

## **COUNCIL – MARCH 21, 2005**

### **ANIMAL CONTROL – CONTRACT EXTENSION**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services recommends that:

1. The existing contract with Kennel Inn Inc. be extended for six (6) months, and;
2. The City Clerk send a letter to Kennel Inn confirming the extension.

#### **Purpose**

This report is to provide information to Council regarding the animal control services contract with Kennel Inn Inc. and the temporary extension of that contract.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

On March 18, 2002 (Item 16, Report 18) Council approved a three year contract with Kennel Inn Inc. to provide animal control services for the City of Vaughan.

Over the three year term of the contract there has been considerable debate around the quality of service and care provided by Kennel Inn. Other municipalities in York region also have expressed the same concerns.

On October 18, 2004, Council authorized the City of Vaughan to participate in an Expression of Interest circulated by Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, and King Township in order to determine if there are any qualified and/or interested parties that could provide animal control services. This document was circulated in late December 2004 and closed on January 18, 2005.

Representatives from the five municipalities reviewed the responses. The five municipalities are now working on a Request for Proposal to be circulated to the respondents of the Expression of Interest. This document will outline the level of service that is expected in any future contract. This document should be circulated in a few weeks.

The current contract with Kennel Inn Inc. is due to expire on April 1, 2005. It was hoped that the Request for Proposal process would have been completed in a more expeditious manner. However, in order to continue to provide animal control services, this contract will need to be extended immediately. Other area municipalities have also renewed their contracts with Kennel Inn for either month to month, or on six month terms. The Senior Manager, Enforcement Services has had discussions with Kennel Inn Inc. and they have agreed to continue to provide the same level of animal control services until such time as the Request for Proposal project is completed.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the Vaughan Vision by delivering service at the best level possible.

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

**Conclusion**

The current animal control services contract with Kennel Inn Inc. requires an immediate extension in order to continue to provide animal control services to the residents of Vaughan.

**Attachments**

None.

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