

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Item 9, Report No. 36, of the Committee the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 9, 2014, as follows:

By approving the recommendation contained in the report of the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services/City Solicitor and the Director of By-law & Compliance, dated September 2, 2014, subject to adding the following:

That staff provide a future report to Council that deals with the long term provision of animal services and financial implications.

9 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT – CONTRACT EXTENSION

The Committee of the Whole recommends that consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of September 9, 2014.

Recommendation

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

1. That the existing animal services contract be extended for a further one (1) year period, retroactive to April 2, 2014 with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury; and
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary agreements regarding the one (1) year extension of the animal services contract with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

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 expired 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.

BWG is currently undergoing a review of contract services regarding animal control and sheltering. In the interim, Vaughan Animal Services ("VAS") continues to provide the much needed service pending conclusion of BWG's review. Loss of the revenue from not extending this service contract will directly impact By-law & Compliance's Operating Budget for the remainder of 2014 and 2015, increasing financial pressure on the overall animal service delivery within the City of Vaughan.

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Should any budget adjustments be required in the future, due to lost revenue, staff will address any shortfalls through the appropriate reporting to the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee.

Communication Plan

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

Purpose

This Report is to seek Council approval to enter into a one (1) year extension of the animal services contract with BWG on the same terms and conditions of the previous contract, including fees, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary agreement and documents.

Background - Analysis and Options

The animal services contract with BWG expired 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. Vaughan Animal Services agreed to and has continued to provide the necessary services to BWG since the expiration of the contract, pending decision of the proposed one (1) year extension.

Although BWG may desire a longer term future extension following review of their services requirements, City staff believe that consideration of entering into a longer term service contract, at this time, requires renegotiation of the terms and conditions and further consideration should await the outcome and recommendations that may arise through conclusion of By-Law & Compliance's Departmental Operational Review.

At its meeting of April 8, 2014, Council adopted Item 15, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, titled Animal Control Service Contract Extension, without amendment.

In order to proceed with a one (1) year contract extension for continuation of animal services for BWG, Council approval is required to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary agreement and documents.

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 animal services contract with BWG expired 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.

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Loss of revenue from not extending this service contract will directly impact By-law & Compliance's Operating Budget for the remainder of 2014 and 2015, increasing financial pressure on the over-all animal service delivery within the City of Vaughan.

Attachments

N/A

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