

RE: 1989 DOG LICENCE, VIOLATION TICKETS
IMPOUNDING, CREMATION AND DISPOSAL FEES
(ITEM 3, REPORT NO. 66, 1988 OCTOBER 16)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 November 22

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: 1989 DOG LICENCE, VIOLATION TICKETS,
IMPOUNDING, CREMATION AND DISPOSAL FEES
(ITEM 3, REPORT NO.66, 1988 OCTOBER 16)

PURPOSE: To obtain Council's approval of 1989 dog licence,
violation notice, impounding, cremation and disposal fees.

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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation Bylaw 1972, No. 6191, be brought forward to provide for the fees outlined in Schedules A, B and C of this report effective 1989 January 01.

SUMMARY

This is the annual animal control fee report. The report proposes:

1. a 4% increase for daily board fees, cremation/disposal fees and off-leash violation tickets for 1989.
2. an incentive for prompt payment of licence fees as presented in the Animal Control Review received by Council on 1988 October 17. The incentive would be no fee increase for dog licences purchased before March 01.
3. a fee increase of \$2.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$5.00 for other dogs if the licence is purchased from March 01 on. The intent of this increase is to encourage the prompt payment of fees.
4. escalating violation tickets, impounding fees and measures to control vicious dogs as approved by Council in the Animal Control review on 1988 October 17.

The fee changes are required to offset expected operating cost increases for the Municipal animal control program provided primarily by the S.P.C.A., and to introduce the changes approved by Council on 1988 October 17 as part of the Animal Control Review. The proposed fee changes would increase revenue by an estimated \$4,000 in 1989. Burnaby's dog licence and pound fees are generally in line with other communities in the G.V.R.D.

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REPORT

There are two parts to this report. Part one presents the proposed annual fee increase for daily board, the cremation and disposal of animal remains and off-leash violation tickets. Part two proposes an incentive for prompt payment of licence fees, and presents the escalating violation tickets and impounding fees as received by Council on 1988 October 17.

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PART I

The Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation Bylaw 1972, No. 6191, provides for the licencing of dogs, impounding of dogs and other animals at large, disposal of unlicensed dogs, cremation of animal remains, and establishes fees. Staff review the fees annually and recommend changes for Council's consideration where appropriate.

A 4% (rounded) increase in fees for daily board, cremation/disposal services and off-leash violation tickets is proposed for 1989. The proposed fees would increase dog licence revenue by an estimated \$4,000 or approximately 4% over 1988. This amount will be included in the 1989 provisional budget.

The increase will serve to offset expected operating cost increases for the Municipal animal control program as provided by the S.P.C.A. under contract to Burnaby. Burnaby's dog licence and pound fees are generally in line with other communities in the G.V.R.D. Our ticket fines for dogs at large are higher than most.

The proposed 1989 fees for board and cremation/disposal are presented for comparison with the current fees in the attached Schedule A:

PART II

Council, on 1988 October 17 received the Animal Control and Licencing Review. After discussion and minor amendment, Council adopted the recommendations. The proposals outlined as part of the review are presented for implementation in this report.

A. Incentive for Prompt Payment of Dog Licence Fees

Included in the Animal control Review was the proposal that an incentive be introduced to encourage prompt payment of dog licence fees. Presently, Burnaby is, on average, collecting only 50% of the total dog licence fees paid in the first two months of the year.

Maple Ridge initiated a \$10.00 incentive for the prompt payment of licence fees, and the Municipal Collector for Maple Ridge now estimates that over 90% of the Maple Ridge dog licences are purchased in the first two months of the year.

To introduce the incentive, we propose no 1989 increase in dog licence fees for licences purchased prior to March 01. To make the incentive more meaningful, we propose an increase of \$2.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$5.00 for other dogs if the licence is purchased from 1989 March 01 on. This should provide an incentive to encourage prompt payment of fees and the licencing of new dogs.

The rate paid prior to March 01 will be assessed throughout the year to:

1. owners of young dogs who can verify that their animal is 12 weeks old; and
2. dog owners who can demonstrate that the dog to be licenced was purchased or obtained within the two months prior to applying for a licence.

The attached Schedule B presents the licence fee structure.

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B. Escalating Violation and Impounding Fees

Council adopted regulations to control vicious dogs as part of the Animal Control and Licencing Review. Also approved was the introduction of escalating violation and impounding fees.

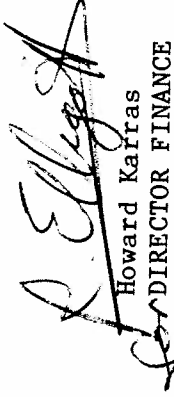
Impounding fees would apply to the owner and not to a specific animal. An owner of two or more dogs would be subject to escalating fees for the second and subsequent offences regardless of which dog is involved in an incident. Furthermore, the escalating fees would apply if a new offence is registered within one calendar year of the previous offence.

The fees for the regulatory measures approved by Council are outlined in the attached Schedule C.

The proposed dog licence fees, violation tickets and the impounding fees have been developed to provide fair and equitable fees to all dog owners. It is designed to place increased emphasis on those owners who frequently contravene the bylaw.

To ensure public awareness of the changes to the Animal Control Bylaw, advertisements will be placed in a local newspaper and included in the Parks brochure to be delivered to every mail receptacle in the municipality.

It is recommended that the Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation Bylaw 1972, No. 6191 be brought forward to provide for the fees outlined in this report effective 1989 January 01.


Howard Karras
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc. Municipal Solicitor
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PROPOSED 1989 FEES

Schedule A

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	<u>Current (1988)</u>	<u>Proposed (1989)</u>
a) <u>Daily board fees</u>		
Dogs	\$ 5.40	\$ 5.60
Other animals - including cats	2.30	2.40
b) <u>Cremation disposal fees</u>		
Per pound	0.22	0.23
Minimum charge	5.40	5.60
c) <u>Off-Leash Violation tickets</u>		
Licenced	\$31.00	\$ 32.00
Unlicenced	49.50 *	51.50 *

* plus licence fee

SCHEDULE B

a) Dog licences fees

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
		(Paid Before March 1)
		(Paid From March 1)
Male dog	\$30.00	\$30.00
Neutered male dog	12.00	12.00
Female dog	30.00	30.00
Spayed female dog	12.00	12.00

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The following regulatory measures were approved by Council on 1988 October 17 as part of the review of animal control and licencing regulations (Item No. 3, Manager's Report No. 66, 1988). The fees will be included in the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw for 1989.

Violation Tickets

	<u>First Offence</u>	<u>Second Offence</u>	<u>Third and Subsequent Offences</u>
Keeping unlicensed dogs	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$100.00
Keeping more than two dogs over four months of age	25.00	50.00	100.00
Keeping more than two poisonous or venomous animals	25.00	50.00	100.00
Keeping more than four cats over four months of age	25.00	50.00	100.00
Vicious dog unmuzzled in public	100.00	100.00	100.00
<u>Impounding Fees</u>			
Vicious dog	100.00	200.00	200.00
Licensed dog	25.00	50.00	100.00
Unlicensed dog	50.00 *	100.00 *	150.00 *

NOTE: The current (1988) impounding fee is \$31.00 for a licensed dog and \$49.50 plus licence for an unlicensed dog.

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