

RE: ANIMAL CONTROL - SPCA CONTRACT - 1983

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Treasurer be adopted.

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1982 December 22

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: TREASURER
RE: ANIMAL CONTROL: S.P.C.A. CONTRACT - 1983

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the contract with the S.P.C.A. be renewed for the period of 1983 January 01 to 1983 December 31 at a basic cost of \$196,463, plus evening patrols for the months of May to August at a cost of \$6,095, plus park patrols during the months of May to August at a cost of \$8,376, plus 25% commission on the total licence fees collected by them; and
2. THAT monthly payments be made to the S.P.C.A. at the rate of 1/12 of the annual amount of the basic contract, plus commission on the sale of licences, plus 1/4 of the costs of evening patrols and park patrols for the months of May to August; and
3. THAT all other terms and conditions of the 1982 contract be included in the 1983 contract.

SUMMARY

This report reviews the services that will be provided and the costs for the S.P.C.A. to act as the Corporation's pound keeper in 1983. Services are unchanged from the 1982 level; costs are essentially at the 1982 level - increased by .007%.

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The contract with the S.P.C.A. in which they were appointed pound keeper for the Corporation expired on 1982 December 31.

A contract proposal for the calendar year of 1983 in the amount of \$210,934 plus an estimated \$4,000 in commissions (25% of the licence fees collected by them) has now been received. This is an increase of \$1,412 (.007%) over the 1982 contract, the total of which was \$209,522.

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2. COSTS

Costs of the 1983 contract are estimated at:

Basic contract	\$196,463
Evening patrols - May to August	6,095
Park and beach patrols - May to August	<u>8,376</u>
	\$210,934
Estimated commissions on sale of licences	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$214,934</u></u>

Funds for the summer park and beach patrols are carried in the Recreation and Cultural Services departmental budget.

The S.P.C.A. estimates that their total costs will be \$222,958 or \$8,022 higher than the total contract costs. This amount will come from adoption fees and public donations.

2.1 INCREASES

The Society advises that their proposal is based on a 6% increase in labour costs for 1983 as negotiated with C.U.P.E. Local 1622. The agreement provides that if 1983 wage increases negotiated between the GVRD member municipalities and their respective C.U.P.E. union locals exceeds 6% then the Society's agreement with Local 1622 shall be adjusted upwards, in which case it is proposed that their pound contract with the Municipality shall be adjusted accordingly. Also, the Society advises that the minimal increase for 1983 (.007%) was achieved because 1982 revenue from adoption fees and donations in Burnaby were \$4,000 higher than anticipated. This amount has been applied to the 1983 budget. Also, they have received pledges for donations of food from pet food manufacturers which will substantially off-set feeding costs. It should not be anticipated that these sources will be available in 1984 or subsequent years.

3. STAFF AND SERVICES

Staff complement and level of service is unchanged.

Services to be provided will be:

- Enforcement of the Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation By-law
- Investigation of reported biting or savaging of persons or other animals
- Care and disposition of impounded animals
- Sale of licences
- Administration of the animal shelter
- Removal of dead animals from the streets and public areas
- Operation of the animal crematorium.

Staff complement will be:

- One supervisor
- * - Four inspectors
- One kennelman plus one part-time kennelman to cover seven day cleaning and feeding duties

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* During the summer months of May, June, July and August a supplementary inspector will be hired to provide park and beach patrols.

Transportation will be provided by five radio-equipped vehicles.

Hours that the animal shelter will be open to the public are:

- Monday to Friday, 09:00 h to 18:00 h
- Saturday and Sunday, 09:00 h to 17:00 h

Hours of patrol will be:

- Monday, 09:00 h to 18:00 h
- Tuesday to Friday, 07:00 h to 18:00 h
- Saturday, 09:00 h to 15:00 h
- Summer patrols, 18:00 h to 22:00 h (May to August, 3 evenings per week alternating with 2 evenings per week).
- Park and beach patrols, Wednesday to Sunday, May to August (Alternating weekly; early morning and late evening patrols).

Twenty-four hour emergency service is provided for injured animals, pick up of dead animals, investigation of reported bitings or savaging of persons and assistance to the Burnaby Fire Department and the R.C.M.P.

4. STATISTICS

Results of enforcement of animal control regulations to 1982 November 29 and for the years 1980 and 1981 are:

	<u>1982 to November 29</u>	<u>1981**</u>	<u>1980**</u>
Complaints recorded	1105	1092	1299
Dogs impounded	1081	1035	1191
Dog bitings investigated	57	52	45
Violation tickets issued	564*	71	116
Impounded dogs redeemed	696	571	700
Impounded dogs destroyed	78	102	152
Dead animals removed from streets	324	404	541

* The sharp increase in the number of violation tickets is a direct result of the seasonal parks patrol program implemented in 1982.

** Full year

Additionally, at the request of owners, the S.P.C.A. destroyed:

Dogs	248	281	229
Cats	307	344	316

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5. PARK AND BEACH PATROLS

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On 1982 November 03 the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the Director's recommendation that intensive patrols to control dogs running at large in parks and on beaches be conducted for the months of May to August 1983. This will be a repeat of the program that was initiated in 1982. It requires one additional inspector to work Wednesday to Sunday, alternating weekly between early morning patrols and late evening patrols. Transportation is available through use of the regular fleet of vehicles at no additional costs except fuel.

Recreational and Cultural Services staff is of the opinion that the program conducted in 1982 was very satisfactory. The incidents of dogs running off-leash in park areas showed a marked improvement as the program progressed through the summer. Many members of the public took the time to compliment the service. Some complained. Following are the direct results of the patrols conducted from 1982 May 01 to 1982 August 31:

- 221 ticket informations issued
- 138 dogs impounded
- 89 impounded dogs claimed
- 74 written warnings issued

Additionally, the number of complaints registered at the animal shelter concerning dogs at large in park areas was substantially reduced from the corresponding period in 1981.

Complaints - dogs at large in park areas:

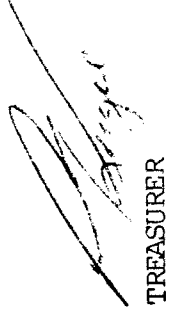
1981 -	177
1982 -	47

6. CONCLUSION

Essentially the S.P.C.A. have complied with our direction to provide services at 1982 costs by holding the increase to approximately 3/4% (.007%). With respect to a proposed escalation clause to cover wage increases in excess of 6% based on C.U.P.E. settlements throughout the GVFD area (Item 2.1), the Solicitor advises that such a provision should not be included, therefore, it is not recommended.

Our program of enforcement of animal control regulations remains basically unchanged for 1983. The summer parks patrols enhance the program as indicated by the reduction in registered complaints involving dogs at large in park areas, and the compliments received from many members of the public. In my opinion, our entire program is effective. The S.P.C.A. in their role of the Corporation's pound keeper provide a satisfactory service. The pound keeping duties are integrated with humane animal care which results in a comprehensive service that is vital to the needs of the community.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE S.P.C.A.'s 1983 CONTRACT PROPOSAL BE ACCEPTED.



TREASURER

cc. Municipal Solicitor
Director Recreation & Cultural Services