

2002 January 2

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (B.C.S.P.C.A.)

PURPOSE: To provide information to council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information

REPORT

Animal control services for the City are provided, under contract, by the B.C.S.P.C.A. The current contract for service runs until 2003 December 31. As part of the contract, the B.C.S.P.C.A. operates from the City owned animal shelter at 3202 Norland Avenue.

The recent change in the District of North Vancouver away from the B.C.S.P.C.A, has resulted in personnel changes within their organization. As of 2002 January 1, Jeff Lawson replaces Carson Wilson as the Superintendent of the Burnaby Animal Shelter. Mr. Lawson has over 25 years experience with the B.C.S.P.C.A. and most recently held the Shelter Superintendent position at the District of North Vancouver shelter. Mr. Wilson moves to the Superintendent position in Coquitlam, temporarily, and then to Delta, permanently.

The B.C.S.P.C.A. has also undergone recent organizational changes. In November 2001, the Society adopted new bylaws which re-established the provincial structure of the organization. The Society is also reviewing it's programs and functions and is working towards a strategic plan for this year.

One function that has been identified for review and directly impacts the City, relates to animal control and how involved the B.C.S.P.C.A. should be in the provision of this service. A decision on this issue is expected with the completion of the strategic plan. The B.C.S.P.C.A. continues to provide animal control services in a number of communities and has assured that all current and future contracts will be fulfilled. Staff will remain in contact with the B.C.S.P.C.A regarding organizational developments effecting the City and will report to Council as necessary.



for Rick Earle
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