

ITEM 12  
 MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 79  
 COUNCIL MEETING 84/12/10

RE: ANIMAL CONTROL - SPCA CONTRACT - 1985

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

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1984 December 05  
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
 FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE  
 RE: ANIMAL CONTROL - S.P.C.A. CONTRACT - 1985

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the contract with the S.P.C.A. be renewed for the period 1985 January 01 to 1985 December 31 at a basic cost of \$216,120, plus evening patrols for the months of May to August at a cost of \$6,335, plus parks patrols during the months of May to August at a cost of \$8,780, plus 25% commission on the total licence fees collected by them.

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 poundkeeper in 1985. The services are unchanged from the 1984 level; costs to the municipality for these services will increase 6.4% over the 1984 rate.

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The contract with the S.P.C.A., in which they were appointed poundkeeper for the Corporation, will expire 1984 December 31. A contract proposal for the calendar year of 1985 in the amount of \$231,235, plus an estimated \$4,000 in commissions (25% of the fees collected by them), has been received.

2. COST COMPARISON

The contract proposal for 1985 is an increase of \$14,105 over 1984 costs. This represents approximately a 6.4% increase in costs, broken down as follows:

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Basic contract	\$202,659	\$216,120	\$13,461
Evening patrols (May - August)	6,095	6,335	240
Parks and beach patrols (May - August)	8,376	8,780	404
Commissions on sale of licences	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$221,130</u>	<u>\$235,235</u>	<u>\$14,105(6.4%)</u>

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

The S.P.C.A. estimate that their total costs will be \$255,235, or \$24,000 higher than our total contract costs. This amount represents humane care and treatment of animals and will come from adoption fees and public donations.

2.1 INCREASES

The Society advises that the working agreement negotiated with their employees for 1985 calls for an approximate salary increase of 4%. This salary increase, along with increased benefit costs and the standard inflationary increases in the price of energy, printing, and vehicle maintenance, have resulted in an overall operational increase of 7.6% for the Society. By increasing their share of humane care costs from \$20,000 to \$24,000 (25%), the S.P.C.A. has reduced the increase to the Corporation to 6.4% as shown above.

3. STAFF AND SERVICES

The terms and conditions of the agreement remain essentially the same.

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

The staff complement will be:

- One supervisor
- Four inspectors
- One kennelman plus one part-time kennelman to cover seven day cleaning and feeding duties
- 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, using five radio-equipped vehicles.

Hours that the Animal Shelter will be open to the public are:

Monday to Friday                    9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday            9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hours of patrol will be:

Monday                                9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday to Friday                7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday                             9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Summer patrols                    6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
 (May to August, three evenings per week, alternating with two evenings per week)

Parks and Beach patrol:  
 Wednesday to Sunday, May to August (alternating weekly, early morning and late evening patrols)

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Twenty-four (24) hour emergency service is provided for injured animals, pick up of dead animals, investigations of reported bitings or savagings of persons, and assistance to the Burnaby Fire Department and R.C.M.P.

4. STATISTICS

Results of enforcement of animal control regulations for the 12-month period December 01 - November 30 for the years 1982, 1983 and 1984 are:

	1984		1983		1982	
	Park & Beach Patrols Year	Total for Year	Park & Beach Patrols Year	Total for Year	Park & Beach Patrols Year	Total for Year
Complaints recorded	54	1004	16	1148	47	1202
Dogs & other animals impounded	95	1116	78	1173	138	1157
Dog bitings investigated		44		42		50
Violation tickets issued	224	350	251	851	221	565
Impounded dogs and other animals redeemed		514		747		739
Impounded dogs destroyed		323		100		80
Dead animals removed from streets		385		335		344

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

Dogs	253	246	269
Cats	316	324	313

5. CONCLUSION

The majority of the 6.4% proposed increase is directly related to a 4% increase in employee salaries, coupled with a corresponding increase in staff benefits. A 6.4% increase for 1985, when averaged against the increases for 1983 (0.7%) and 1984 (3.1%), equates to an approximate 3.3% per year trend.

The 1985 dog licence and pound fee increases previously approved by Council were included in the 1985 provisional budget. Also, the 1985 provisional operating budget anticipated an approximate 5% increase in the S.P.C.A. contract costs.

The 1985 annual budget will be increased by \$3,000 to cover the additional 1.4% contract costs.

Our program of enforcement of animal control regulations remains basically unchanged for 1985. The summer park patrols have become an intrinsic part of the program, as indicated by a continued high level of activity in this area. In my opinion, our entire program is effective. Over the three year period under review the number of general complaints received by our poundkeepers has been relatively constant. This stabilization of activities indicates that the S.P.C.A. is providing a satisfactory service to the Corporation. The poundkeeping 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 contract with the S.P.C.A. be renewed for the period 1985 January 01 to 1985 December 31 at a basic cost of \$216,120, plus evening patrols for the months of May to August at a cost of \$6,335, plus park patrols during the months of May to August at a cost of \$8,780, plus 25% commission on the total licence fees collected by them.

  
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DIRECTOR FINANCE

