



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk**
Date: August 10 2020
Report: CL#24-2020
Subject: Pound Services Agreement

Recommendations:

That the Report of R. Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: Pound Services be received; and

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract with the South Huron Veterinary Clinic for the provision of Animal Pound Services; and

That the necessary by-law is forwarded to Council for the required three readings.

Purpose:

To provide a formalized agreement with South Huron Veterinary Clinic for Pound Services for the Municipality of South Huron.

Background and Analysis:

The Municipality has been using the South Huron Veterinary Clinic as the Pound Services provider for many years and has previously appointed the clinic as the South Huron pound through the Appointment By-Law. South Huron Veterinary Clinic agreed that the agreement should be formalized.

Pound and Poundkeeper are identified in South Huron Animal Control By-laws as follows:

- "Pound" shall mean such premises as approved from time to time by Council;

- “Pound keeper” shall mean the person appointed as such by Council.

The Pound keeper is given authority to detain impounded animals until the owner has paid the costs and charges of such impounding, care and keeping and appraised damages and if not paid shall be authorized to sell the animal(s) as set out in the appointment by-law and applicable legislation. The Pound keeper is also authorized to sell or destroy the animal following a redemption period excluding Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays and per legislation. The Animal Control Officer will take at large animals to the pound as part of his duties.

In the spring, staff of the Clerk’s Department contacted three local veterinarians inquiring whether there was interest in being appointed as the South Huron Pound. Two of the local clinics advised that at this time they are not in a position to provide pound services. South Huron Vet Clinic responded that they continue to be interested in providing the municipality with pound services for animal control.

The *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, C.25* Sections 11, 103, 105 and 391(1) provides that a municipality may pass by-laws prohibiting, regulating and restricting the keeping of animals or any class thereof, the destruction thereof and allow for a licensing and animal identification system. Dogs that are registered with the Municipality of South Huron will have their information on file and will be notified by accessing this information using the registered dog tag number. The dog will be impounded until the owner claims the dog, additional costs for impounding and the duration of the stay will be the responsibility of the Dog Owner upon retrieval of the dog. Dogs that are not registered with the municipality will be impounded before being euthanized or adopted out. The municipality is responsible for the cost of pound services services if there is no owner.

Operational Considerations:

Staff contacted two other local veterinarians and were advised that they would not be able to provide the services to the municipality at this time. South Huron Vet Clinic is the current South Huron pound and Huron Perth Public Health, the OPP and the Animal Control Officer have this information. There are no other operational considerations as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

South Huron’s Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key priorities and strategic directions. The following elements are supported by the actions outlined in this report:

- Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility
- Transparent, Accountable, and Collaborative Governance

Financial Impact:

South Huron has paid the South Huron Vet Clinic a total of \$849.76 over the last two years for pound services and services are based on the number of dog pick-ups required.

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report other than those inherent in a contract.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Communication Actions:

If approved, Pound Services will not be changing and no further communication actions will be required.

Policies/Legislation:

Municipal Act, 2001

Animal Control By-law 21-2018

Domestic Birds, Animals and Exotic Animals By-Law 29-2014

Consultation:

J. Roberts, Deputy Treasurer

Related Documents:

Pound Services By-Law with Agreement

Respectfully submitted,

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Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Report Approval Details

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