
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 2009

File No.: 6130-07

To: City Manager

From: Park Services Manager

Subject: Feral European rabbit maintenance contract

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive, for information, the report of the Park Services Manager dated March 25, 2009 with respect to awarding the contract for feral European rabbit maintenance.

AND THAT the contract for the on-going monitoring and control of feral European rabbits within the City of Kelowna be awarded to The Responsible Animal Care Society (TRACS) for \$11,550.00 (excluding GST) for a one year term.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 9, 2009 meeting, Council approved a budget of \$20,000 for on-going feral rabbit control and public education in 2009, from a carry-over of 2008 City Manager's contingency.

A temporary extension of the EBB control contract was approved as well as a plan to solicit quotes for on-going rabbit monitoring and control for the coming year. Council asked staff to report back prior to award of the contract.

Nine groups or contractors were asked to submit a quote. One quote was received from The Responsible Animal Care Society (TRACS) to capture, spay/neuter and find new homes for remaining feral rabbits. Based on the specifications this quote is acceptable.

In addition to this contract, staff are currently working on a public education plan with the Community & Media Relations Department.

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.



