



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2022-001

Date: December 9, 2021

Originator: Ron Melnyk

Business Unit:

Department:

Corporate Services

Legal Department

Subject: Agreement for Animal Control Services for 2022-2024

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That:

1. Council approve the three (3) year Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and the North Bay & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("the Humane Society") for provision of animal control services in the City of North Bay ("the Agreement"); and
2. an Execution By-Law be brought forward to the Regular Meeting of Council on January 11, 2022 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the Agreement and any other required documents.

Background

Pursuant to an Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and the Humane Society, the Humane Society acts as the City Pound Keepers and Animal Control Officers. These duties include operating the animal shelter and animal impound, dog and cat licensing, and regular enforcement patrols where all City by-laws affecting the control and keeping of animals is enforced.

That Agreement is set to expire. The Agreement has traditionally been signed for a 3-year term with the cost to the City being increased by 1% per year. The only other change to the new Agreement is the removal of the requirement for the Humane Society to enforce the Dog Owner's Liability Act ("DOLA"). This is a result of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act replacing the Ontario Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals Act ("OSPCA") on January 1, 2020. When that happened, the Humane Society ceased all DOLA enforcement as it then became the duty of the provincial Animal Welfare officers under the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Office.

The Humane Society will continue to assist the North Bay Police Service (“NBPS”) with these issues and are responsible for catching/controlling and housing animals as needed by the NBPS in the execution of their duties under DOLA. The Director of the Humane Society, Mr. Liam Cullin, was consulted and is in agreement with terms and conditions of the new Agreement.

Financial/Legal Implications

The cost to the City is as follows:

2022 total cost: \$377,265.00 (increase of \$3,736 over 2021)

2023 total cost: \$381,037.00 (increase of \$3,772 over 2022)

2024 total cost: \$384,848.00 (increase of \$3,811 over 2023)

This Agreement fulfills the City’s responsibilities with regards to animal control services.

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

Spirited Safe Community – Work with community stakeholders to enhance safety and integration throughout the City.

Responsible & Responsive Government – Ensure the efficient and effective operations of the city, with particular consideration to the impact of decisions on the property tax rate.

Options Analysis

Option 1:

1. That City Council approves the 3-Year Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and the North Bay & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for provision of animal control services in the City of North Bay, and
2. That an Execution By-Law be brought forward on January 16, 2022 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the Agreement and any other required documents, and
3. The Execution By-Law be given 3 readings on this same date.

This is the recommended option.

Option 2: Take no action and allow the existing Agreement to expire. If this were to happen, the City would then be responsible for acting as the City Pound Keeper and Animal Control Officer at a significant cost to the City.

This is not the recommended option.

Recommended Option

That:

1. Council approve the three (3) year Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and the North Bay & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("the Humane Society") for provision of animal control services in the City of North Bay ("the Agreement"); and
2. an Execution By-Law be brought forward to the Regular Meeting of Council on January 11, 2022 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the Agreement and any other required documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation

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