

Re: LETTER FROM MR. R. E. MILLWAY WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
1986 NOVEMBER 17 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4h) REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL
- FEES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 86 11 19
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
RE: ANIMAL CONTROL - FEES

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. R. E. Millway,
3555 Keswick Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V3J 1M5

REPORT

Council, on 1986 November 17, received a letter from Mr. Millway regarding the rates for dog licence and associated fees in comparison with other greater Vancouver areas. Mr. Millway compared the bicycle licencing program to the animal control program and suggested that the dog licence fee schedule be reviewed and that senior citizens be eligible for a lower fee for a dog licence.

The objective of the animal control program is to provide the services of a poundkeeper and the facilities of an animal shelter to deal with stray animals and problems associated with dogs and other animals at large. Proceeds from dog licence and impoundment fees, including violation ticket fines, are used to offset the costs of providing this service.

In the greater Vancouver area, the basic dog licence fees for 1987 will range from \$15.00 to \$35.00. Burnaby's corresponding rate will be \$29.00. The City of Vancouver, City of Langley, District of Maple Ridge, and District of West Vancouver will have higher fees than Burnaby.

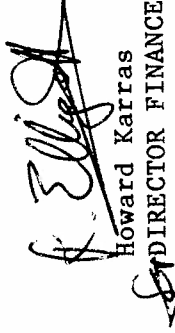
Impoundment fees and fines vary greatly throughout the area, ranging from a basic fine of \$15.00 to a high of \$150.00 for a third offense of a dog running at large. Our corresponding rates will be \$30.00 for a dog with a current licence, or \$48.00 for an unlicensed dog, plus the cost of licence.

The objective of the bicycle licencing program is to assist the Municipality in providing a deterrent to theft of bicycles and to return stolen or lost bicycles to the rightful owner. This is done through registration of identification numbers imprinted on each bicycle. Revenue from licence fees is used to offset the cost of providing this service. As an incentive for bicycle owners to register their bicycles, we currently offer a one time only free licence.

The two programs are provided to meet different needs, which are not comparable.

We appreciate that Mr. Millway has taken the time to bring forward his suggestions regarding structuring of licence fees. These will be considered in a review of our animal control by-law scheduled for 1987. Any changes that are proposed as a result of this review will be presented for Council's consideration in time for implementation for the 1988 licence year. Such changes would be advertised in local newspapers, and would be included in the annual brochure regarding dog and bicycle licences which is distributed on a door to door basis throughout the Municipality.

This is for the information of Council.


Howard Karras
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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