
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 15, 2004
File No.: 4000-00
To: City Manager
From: Inspection Services Manager
Subject: Meat Inspection Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council rescind Meat Inspection Bylaw 6498-89 in it's entirety.

BACKGROUND

The Meat Inspection Bylaw is a short 2 ½ page bylaw which states in part that the Medical Health Officer may from time to time appoint a Meat Inspector. The bylaw goes on to say that no butcher shop or other establishment shall sell any meat for human consumption that has not been inspected and approved by the Meat Inspector at a slaughter house which has approval in writing by the Medical Health Officer.

The City's function in the bylaw was for the City Treasurer to receive the monthly inspection statement and in turn invoice the persons receiving meat inspection services and make equivalent monthly payments to the Meat Inspector for services rendered.

For many years Dr. Ellis was the appointed Meat Inspector. Dr. Ellis has now retired and the Medical Health Officer and the City of Kelowna have been unable to find a qualified person to carry on the meat inspections.

The tender by the City for a Meat Inspector was advertised on our City web page in March and 5 local veterinarian facilities were faxed notices to ensure that there was sufficient exposure to the tender and opportunity to bid. No bids were received by the closing date. We can therefore state with clarity that no interest exists for providing this service.

The City's Risk Manager is concerned that the City has exposure to legal action because of the existence of this bylaw. Presently there is no enabling legislation that permits a Meat Inspection Bylaw and meat inspection is a provincial responsibility therefore it is imperative that this Bylaw be rescinded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Inspection Services Manager

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