

R E P O R T
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1987 June 01

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

FROM: MAYOR W. A. LEWARNE

RE: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DOG CONTROL

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council endorse the amended committee structure and appointments as detailed in this report; and
2. THAT Council adopt the Terms of Reference as described in this report; and
3. THAT the Committee's deliberations be completed and reported back to Council by 1987 November 30.

REPORT

Council on 1987 May 25 approved the Municipal Manager's recommendation "That the municipality proceed no further toward the creation of off-leash areas for dogs in Burnaby."

Arising out of Council's consideration of this recommendation, Council approved the following motion:

"WHEREAS a variety of concerns regarding dog control have been brought to the attention of Council on a regular basis during the past five years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council strike a committee, including two representatives from Council, two representatives from the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, two representatives from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, two representatives from the Western Federation of Individuals and Dog Organizations (FIDO), two representatives from the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association and up to two interested citizens, to study and report back on the following concerns, with the following priorities:

1. The problem of vicious dogs;
2. Public education and responsible pet ownership;
3. Recreation needs of responsible pet owners, excluding consideration of off-leash areas for dogs."

In the process of considering appointments for this Committee, I have concluded that a Committee of 12 is rather large and cumbersome for the issue involved. I am therefore recommending that the number of representatives from each body be reduced from 2 to 1, except that there would still be 2 citizen representatives. The Committee would thereby be reduced from 12 to 7 members.

If this is agreed to, I recommend the following appointments:

Council	Alderman Victor V. Stusiak
Parks & Recreation Commission	Doreen Lawson
S.P.C.A.	Gary Smith
F.I.D.O.	Frances Clark (10060 #5 Road, Richmond)
B.C. Veterinary Medical Assoc.	Dr. Allen Forsyth (7760 Southwood Place)
Citizen	Mrs. Christine Crosato (8162 Wedge- wood Street)
Citizen	Mrs. Louise Johnston (7758 Burgess Street)

Since the issues outlined in the motion are to be addressed within the jurisdiction of the municipality and the applicable Acts, statutes and by-laws, I recommend that the terms of reference for the committee be:

1. To define the degree to which the community needs and wants control of vicious dogs; and to propose a strategy for such control.
2. To outline specific education actions which could be undertaken to inform the public regarding responsible dog ownership and control, and to assign responsibility for such actions.
3. To define the recreational needs of dog owners and how those needs may be met within the general context of prevailing by-laws and legislation.
4. To report their recommendations to Council by 1987 November 30.

Respectfully submitted,



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