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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 45  
COUNCIL MEETING 87/07/13

RE: LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. T. COHN, 4473 SAMARA COURT, BURNABY, B.C., V5H 1H4  
ANIMAL CONTROL

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE  
RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

1987 July 07

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Shirley and Ted Cohn, 4473 Samara Court, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 1H4.

REPORT

This report is presented in response to a letter from Shirley and Ted Cohn which appears under Correspondence in this agenda.

Staff have contacted Mr. Cohn and discussed this letter with him. Mr. Cohn indicates that his primary concern is that the new vicious dog provisions recently introduced into Vancouver's animal control by-law may cause Central Park to become a haven for Vancouver dog owners looking for a less restrictive area in which to exercise their dogs. The Cohn family are frequent users of Central Park and Mr. Cohn feels that it is important that Burnaby move quickly to adopt strong vicious dog regulations.

AFTER HOURS POUND SERVICE

Staff have also reviewed the Cohns' letter with the S.P.C.A. Supt. Garry Smith confirms that Burnaby's animal shelter is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Telephone calls made to the shelter after hours receive a recorded message which refers all emergencies to the S.P.C.A. Night Emergency Personnel (N.E.P.) at 879-7343. NEP operate out of the Vancouver S.P.C.A. shelter and are available to assist the police, fire, and health departments with all animal-related emergencies. They also routinely deal with sick or injured animals, vicious dogs and bitings. They do not, however, provide a general Pound service or patrol for dogs running at large in the municipality after hours.

Throughout the summer months the Pound service is expanded to provide extra patrols and parks coverage. Morning patrols running Tuesday through Sunday begin as early as 6 a.m. Rotating evening patrols operated Wednesday to Sunday have an inspector out until 10 p.m. every other week. Inspectors on morning or evening patrols are in direct radio contact with the Vancouver NEP staff and the Burnaby works yard dispatch tower.

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ANIMAL CONTROL REVIEW

Staff are currently reviewing the municipality's overall animal control program. A report to Council outlining the results of this review will be forwarded to Council in 1987 October. This report will include recommendations dealing with vicious dogs.

Burnaby Council has struck an Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control. This committee will be looking at the problem of vicious dogs as well as public education and responsible pet ownership, and the recreation needs of responsible pet owners. The committee's deliberations will be reported to Council by 1987 November 30.


CONCLUSION

Staff have discussed these matters with Mr. Cohn. He is aware of the services provided by the NEP, the municipality's evening and morning patrol program, and of the work being done by the animal control committee and staff.

Staff will consider Mr. Cohn's comments as part of their review. A copy of Mr. Cohn's letter will be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be sent to Shirley and Ted Cohn, 4473 Samara Court, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 1H4.

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Howard Karras  
DIRECTOR FINANCE