs and cats. Only licenced dogs would be serviced, and of course cats, which under present laws are not licenceable.

The estimated number of surgeries that would be performed by one Veterinarian, supported by two assistants engaged in preparation and post surgical duties, and one receptionist, is 6000 per year. Pre-surgical examination, immunization shots, post-operative care and emergency service, if necessary, would cost an owner, if performed by:

|                   | <u>The S.P.C.A. Clinic</u> | <u>A Private Clinic</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Spay - canine     | \$25.00                    | \$50 - 70               |
| Spay - feline     | 20.00                      | 40 - 45                 |
| Castration-canine | 15.00                      | \$40                    |
| Castration-feline | 12.50                      | 25                      |
| Innoculation      | Included                   | \$10                    |

Supporting Information

A statistical comparison between Phoenix, Arizona, the G.V.R.D. and Burnaby has been compiled. Population figures used are for 1972. Dog population is calculated at one dog to four persons, based on studies conducted in the U.S.A. The S.P.C.A. advises that no such studies have been carried out in Canada.

|                              | <u>Phoenix</u> | <u>G.V.R.D.</u> | <u>Burnaby</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Area                         | 600 sq. miles  | 559 sq. miles   | 39 sq. miles   |
| Population                   | 1,000,000      | 1,069,000       | 129,500=12%    |
| Estimated dog population     | 270,000        | 250,000         | 32,375=12.45%  |
| Licenced dogs - 1974         | 129,600=48%    | 60,000=24%      | 8,500=25%      |
| Dogs & Cats Destroyed - 1974 | 60,084         | 71,000          | 12,480=17.5%   |

The Phoenix clinic is operated by a humane society with financial support from municipalities. It commenced operation in 1972. It is staffed by four veterinarians. It provides full animal hospital service. Between 1972 and 1974, 16,503 surgical sterilizations were completed. Of this total 6603 were performed in 1974, a daily average of 27.5 surgeries. In the period of operation of the clinic the number of surplus animals requiring destruction has decreased from 85,000 in 1971, to 60,089 in 1974.

The average period of operation for the five clinics shown in the brief is two and one-half years. Destruction of surplus animals has decreased by an average of 29.81%. The number of licences issued averages 40.8% of the estimated dog population, as compared with 14.6% previously. Three clinics, Palo Alto, Marin County and San Mateo are staffed with one veterinarian each supported by an assistant and receptionist. Each performed an average of 4037 surgeries in 1974. The Los Angeles clinic is staffed by several veterinarians who are engaged in clinical or other activities.

The S.P.C.A.'s estimate of 6000 annual surgeries equals 1.2% of the estimated dog and cat population of the G.V.R.D. Calculated at 240 working days per year, it will require a daily average of 25 surgeries to achieve this figure. This compares favourably with the results experienced in Phoenix.

Veterinarians:

On May 5, 1975, Council received a brief prepared by Dr. M.T. Bond, Dr. M.J. Dear and Dr. J.O. Olafson, opposing the S.P.C.A.'s proposal. It suggests the following three alternatives.

1. A subsidized spay-neuter programme in co-operation with the local veterinary clinics.
2. Use of oral, mechanical or chemical contraceptives.
3. Further studies of low cost clinics to be conducted by the G.V.R.D.

With respect to item one, no specific proposal is outlined. Based on the information supplied it is concluded that they would consider a programme to further assist qualifying low income individuals. It appears they are not prepared to participate in assistance to middle or upper income groups.

With respect to item two they provided no positive information that satisfactory oral, mechanical or chemical contraceptives are available at this time. In any event the success of such methods is dependent on their conscientious application by the owner of an animal.

With respect to item three the S.P.C.A.'s proposal has been submitted to each area of the G.V.R.D. and some neighbouring areas.

Current Position:

In my opinion methods to effect animal control may be separated into three inter-related functions:

1. Enforcement Control: The Corporation exercises extensive control over dogs. A comprehensive by-law provides that dogs shall be kept on a leash while upon a highway or public place, violation tickets, a licence fee, structure favouring owners of sterilized dogs, impounding fees for dogs apprehended for being at large (\$15.00 licenced and \$30.00 unlicenced) and daily enforcement

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by a pound staff of six inspectors. Also, the Zoning and Kennel By-Laws prohibit the keeping of more than two dogs in one household, except in specified industrial and agricultural zones permitting the operation of kennels.

2. Public Education: The Corporation provides information on licencing and control of dogs through newspaper advertising and circulation of pamphlets to every household; letters and warning notices to the owners of dogs giving cause for complaint; and by telephone or visits to the Licence Department or Animal Shelter. The recent brochure, "You, Your Pet, and Your Community" provides information to both current and prospective pet owners. The S.P.C.A. distributes various pamphlets and brochures on ownership and care of animals; works in co-operation with schools and community groups; and devotes a substantial portion of their by-law enforcement activity to providing verbal information to dog owners and the general public.
3. Animal Population Growth: A recently recognized area of concern, and one on which Humane Societies, Veterinarians and private enterprise are in basic agreement is the increasing pet population. Inevitably these increasing numbers will result in corresponding problems of control and enforcement.

For many years the Corporation has favoured the owners of sterilized female dogs with a reduced licence fee. As an incentive for all dog owners to take a responsible approach to ownership this policy was expanded on January 1, 1975, to include sterilized male dogs. Of the 6,423 dogs licenced to April 30, 1975, 3,286 or 51.16% are intact dogs and 3,137 or 48.84% are sterilized dogs. (2,650 females and 487 males) The owners of intact male dogs appear to be resisting the increased fee. Licence sales are down by 322 tags over the corresponding period of 1974. Impoundings for the first four months of 1975 increased by 270 over the corresponding period in 1974. Council has instructed that a further male dog tag increase take place on January 1, 1976, to bring the fee to \$21.00.

The increasing pet population necessitates that we estimate the future dog population and assess our animal shelter facilities and future requirements. Projections for the years shown below are based on estimates of human population by the Director of Planning. Dog population is calculated at a ratio of one dog to four persons.

|      | <u>Estimated Population</u> | <u>Estimated Dog Population</u> | <u>Estimated Licence Sales (25% of pop.)</u> |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1975 | 139,600                     | 34,900                          | 8,725  |
| 1976 | 142,600                     | 36,650                          | 8,912  |
| 1977 | 145,700                     | 36,425                          | 9,106  |
| 1978 | 148,000                     | 37,000                          | 9,250  |
| 1979 | 152,000                     | 38,000                          | 9,500  |
| 1985 | 169,100                     | 42,275                          | 10,568                                       |

At current licence rates, upgraded in 1976 to \$21.00 for a male dog, revenue from licence sales should increase by \$2,700 annually.

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The Municipal animal shelter was constructed in 1969. There are 14 standard size and two double size kennels with connecting outside runs, plus isolation facilities, and a cattery with 18 cages. The kennels accommodate an average of four dogs each, therefore we have facilities for 64 dogs. During peak impounding periods we may exceed that figure by 20 to 25 dogs. Each 24 hour day represent 64 pound days, which computes to an average 1920 pound days per month and 23,040 pound days annually. The average period of impounding has been determined as five days. 136

In 1974 a total of 1719 dogs were impounded requiring 8595 pound days. Monthly impoundings ranged from a low of 72 dogs, requiring 360 pound days, to a high of 315 dogs requiring 1575 pound days.

Dogs surrendered to the S.P.C.A. for adoption create a further demand on the shelter's capacity. In 1974 there were approximately 1200 such dogs requiring an estimated 6000 pound days. Use of our shelter facilities in 1974 is estimated at 14,600 pound days, (8,600 days for impounded dogs and 6000 days for adoption dogs) and equals 63% of the annual capacity.

Application of 1974 impoundings against the estimated dog population, projected to the 5 year estimates determined that in 1979 we should be impounding a minimum of 2000 dogs, requiring 10,000 pound days. It is assumed that the number of dogs surrendered for adoption will also increase, creating an average annual demand for 18,000 pound days.

Based on these calculations and recognizing that we will be faced with accommodation problems during seasonal peak periods, it is concluded that the existing facilities of the animal shelter will be sufficient for three to five years.

The current pound contract with the S.P.C.A. provides that unclaimed impounded animals become the property of the S.P.C.A. upon the expiration of the period of impounding prescribed in the by-law. These animals are then offered for adoption to new owners. If the practice of the S.P.C.A. (and other shelters) of permitting the public to acquire these animals is discontinued, and the animals are put down on expiration of the period of impounding, 397 dogs would not have been placed in new homes during 1974. This would assist in controlling the dog population. Also, additional kennel space would be available and our existing shelter facilities would be adequate for an extended period.

Summary:

The reference material supplied by the Veterinarians and the S.P.C.A., dealing with population growth of dogs and cats, the achievements of the surgical clinics; and information on the potential of oral contraceptives was developed almost entirely in the United States. There appears to be general agreement by the national agencies involved that the pet population rate of increase greatly exceeds the number of homes that can be found for them. The result of this is a large surplus of dogs and cats which cause serious ecological problems and requires massive expenditures for control and destructions.

The S.P.C.A. indicate that the Greater Vancouver and Lower Mainland areas are already experiencing a growing surplus of dogs and cats.

From the experiences of Phoenix and other cities, and from material I have read, there is a strong indication that surgical sterilization would be a very useful addition to our methods of dog control. Certainly your staff believed this to be so when they forwarded a recommendation to increase the licence fee of unneutered male dogs.



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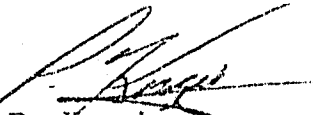
The available information indicates that in those United States areas where a clinic has been operating for two years or more, the results are beneficial when measured against cost savings derived from the decreasing number of animals requiring destruction, and the increasing revenue from licence sales.

The City of Vancouver's Standing Committee of Council on Housing and Environment has recommended that the G.V.R.D. be requested to strike a Committee representative of elected and staff members to deal with dog control problems and that the matter of the low cost spay clinic be referred to this Committee for recommendations. Copy attached. This report will be dealt with by Vancouver City Council on June 17, 1975.

As stated, we are of the opinion that the S.P.C.A.'s proposal has great merit. However, there is obvious conflict between the S.P.C.A. and the Veterinarians and we believe it is necessary to seek an outside opinion. Therefore, it is recommended that Council support Vancouver's request for a study to be conducted by the G.V.R.D.

Recommendations:

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P. Kenzie  
Chief Licence Inspector

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cc: Municipal Treasurer

President: E. J. BROOME      Secretary-Manager: C. JACK HOMES, AFC

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March 14, 1975

Mr. Phil Kenzie  
City License Inspector  
Corporation of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C.  
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Dear Sir:

LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

Reference is made to your telephone conversation of today's date in which you require further definitive information in respect to the low cost spay and neuter clinic which will be built on the property of the BCSPCA at 1205 East 7th Avenue.

Firstly, the following is a statement on the progress of the building program:

- (a) a complete feasibility study has been completed in respect to the costing of:
  - (i) the building
  - (ii) all equipments
- (b) application has been made to the City of Vancouver for the rezoning of the property, complete with an architectural study on the concept of the building. The City of Vancouver have indicated initial approval of the building and they now await the survey which was completed yesterday and will be in their hands by Monday, the 17th of March.
- (c) the costing of the equipments required within the facility has been made and it would appear that these would net out at approximately \$50,000.00. Application has already been made to the federal government through the auspices of the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Welfare for the federal government to forego the federal sales tax and import tax on these equipments, if they approve, and they have tentatively agreed, then the \$50,000.00 will be reduced to \$42,500.00.

The initial costing for the building is approximately \$275,000.00. The City of Vancouver have indicated that they are prepared to give the Vancouver Regional

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Branch, \$100,000.00, therefore, the amount to be received from the Municipality of Burnaby on a per-capita basis amounts to \$25,000.00. At the present time the Society has received indications from other municipalities that the Society will receive approximately \$190,000.00, which will be sufficient funds to commence the building of the facility. Therefore, in the next month the final plans will be drawn and applications will be invited by tender for the building of the facility.

Confirmation from other municipalities including Burnaby are still awaited at this time.

Applications for funds have been forwarded to the Vancouver Foundation, also the Koerner Foundation to assist in the thrust for the educational programme within the Lower Mainland. The educational thrust will be based on:

(a) direct appeal to the general public by advertising. Kal Kan who advertise 'Pet of the Week' have indicated that they may possibly be pleased to be enjoined in participation in this advertising programme.

(b) direct access into the school through approval by the Director of studies at the provincial level, coupled with the B.C. Teacher's Federation and School Trustees. Preliminary discussions have already been undertaken with these three bodies and the tenor of acceptance appears to be most favourable.

(c) education to the general public through the shelters and also the low cost spay and neuter facility.

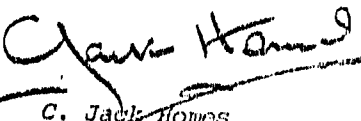
Any short fall in participation by municipalities will have to be met by the Vancouver Regional Branch through fund raising from not only the general public but also members of the Society. The success of the municipalities meeting their commitment coupled with the grants from the Vancouver Foundation, Koerner Foundation and the general public and membership will allow the educational programme to commence simultaneously with the opening of the shelter.

To accurately judge the success of the public reaction to fund raising is difficult at the present time, however, the Society recognizes that if all funds were forthcoming, then it would be very remiss of the Society if it did not keep faith with a municipality by the returning of surplus funds. Therefore, it is the intent of the Society to provide to the municipalities, an accurate accounting of all funds received in respect to the building of the facility and funds required for education.

The Vancouver Regional Branch also recognizes that the construction of the facility may be at a time, and regretfully animals cannot tell the time when funds are difficult to obtain. Therefore, the Society would be prepared to accept the capital grant from the Municipality in two equal portions spread over two years.

In order to assist the Municipality and Council in their deliberation on this most important matter, I would be available at any time to discuss this either with the Committee appointed to examine or with Council.

Yours very sincerely,

  
C. Jack Homes  
Secretary-Manager

CJH/rs

Standing Committee of Council  
on Housing and Environment  
May 22, 1975

RECOMMENDATION:

8. Dogs

At its meeting on February 13, 1975, the Standing Committee on Housing and Environment,

RECOMMENDED,

THAT the Chairman form a sub-committee to discuss:

- i. City spay and neuter services
- ii. Number of pound officials
- iii. Safety of people
  - different license fees for varying sizes of dogs
  - obedience classes
- iv. Pound officials in Stanley Park
- v. Breeders
- vi. Educational process in schools and amending Pound By-law to raise age for licensing a dog from three months to six months; and report back to a later meeting.

The Committee considered a City Manager's Report dated April 22, 1975, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, and stated in part:

\*The Director of Permits and Licenses reports:

"This is in addition to a report previously submitted in connection with Dog Control to be considered by your Committee.

In 1973 the City Council approved the hiring of 7 temporary Pound Officers to patrol the parks and beaches for 4 months from mid May to mid September. The cost of this service was paid for by the Parks Board. It has been found that this program has been very successful in controlling dogs running at large on beaches and reducing the number of attacks on birds and other wild life in Stanley Park. The Director of Zoos, however, advises that dog patrol should be provided on a year round basis in Stanley Park. Apparently many dog owners are aware that full time coverage is not provided during the winter months and allow their dogs to run loose in the area of Lost Lagoon, the Zoo and Beaver Lake areas, and as a result, attacks are still occurring on wild life. Only full time coverage by a Pound Officer could resolve this problem.

To provide a full time patrol at Stanley Park without an increase in annual costs, I recommend the number of temporary pound officers to patrol the beaches be reduced to 4 and one permanent pound officer position be established. In this manner, the total number of man months spent on patrolling the parks and beaches will be the same as previously approved by City Council, i.e. 7 men on 4 months equals 28 man months - 1 man at 12 months plus 4 men on 4 months equals 28 man months. It will be necessary to purchase one additional Pound truck with two-way radio for use by the permanent pound officer. In the past, we have rented 3 trucks during the summer months but this number would be reduced to 2 rental vehicles.

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- (1) THAT one permanent Pound Officer position be established to patrol Stanley Park.
- (2) THAT the number of temporary Pound Officers for the patrol of parks and beaches be reduced to 4 for four months each year.
- (3) One Pound truck with two-way radio be purchased at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00.
- (4) The number of rented Pound vehicles be reduced to two.

This matter has been discussed with a representative of the Vancouver Municipal & Regional Employees' Union who concurs with the staff recommendations."

The City Manager reports that since the foregoing report was prepared, The Director of Permits and Licenses has requested the inclusion of an additional two-way radio for use by the Director of Zoos in order to expedite the Pound Officer to scenes of trouble, and for the Pound staff to contact the Director of Zoos when his tranquilizer gun is required.

A total of \$28,500 was approved in the Permits and Licenses' budget for the temporary help to control dogs at parks and beaches in 1975. The revised establishment will have the following costs:

| <u>Operating Cost</u> | <u>Annual</u>   | <u>1975</u>     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| * 1 Pound Officer I   | \$ 9,919        | \$ 5,786        |
| Rental Trucks         | 2,520           | 2,520           |
| * 4 Temporary Staff   | 14,444          | 14,444          |
| City-owned Truck      | 3,500           | 2,042           |
| Uniforms              | 200             | 300             |
|                       | <u>\$30,583</u> | <u>\$25,092</u> |

\* Staff salaries at 1974 rates, including fringe benefits.

Capital Costs

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Pound Van      | \$ 6,000        |
| 2 Two-way Radios | <u>2,000</u>    |
|                  | <u>\$ 8,000</u> |

The City Manager RECOMMENDS as follows:

1. That the recommendations of the Director of Permits and Licenses be approved.
2. That a two-way radio be purchased for the Director of Zoos.
3. That the \$3,500 saving in Operating Expenses be used to offset the capital cost of equipment, the Comptroller of Budgets having advised that if this report is approved, the source of funding for the additional \$4,500 will be Contingency Reserve."

The Committee also considered a report from a meeting of the Housing and Environment sub-committee to deal with dogs, which was held on Wednesday, May 7, 1975. The meeting was called to discuss control of dogs and the related by-laws in general and specifically to consider a request from the S.P.C.A. for a \$100,000 capital grant to aid in construction of a low cost spay and neuter clinic. The sub-committee submitted the following recommendations:

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- i) That five additional permanent positions of Pound Officers be established immediately within the City of Vancouver and that 2 additional summer students be hired on a temporary basis for canvassing.
- ii) That the Provincial Government be pressured to not only "contemplate", but to take positive action to correct the Animals Act as stated.
- iii) That the G.V.R.D. be requested to strike a Committee, representative of elected and staff members to deal with dog control problems and that the matter of the suggested Low Cost Spay Clinic be referred to this Committee for recommendation back, since funding for this facility has been requested on a regional basis. (It should be noted that of the total \$275,000 capital estimate, Vancouver has been asked for \$100,000).

**RECOMMENDED,**

- A. THAT the above noted recommendations of the City Manager be approved.
- B. THAT Recommendation <sup>(i)</sup> of the sub-committee and referred to above be approved in principle and referred to the City Manager for a report to Council.
- C. THAT the Provincial Government be pressured to not only contemplate, but to take positive action to correct the Animals Act, from which legislature removed the summary proceedings for dealing with dangerous dogs and left nothing in its place.
- D. THAT Recommendation <sup>(ii)</sup> of the sub-committee referred to above be referred to the G.V.R.D. for a report back.
- E. THAT the City Manager's Report and the report on the meeting of the sub-committee be received.