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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	73
COUNCIL MEETING	93/12/13

TO: CITY MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE  
SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL - 1994 S.P.C.A. CONTRACT  
PURPOSE: To obtain approval for the 1994 S.P.C.A. contract.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the contract with the S.P.C.A. be renewed for the period 1994 January 01 to 1994 December 31 at a cost of \$354,583, plus 35% commission on dog licences sold through the S.P.C.A.

SUMMARY

The S.P.C.A. provides poundkeeping services for the City. This report presents the S.P.C.A.'s 1994 contract proposal which would see the overall cost of animal control services increase by 4.4%.

The increase reflects actual operating costs of the S.P.C.A., inflation and a decrease in dog licence commissions paid to the S.P.C.A. The proposal will increase the cost of the poundkeeping contract by \$24,888 or 7.5% in 1994. Funds are included in the 1994 provisional budget for the 1994 contract.

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The poundkeeping contract with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) expires 1993 December 31.

A contract proposal for 1994 has been received from the S.P.C.A. and reviewed by staff. This report outlines the services provided by the S.P.C.A. to the City and presents the terms and conditions of the proposed 1994 poundkeeping contract.

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2. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE S.P.C.A.

As the City poundkeeper, the S.P.C.A. provides the following services in Burnaby:

- Enforcement of the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw
- Investigation of reported bitings or savaging of persons or other animals
- Care and disposition of impounded animals
- Sale of licences
- Administration of the animal shelter
- Removal of the dead and the care of injured animals from streets and public areas
- Operation of the animal crematorium
- Door to door licence canvass

The basic services maintained under the contract include providing animal shelter and community patrols as outlined below:

- Hours that the animal shelter will be open to the public are:

Monday to Friday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

24 hour emergency service is provided for injured animals, pickup of dead animals, investigations of bitings or savaging of persons, and assistance to the Burnaby Fire Department and R.C.M.P.

- Hours of general community patrol will be:

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Hours of evening and park/beach patrol will be:

A five day week covering the weekend; 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. one week and 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the following week, April through September.

In 1993 the S.P.C.A. carried out the annual door to door dog licence canvass in the south half of the City. In 1994 the canvass will be conducted in the north half.

A statistical overview of these services as provided by the S.P.C.A. through the pound-keeping operations from 1989 to 1993 is presented below:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993 Nov.1</u>
Complaints recorded	1,111	1,231	1,145	1,724	1,586
Dogs and other animals impounded	871	931	682	671	563
Dog bitings investigated	92	96	64	70	59
Violation tickets issued	171	186	199	176	114
Impounded dogs and other animals redeemed	480	521	368	329	323
Impounded dogs euthanized	74	63	13	14	8
Dead animals removed from streets	408	324	252	272	188
Dogs and cats euthanized at the request of the owner	596	388	267	230	233

The general decrease in the numbers above is a result of more responsible pet ownership and the decline in the number of dogs in our community. This has been evident with the decrease in dog licences sold -- 5,375 in 1993 compared to 6,111 in 1992.

3. PROPOSED 1994 POUNDKEEPING CONTRACT

The S.P.C.A. has submitted a 1994 contract proposal for the provision of poundkeeping services. They are requesting an increase of 7.5% over 1993. The contract proposed is for \$354,583 plus commissions to be paid on licences sold by the S.P.C.A.

The total cost of the pound service for 1994 (including commissions) is estimated to be \$364,583 which is a 4.4% increase over 1993. The City pays a 35% commission on the licences sold through the S.P.C.A.

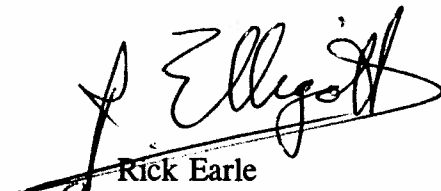
The proposed 1994 increase reflects the actual operating costs of the S.P.C.A., inflation and the anticipated decrease in commissions on licences.

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The 1994 contract proposal is recommended for approval. Funds are included in the 1994 provisional budget for 1994 contract proposal. The contract proposal is summarized in Schedule A attached.

CONCLUSION

The S.P.C.A. continues to provide an effective poundkeeping service to the City. The poundkeeping duties are integrated with humane animal care, which results in a comprehensive service that is essential to the needs of the community.

  
Rick Earle  
for DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Attach.

cc: Director Recreation & Cultural Services  
Director Administrative & Community Services  
City Solicitor  
Executive Director S.P.C.A.



S.P.C.A. CONTRACT COSTS 1990 TO 1994

	1990 <u>Contract</u> \$	1991 <u>Contract</u> \$	1992 <u>Contract</u> \$	1993 <u>Contract</u> \$	Proposed 1994 <u>Contract</u> \$	Increase/ Decrease over 1993 \$
S.P.C.A. basic contracting proposal:						
Operating costs	309,088	326,645	337,186	347,712	374,141	26,429
Less income earned by the Society including licence commissions	<u>(44,900)</u>	<u>(46,400)</u>	<u>(52,400)</u>	<u>(52,400)</u>	<u>(54,800)</u>	2,400
Net operating costs	264,188	280,245	284,786	295,312	319,341	24,029
Evening patrols	4,043	4,286	4,436	4,580	4,694	114
Park & Beach patrols	11,508	12,198	12,625	13,035	13,361	326
Night emergency	<u>14,803</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u>16,240</u>	<u>16,768</u>	<u>17,187</u>	419
<b>TOTAL S.P.C.A. CONTRACT</b>	<u>294,542</u>	<u>312,229</u>	<u>318,087</u>	<u>329,695</u>	<u>354,583</u>	<u>24,888</u>
Percentage increase in contract over previous year	9.0%	6.0%	1.9%	3.6%		7.5%
Estimated cost to Burnaby of commissions on licence fees	14,500	14,500	19,500	19,500	10,000	(9,500)
Total cost of poundkeeping services to Burnaby	<u>309,042</u>	<u>326,729</u>	<u>337,587</u>	<u>349,195</u>	<u>364,583</u>	<u>15,388</u>
Percentage increase in total cost over previous year	10.2%	5.7%	3.3%	3.4%		4.4%

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