
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2013 January 08

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval to exercise the City's option of extending the current animal control service contract with the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA),

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the current animal control service contract with the BCSPCA be extended for a two year term beginning on 2013 January 01 at an estimated cost of \$520,383.00 for 2013 with annual increase based on the Vancouver Consumer Price Index.

REPORT

The animal control service agreement with the BCSPCA expired on 2012 December 31. That contract went into effect on 2010 January 01 and was in place for a three year term. Within the contract there is a renewal option for a two year period which if exercised would extend the contract until 2014 December 31. In discussion with Licence Office staff the BCSPCA has expressed willingness to extend the contract and have agreed to continue to provide animal control services in the interim.

Annual increases for the contract costs are based on Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI) as provided by Statistics Canada. These increases are typically calculated based on the reported annual CPI for January of the given year. The 2013 January CPI has not yet been reported however, the most recent data available (2011 November to 2012 November) reports CPI for Vancouver as 0.2%. Based on this figure the estimated cost of the proposed contract is \$520,383.00 for 2013. Adjustments to the actual cost of the contract will be implemented once January 2013 CPI data is made available, however, any increase or decrease in the contract cost is expected to be minor.

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.

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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. The Purchasing Manager concurs with the proposed two year contract extension with the BCSPCA.



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