
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 5, 2008
File No.: 6130-07
To: City Manager
From: Urban Forestry Supervisor
Subject: Feral European rabbit contract

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a contract for the control of feral European rabbits in the City of Kelowna be awarded to EBB Environmental Consulting for \$54,040.00 (excluding GST);

AND THAT the costs associated with this project be funded as follows: \$30,000 from chartfield 3600-P990; and the remaining \$24,040 from general reserves.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 13, 2008 meeting, Council approved a recommendation for staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), "seeking a community partner(s), or business (es) that will handle the rabbit problem on public and private properties, on the City's behalf".

A total of six proposals were received and rated by staff according to the following criteria: cost, probability of successfully meeting the program objectives, and experience conducting similar work / references. Six full control proposals were received from The Responsible Animal Care Society, EBB Environmental Consulting, Orkin PCO Services Corporation, Common Ground, Depth Charge Salvage and Recovery and Earthanimal Humane Education and Rescue Society ranging in price from \$54,040 to \$254,000. One proposal received was for education only at a cost of \$44,575 (for the first year of a three year contract).

Staff are recommending that the proposal from EBB Environmental Consulting be accepted at a cost of \$54,040 (excluding GST) for a one-year program as this proposal offers the best value.

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:

Purchasing Manager; Financial Planning Manager; Communications Manager

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LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

ss. 8 & 9 of the *Community Charter*, and the accompanying Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation, allow for the regulation of animals, including wildlife, and specifically including alien invasive species which includes European rabbits.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

As this program is not part of the 2008 Financial Plan, the necessary funding is proposed to come from two sources:

- \$30,000 from the Parks' Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) budget, 3600-P990; and
- \$24,040 from general reserves to be determined by the Finance Department and the Parks Division.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

If Council prefers to avoid the use of a reserve for this project, we would recommend the use of Council Contingency as a funding source as set out below:

AND THAT the costs associated with this project be charged as follows: \$30,000 from chartfield 3600-P990 and \$24,040 from Council contingency chartfield 015-0-003.

CONSIDERATIONS THAT WERE NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS REPORT:

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

EXISTING POLICY:


TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Submitted by:



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Approved for Inclusion:



Cc: David Graham, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services
Joe Creron, Parks Manager