

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2014

Item 15, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 8, 2014.

15 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT – CONTRACT EXTENSION

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services/City Solicitor and the Director of By-law and Compliance, dated March 25, 2014:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services/City Solicitor and the Director of By-law and Compliance recommend:

1. That this Report be received for information.

Contribution to Sustainability:

Care and control of animals is a unique area of public service that contributes to current and future sustainability of the quality of life within the City. Currently Vaughan Animal Services, a Unit within the By-law & Compliance Department, delivers animal services, including but not limited to, public education, outreach, awareness, by-law enforcement and shelter services within the City of Vaughan and provides contracted services to two other communities, namely the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) and the Township of King, through two separate service delivery contracts. These service contracts provide a much needed service to two smaller communities, while providing the City of Vaughan an avenue of revenue generation to off-set costs associated with delivery of animal services as a whole, including costs associated with the operation of the animal shelter.

Economic Impact

The value of the existing three (3) year contract with BWG has resulted in a total revenue of \$484,693, with a projected \$155,358 revenue to be realized by the requested additional one (1) year contract extension. The revenue generated through the two service contracts off-sets costs associated with animal services provided as a whole, including but not limited to operating costs associated with the animal shelter operation located in Vaughan.

Loss of the revenue from this service contract will directly impact By-law & Compliance's Operating Budget for 2014 and ability to maintain animal service delivery within Vaughan.

Communication Plan

This Report and the decision of City Council regarding the service contract will be communicated to BWG accordingly.

Purpose

This Report provides information to Council regarding the one (1) year extension of the animal control services contract with BWG on the same terms and conditions, including fees, as previously authorized by Council on September 7, 2010.

Background - Analysis and Options

On September 7, 2010 (Item 54, Report 40), Council approved the City of Vaughan to enter into a service contract with BWG to provide animal control services **for a term of up to five (5) years**, including an annual fee schedule comprised of a fixed component and a variable component based on number of animals and BWG's usage.

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On April 1, 2011 the City entered into a contract with BWG for three (3) years. The current contract with BWG is due to expire on April 1, 2014. Recent discussions with BWG have indicated that there is an interest in a continued partnership and service delivery by Vaughan. In order to continue to provide animal services to BWG, this contract will need to be extended immediately through a contract extension. The contract will be extended for a one (1) year period with the provision for termination without cause by either party on 180 days' notice. The fee for the extension period is a fixed fee of \$91,428 plus a variable for number of animals and usage that is projected to be \$63,930 for a total of \$155,358.

Although BWG may desire a longer term contract, City staff believe that consideration of entering into a longer term service contract requires renegotiation of the terms and conditions of the contract and should await the recommendations to come forth to Council from the By-law & Compliance Department Operational Review that has recently concluded. City staff expect to come forth to Council with recommendations before the end of this Council's term. In the meantime, the City will continue to provide animal control services to BWG on an interim basis for a one (1) year period.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This Report is consistent with the Vaughan Vision of Organizational Excellence through ensuring financial sustainability as well as managing growth and economic well-being. The costs associated with the provision of this service are fully recovered, and a percentage of all other costs associated with the animal shelter are also funded through revenues from this contract.

This Report is consistent with the priorities set by Council and the necessary resources have been approved and allocated accordingly.

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

The current animal services contract with BWG will expire on April 1, 2014. The City and BWG have agreed to extend the contract to provide animal control services to the residents of BWG. The contract will be extended for a one (1) year period on the same terms and conditions, including fees.

Attachments

Not Applicable

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