

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - AUGUST 31, 2010

PROVISION OF ANIMAL SERVICES TO BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor, and the Director of Enforcement Services, recommend:

1. That a by-law be enacted to authorize an agreement to provide Animal Services to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury based on a full cost recovery model and a financial benefit to the City which will positively impact the City's cost of providing animal services, and;
2. Should an agreement be reached, the 2011 and 2012 draft base operating budgets be adjusted to reflect the associated revenue and service obligations, including the addition of one full-time Animal Control Officer (proposed level E) and one leased vehicle.

Economic Impact

The economic impact of providing animal services to Bradford West Gwillimbury will not be fully known until the agreement is finalized later this year. However, Staff's intent is to ensure the City will receive a net positive financial benefit as a result of this agreement and reduce the overall costs of providing animal services to the City of Vaughan through sharing fixed costs, economies of scale, etc.

Based on preliminary discussions, it is estimated the addition of one full-time Animal Control Officer (proposed level E) and one additional vehicle (leased) will be required to service the needs of Bradford West Gwillimbury. Revenues received for this service will be structured to recover the full cost of providing the service and benefit the City of Vaughan favourably. It is premature at this stage to provide exactly how much of an offsetting benefit beyond the total cost recovery of the Bradford West Gwillimbury animal service will be realized. Under no circumstance will the City of Vaughan enter into an agreement that will subsidize or absorb any portion of Bradford West Gwillimbury animal service delivery costs (i.e. direct or indirect).

Due to the timing of the requirements and should an agreement be reached, the 2011 and 2012 draft base operating budget will need to be adjusted to reflect the associated revenue and service obligations, including the additions illustrated above.

Communications Plan

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be advised of Council's decision.

Purpose

To provide information and seek approval on a request from Bradford West Gwillimbury for the provision of animal services.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan is planning on opening an animal Shelter and assuming responsibility for the provision of animal services on or about January 1, 2011.

Staff are currently finalizing a contract to provide sheltering and animal services to the Township of King. Staff were approached in July by representatives of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to determine if the City of Vaughan would consider providing animal services to that municipality. As Bradford West Gwillimbury also uses Kennel Inn as their current animal services provider, they require an animal services solution quite quickly.

Staff have held a preliminary meeting to obtain information on Bradford's animal situation and service expectations.

Based on the information provided, Bradford West Gwillimbury would account for approximately 15% of the total animal volume at the shelter and similarly in call volume. The Town would require a full time Animal Control Officer, the full cost of which would be fully recovered. It would also fund a percentage of all other costs associated with the Animal Shelter and provision of animal control. The contractual model will be full cost recovery, taking into consideration the agreement being finalized with the Township of King, the costing model used to develop other City user fees, a five year contract, with annual adjustments based on the number of animals put through the system.

The preliminary discussions would indicate that the City will see a cost benefit by entering into a contract. It is premature at this stage to provide exactly how much of an offsetting benefit beyond the total recovery of the cost of providing service to the Town will be realized.

There will be no agreement entered in to by the City of Vaughan that would require the City to absorb any portion of the Bradford West Gwillimbury animal service delivery costs (i.e. direct or indirect), or would not be of benefit to the City.

The City should not entertain any future requests for the provision of Animal Services until such time as the shelter is operating. The estimated combined number of animals from Vaughan, King and Bradford, are within the capacity of the shelter. To include other municipalities may place the City at risk of operating beyond capacity.

Staff are seeking authority to enter into an acceptable agreement to supply animal services to Bradford West Gwillimbury at no additional cost to the City of Vaughan.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is seeking an animal services provider and has requested the City of Vaughan negotiate with them. There is an opportunity to provide service to Bradford West Gwillimbury at no additional costs, and create an offset to some of Vaughan's animal services costs.

Accordingly, staff request that a by-law be enacted to authorize an agreement with Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Attachments

1. Letter from Bradford West Gwillimbury

Report prepared by:

Tony Thompson

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Thompson
Director of Enforcement Services

Janice Atwood-Petkovski
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services
and City Solicitor

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July 15, 2010

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Enforcement Services Department
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Attention: Mr. Tony Thompson, Director of Enforcement Services

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Re: Animal Control Services and Enforcement

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is very interested in engaging in formal discussions with the City of Vaughan regarding the provision of Animal Control Services and enforcement for our community.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss the opportunity of establishing a corporate partnership.

Regards,



Patricia Nash
Municipal Clerk