

RE: LETTER FROM MR. C. SNEDDON WHICH APPEARED ON THE  
AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 1987 SEPTEMBER 14  
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 September 16  
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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. C. Sneddon, 7286  
Barnet Road, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1E2.

REPORT

This report is presented in response to a letter from Mr. C. Sneddon which appeared under Correspondence in the 1987 September 14 agenda.

Staff have contacted Mr. Sneddon and discussed this letter with him. Mr. Sneddon indicates that his primary concern is the lack of regulations in Burnaby dealing with vicious dogs.

Staff have investigated the incidents reported by Mr. Sneddon. The incident involving the dog attack took place two to three months ago and was not reported to the Poundkeeper. With Mr. Sneddon's assistance, staff contacted the owner of the dog. Since the alleged attack the dog has been tied within a fenced yard. The owner has recently purchased a 1987 licence for the dog and is adamant that the dog is now leashed whenever it is taken off the property.

The incident involving the dog in Mr. Sneddon's yard was reported to the Vancouver S.P.C.A. as an after hours call on a Sunday at approximately 6:15 p.m. The answering machine at Burnaby's animal shelter directs after hours calls to the Vancouver shelter. Staff at the Vancouver shelter returned Mr. Sneddon's call at about 7:10 p.m. and as he was out, a message was left on his answering machine. Mr. Sneddon returned the call about 10:00 p.m. and advised that the dog was no longer around and there was no point in sending out a patrol. It was subsequently determined that the dog was owned by a person visiting in the neighbourhood. No further action was taken.

Staff are currently reviewing our municipal animal control regulations, including those dealing with vicious dogs. A report outlining the results of this review will be forwarded to Council later this year.

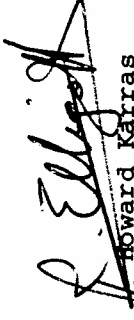
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Burnaby Council has established an Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control. This committee is looking at the problem of vicious dogs as well as public education and responsible pet ownership, and the recreation needs of responsible pet owners. The committee's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

Staff explained the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control to Mr. Sneddon and invited him to submit his ideas or concerns to the Committee through the Municipal Poundkeeper (who is a member of the Committee).

  
HOWARD KARRAS  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

RE: gw

CC: Burnaby S.P.C.A.