



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
Report

Department: Planning, Development and Recreation
Division: Building and By-law
Report Number: 2021-21-Planning, Development and Recreation
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Meeting Date: March 22, 2021
Subject: OSPCA Agreement

Purpose

To enter into an agreement with Ontario Society for Prevention to Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) to provide Pound Services for the City of Cornwall. The new proposed agreement will adopt a fee for service model that is consistent with the City's approach towards agreements.

Recommendation

- a. That Council receive Report 2021-21-Planning, Development and Recreation; and
- b. That Council direct Administration to prepare the appropriate By-Law to enter into an agreement with the OSPCA to provide Pound Services for the City of Cornwall.

Background / Discussion

The City of Cornwall has had an agreement with the OSPCA to provide Pound Services for well over 10 years. Pursuant to Section 7 of the City's Animal Control By-Law, any dogs that are captured running at large shall be impounded in a facility that meets the regulations established under the *Research for Animals Act*.

Dogs are typically held in the pound for a redemption period of up to three days, as established under the Act, allowing an owner to claim their dog. Unclaimed dogs become the property of the OSPCA for their disposal, preferable by means of adoption into the community.

Historically this agreement has been a lump sum amount that was paid in monthly installments. The previous agreement commenced on January 1, 2016 and came to end on December 31, 2020. The amount of this agreement for the final year of the agreement was approximately \$96,000.

A “Fee for Service” model has been adopted with this agreement to more accurately reflect the actual costs incurred by the City for Pound Services. The fee structure is based on a monthly retainer fee of \$1,000 and a cost of \$450 per dog. When an owner claims their dog, they will be subject to an \$80.00 impound fee and a \$25.00 per day boarding fee. These amounts are payable directly to the OSPCA by the owner. Therefore, the City encourages responsible dog owners to obtain a dog license to avoid these costs. The City is then able to track the owner of the dog and contact them for the safe return of their pet if they are wearing their dog tag. The agreement also has some ancillary fees, such as a premium fee of \$100.00 per day for the handling of an aggressive dog.

The annual average of dogs in the past five years has been calculated as fifty-six (56) dogs. Understanding that there was a low of 37 and a high of 96 dogs in 2019 and 2020 respectively. However, based on the annual average for the past five years it is anticipated that there will be a significant cost saving of approximately \$58,000 annually to the City. This would of course be dependant on the actual number of dogs that are brought to the Pound in a given year.

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