

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 1998 December 7

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

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SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL - S.P.C.A. CONTRACT

PURPOSE: To obtain approval for a contract renewal with the S.P.C.A. for a five year period covering 1999 January 01 to 2003 December 31.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **THAT** the contract with the S.P.C.A. be renewed for a five year term (1999 January 01 - 2003 December 31) with the addition of a part-time kennelman for weekend duty, at a cost to the City which would increase according to the Vancouver Consumer Price Index for the previous year, plus 35% commission of dog licences sold each year through the S.P.C.A.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The pound keeping contract with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) expires on 1998 December 31. The current agreement is in the last year of a three year term and calls for an annual increase in cost to the City equal to the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year. The Vancouver CPI increases have been 0.2 % for 1997 and 0.7% for 1996. The pound keeping services for 1998 are provided to the City at a cost of \$369,850.00 plus \$9,500.00 in dog licence commissions.

PROPOSED POUND KEEPING CONTRACT

A contract proposal for the continued provision of pound keeping services has been received from the S.P.C.A. The proposal is the same as the current contract, with two exceptions. The contract proposal refers to a five year term in place of the current three year agreement. Secondly, the proposal includes the addition of a part-time kennelman to work at the shelter on weekends. The cost for this additional staff is \$9,500.00. An annual increase in the contract would continue to be based on the previous years CPI for Vancouver.

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

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

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

This past year, the S.P.C.A. also began handling barking dog issues which were previously the responsibility of the Health Department.

The basic services maintained under the contract include providing animal shelter operations and community patrols. 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.

Twenty-four 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 the R.C.M.P.

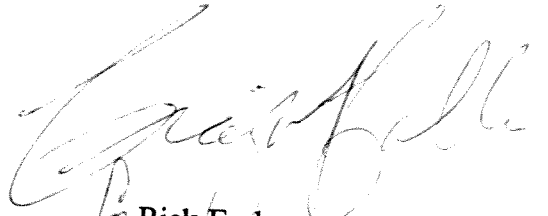
In addition to the year round community patrols, park/beach and evening patrols are stepped up from April 01 to September 30 with an additional animal control officer on duty. A year end report on the S.P.C.A. activities for 1998 will be forwarded for Council's consideration in the new year.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that the City enter into the five year agreement with the S.P.C.A. with the addition of the part-time kennelman for weekend duty. The increase in staff compliment at the shelter is recommended to address service demands on the weekends, which have become increasingly busy.

The estimated cost of pound service for 1999 is \$381,567.00 (based on a 1998 Vancouver CPI of 0.6%) plus licence commissions of approx. \$9,000.00. This cost represents a 3.2 % increase in the contract, largely due to the increase in shelter staff for weekends. Funds are included in the 1999 Provisional Budget to cover the estimated cost of the 1999 contract.

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



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