

ITEM	10
MANAGER'S REPORT #	25
COUNCIL MEETING	95/05/15

TO: CITY MANAGER

1995 MAY 11

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

File: D57

SUBJECT: REBATE FOR SPAYING CATS

PURPOSE: To provide information requested by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

Council, on 1995 May 08, referred the *attached* motion, which would establish a rebate program for Burnaby residents who spay their cats, to staff for report. This report provides Council with further information on the motion.

Over the past year, a number of individuals and special interest groups have expressed concern over the cat population problem. From discussions with cat owners and advocates, we have learned that a major factor in the decision to spay a pet cat is the cost of the procedure. The Council motion to establish a spay rebate program would address this concern.

In surveying local veterinary hospitals, the average cost for spay operations is found to be \$73.00.

A rebate of \$10 would represent a 14% average saving for spaying a cat. These savings may encourage those who have not altered their cats for financial reasons to do so. Estimates on the success of the rebate program and the impact on the cat population in Burnaby are unknown.

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The program would be administered through a grant to the Burnaby S.P.C.A. as a one-time, \$7,000 program based on the pet owner supplying proof of Burnaby residency and a valid certificate of spaying. Rebates of \$10 per cat would be offered to a limit of two cats per household and available to owners whose cats are spayed on 1995 June 01 or later. Cheques would be mailed to qualifying residents and records would be maintained to track the program and prevent abuse. The June 01 start date offers an opportunity to announce the program to Burnaby cat owners in the local papers.

Funding for the program is available from Operating Contingency.

This report is for Council's information.



Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Attach.

CITY OF BURNABY
INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: DIRECTOR FINANCE

DATE: 1995 MAY 09

FROM: CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: CAT REBATE

Please be advised that Council, at the regular Council Meeting held on 1995 May 08, REFERRED the following motion to staff for a report to the May 15 Council Meeting:

"WHEREAS Burnaby is proactive with its Animal Control Bylaw to promote humane treatment of household pets; and

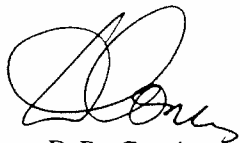
WHEREAS Burnaby, in partnership with the S.P.C.A., has promoted public education regarding the benefits of spaying and neutering to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS we have been quite successful with dogs; and

WHEREAS the number of unwanted cats and kittens being put down each down decreased dramatically for several years, the decrease has levelled off with unacceptable numbers still being put down; and

WHEREAS further education and encouragement is needed to address the problem

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Burnaby offer a \$10 rebate to Burnaby residents for the spaying of up to two cats per household, starting May 15 upon producing a spay certificate signed and dated by a veterinarian for the first seven hundred certificates presented."



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CITY CLERK

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