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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	35
COUNCIL MEETING	1982 05 25

RE: LETTER FROM H.S. ELWOOD WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
 1982 MAY 17 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4f)
 ANIMAL CONTROL
 (ITEM 7, REPORT NO. 21, 1982 MARCH 29)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1982 May 19

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
 RE: ANIMAL CONTROL
RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT copies of this report be forwarded to:
 - (i) H.S. Elwood, 8134 - 14th Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V3N 2B8
 - (ii) C. Jack Homes, Secretary-Manager, B.C.S.P.C.A., 1205 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

SUMMARY

This report sets out the system of staggering hours of work and the work week of pound men to provide extended service to the public in the area of animal control.

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

On Council's agenda for the meeting of 1982 May 17 was a letter from H.S. Elwood protesting the hiring of a pound man to carry out park and beach patrols during the summer months; and a suggestion that regular pound personnel work early morning or late evening shifts or split shifts, and days off be rotated to provide weekend patrols.

2. BACKGROUND

Concentrated pound patrols to deal with the increasing problems of dogs running at large at park and beach facilities during the summer months was requested by the Recreation and Cultural Services Department. Review of the work schedule of the pound staff determined that we could not provide such patrols with the existing staff complement. Therefore, an additional pound man to carry out a pilot program of park and beach patrols during the 1982 summer season was approved by Council (Item 7, Report No. 21, 1982 March 29).

For many years we have employed a system of staggered hours of work and staggered work week for the S.P.C.A. staff employed at our animal shelter. Based on a regular staff complement of six (1 supervisor, 4 pound men, 1 kennel man), working a 35 hour week, we are able to provide extended hours of pound service to the public. The animal shelter is open 9:00 h to 1800 h weekdays and 9:00 h to 1700 h weekends and holidays.

Regular hours of patrol are:

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Monday	08:00 h to 18:00 h - 10 hours
Tuesday	07:00 h to 18:00 h - 11 hours
Wednesday	07:00 h to 18:00 h - 11 hours
Thursday	07:00 h to 18:00 h - 11 hours
Friday	07:00 h to 18:00 h - 11 hours
Saturday	07:00 h to 17:00 h - 10 hours

Additional patrols and hours are:

Sunday: emergency patrols between 09:00 h and 17:00 h
Summer Evening Patrols: 18:00 h up to 22:00 h for three evenings per week, alternating with two evenings per week between 1st May and 31st August

Emergency Patrols: provided through the S.P.C.A.'s Vancouver Regional Shelter to cover any period when the Burnaby shelter is not staffed

Park Patrols: Thursday through Monday alternating weekly between 06:00 h to 14:00 h and 13:00 h to 21:00 h between 1st May and 31st August

3. COSTS


Costs of providing the park and beach patrols, estimated at approximately \$2,000 per month, should be substantially offset by penalty revenue and sale of licences. The first weekend patrol (three days) resulted in 33 violation tickets and one impounding. The ticket penalty is the same as had the dog been impounded; \$25 for a licenced dog or \$40 for an unlicensed dog. The 33 tickets represent a minimum of \$825 penalty revenue.

No additional vehicle is required for the park and beach patrols. Our staggered schedule, both regular and park patrols, enable us to provide the necessary transportation with the existing vehicles.

4. SUMMARY

Staggered shifts for patrol have been in effect for many years to achieve effective use of available resources in providing extensive coverage for six days per week. Augmented by a 24 hour emergency service, our animal control program provides a comprehensive service to the community. The summer park and beach patrols will enhance the program by concentrating on the increasing problems of dogs at large in recreational areas.

For the further information of Council, Mrs. Elwood was given a verbal warning for their dog running at large in Robert Burnaby Park on 1982 April 05. On 1982 April 07, the offence was repeated in the same park. A ticket summons was issued. It is being contested and will come to trial on 1982 June 03.


P. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

cc: Treasurer
Director Recreational & Cultural Services