

ITEM 8
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 44
COUNCIL MEETING 1982 07 12

RE: LETTER FROM ALEXANDER G. FOWLER,
7212 WAVERLEY AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C. V5J 4A6
ANIMAL CONTROL: LICENCING OF DOGS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Chief Licence Inspector be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1982 July 06

FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

RE: ANIMAL CONTROL: LICENCING OF DOGS

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to A. G. Fowler, 7212 Waverly Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5J 4A6.

REPORT

On the agenda for Council's meeting of 1982 July 12, is correspondence from A. G. Fowler regarding the door-to-door canvass for dog and bicycle licences that is currently being conducted.

Since 1976 we have bi-annually conducted a door-to-door canvass for unlicensed dogs and bicycles. In our experience, many owners fail to renew their licences, and by mid year will probably not do so unless they are directly approached. Persons who acquire their first dog or bicycle may be unaware of licensing requirements. The object of canvassing is to achieve equitable application of the licensing requirements. Several other jurisdictions in the Greater Vancouver area conduct similar programs.

Annually a brochure advising dog and bicycle owners that licences are due on the second day of January is delivered to every household in the Municipality. It includes an application form for each licence. Later in the year a reminder notice is mailed to dog owners of record who have not renewed a licence.

Dog licence records are filed alphabetically by owner and numerically by tag number. It is not administratively practical to correlate the address of licenced dog owners to numerical sequence on an alphabetical street listing.

The costs of operating this program are not supported by general tax revenue. In the past revenue collected by the canvassers has exceeded the operating costs. Analysis of this year's program indicates that we should readily achieve the same results.

We appreciate the fact that Mr. Fowler purchases his dog's licence early in the year. However, based on results of both past and present programs it is evident that many persons do not obtain the required licence unless they are directly approached. In my opinion the door-to-door canvass is the most effective and equitable method of applying the regulations.

Submitted for the information of Council.



P. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

cc: Treasurer

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