
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 23, 2008

File No.: 4020-01

To: City Manager

From: City Clerk

Subject: Animal Control

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT further discussion regarding the creation of an Animal Control function for the City of Kelowna be forwarded to the 2009 Budget deliberations.

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, Council adopted a resolution requesting that the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) consider expanding the Regional Animal Control function beyond the existing dog control contract, to include the investigation, control and enforcement of nuisance animal complaints. The Board did consider the City's request and subsequently declined to expand the service as requested.

Council then instructed staff to investigate the feasibility of starting a City animal control function in the future, and report back to Council.

Currently, the RDCO deals with dog and starling complaints, the City deals with geese and farm animal complaints, and any other complaints are referred to the provincial conservation officers. Animal carcasses are picked up from City roads by the Roadways Division.

Staff have looked into creating a City animal control function and concluded that it would be best to hire a consultant with expertise in this area to examine the resources required, including staffing and costs, to create, and operate such a service. It is recommended that a request to hire such a consultant be deliberated as part of the 2009 Budget considerations.

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:

Inspection Services Manager
Parks Manager
Bylaw Enforcement Supervisor
Urban Forestry Supervisor

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Community Charter, section 8 (Fundamental Powers), section 9 (Spheres of Concurrent Authority); and Part 3, Division 6 – Animal Control.

EXISTING POLICY:

The Regional District currently provides Dog Control services within the City of Kelowna.



The City's The Animal and Poultry Regulation and Animal Pound Bylaw No. 5421-82 sets out the regulations for the keeping of farm animals within the City. The bylaw also provides for the establishment of an animal pound and the appointment of a Pound Keeper to impound animals that are running at large.

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:
FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:
EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:
COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:
ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted by:


Stephen Fleming, City Clerk

Approved for Inclusion:



[John Vos, Interim Director of Corporate Services]

cc: Inspection Services Manager
Parks Manager
Bylaw Enforcement Supervisor
Urban Forestry Supervisor