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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2010 June 08

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**SUBJECT:** CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council approval to renew the animal control service contract with the BCSPCA.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the animal control service contract with the BCSPCA be renewed for a three year term ending 2012 December 31 at a cost of \$ 494,320.00 for 2010 with an annual increase based on the Vancouver Consumer Price Index.

**REPORT**

The animal control service agreement with the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA) expired on 2009 December 31 and has been carried over to allow for continued service while a new contract proposal was established. The contract process for 2010 included a public Request for Qualifications through BC Bid to identify interested and qualified service providers. The BCSPCA was the lone qualified proposal.

The BCSPCA is the largest animal welfare agency in British Columbia. Established in 1895 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the Society is a registered non-profit organization with 420 employees and over 4000 volunteers. Operating throughout the province, the BCSPCA holds and undertakes the legislated mandate to enforce animal cruelty laws, educates the public on humane treatment of animals, delivers medical and clinical animal health care and provides animal control services to local jurisdictions.

The cost of the proposed contract is \$ 494,320.00 for 2010 with annual increases based on the Vancouver Consumer Price Index over a three year term. Options are included in the agreement for two, one-year extensions. This cost represents a \$ 32,500.00 (7%) increase over the 2009 contract with the BCSPCA due to a CPI increase and the addition of a management fee.

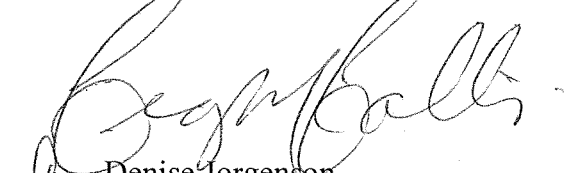
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The proposed agreement designates the BCSPCA as the City shelter operator and provides for the following services:

- Enforcement of the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw
- Investigation of reported animal attacks and bites
- Operation of the Burnaby Animal Shelter
- Care and disposition of sheltered animals
- Care of injured animals and removal of dead animals from streets and public areas
- Sale of dog licences

Services provided from the Animal Shelter include service to the public and community patrols. The Animal Shelter is open to the public weekdays 9:00am – 6:00pm and weekends 9:00am – 5:00pm. Twenty-four hour emergency service is provided for animals in distress, investigating animal attacks and assisting Fire and Police services.

The BCSPCA continues to provide effective animal control and shelter service to the community. The proposed contract service includes the benefit of the BCSPCA's humanitarian mandate, comprehensive expertise and broad organizational functions relating to animal welfare. Council approval of the proposed contract is recommended. Funds are included in the 2010 Financial Plan to cover the cost of the contract.

  
for Denise Jorgensen  
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