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Department: Planning, Development and Recreation
Division: Building and By-law
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Meeting Date: March 22, 2021
Subject: Note - By-Law To amend the Animal Control By-Law to recover expenses

Purpose

This amendment to the Animal Control By-Law is to coincide with the proposed agreement with The Ontario Society for the Prevention to Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA). The OSPCA is proposing a clause in the agreement that the City absorb the cost to vaccinate dogs that are claimed by their owners during the redemption period. The proposed amendment will allow the City to recuperate these costs directly with the owner.

There is also one small housekeeping item being proposed, the Clean Yards By-Law reference should read Yard Maintenance By-Law. As the Yard Maintenance By-Law replaced the Clean Yards By-Law in 2013.

Background / Discussion

The City is currently renegotiating a previous agreement with the OSPCA to establish and operate a Pound on behalf of the City for purposes of holding stray dogs that have been captured within the City to allow an owner of a dog to claim their dog once brought to the Pound. Owners have three days to claim their dogs from the Pound, any dogs that remain unclaimed are subject to being put up for adoption by the OSPCA to be re-homed.

There may be a requirement in the future to vaccinate all dogs that are taken into the Pound against rabies. The cost to vaccinate all dogs against rabies will either be absorbed by the OSPCA or the City. When a dog remains unclaimed and is eventually put up for adoption by the OSPCA, the cost of the rabies vaccination will be included as part of the adoption fee by the OSPCA. However, if a dog is claimed during the three-day redemption period, the OSPCA will attempt to recover the cost from the owner of the dog. If they are unsuccessful the OSPCA will invoice the City for the cost of the rabies vaccination.

The City does not agree with this approach, however the OSPCA will not enter into an agreement without this clause in place. It is noted that there currently is not a requirement to vaccinate dogs against rabies, however in the future Public Health Ontario may mandate this requirement.

By amending the Animal Control By-Law this will allow the City to recuperate any cost from the OSPCA directly with the owner of the animal, prior to the animal being released.

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